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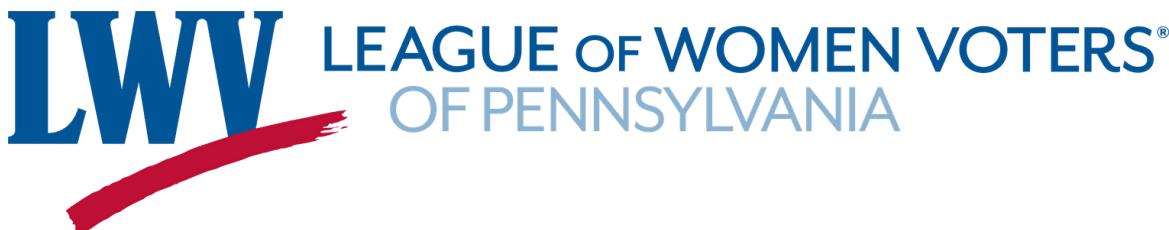
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March Updates from the State League

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LWVPA and NCNW Pennsylvania celebrated Black History Month at our February 28th Equity Initiative Webinar

Updates from the State League

- The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania is currently seeking Board of Director nominations for a 2023-2025 term. We're looking for the next generation of League leaders to continue our important mission of empowering voters and defending democracy for another century. [Click here for more information](#). Nominations are due April 1st.

- Interested in supporting free and fair elections in your community? [Sign up to be a poll worker](#) this election season!
- LWVPA will host our first ever Friendbank on March 30th from 5:30-7 to help recruit poll workers for the 2023 Primary. Join us as we reach out to friends and family to encourage them to sign up for this important job. [Register here to attend](#).
- Mark your calendars! The 55th Biennial Convention will take place June 16th-18th at the Crowne Plaza in Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. Check out our [Convention website](#) for current information, and keep on the lookout for registration information, coming soon!
- The League is re-launching our [Ballot Box Basics](#) series for 2023! These free monthly webinars will discuss important topics like municipal elections, school boards, the judiciary, constitutional amendments, and more! [Click here](#) to see the upcoming schedule.
- The next quarterly president's call is on March 13th from 6:00-7:15. If you are a Local League President or Vice President and would like to participate, please email samantha.anthony@palwv.org to request a zoom link.
- Fair Districts PA provided an update on the new House rules for the PA legislature. [Click here to read](#).
- The PA House has elected Joanna McClinton as speaker. She is the first black woman to serve in the position. Along with Kim Ward, the first female Senate president, women now hold the two highest offices in the PA legislature. [Click here to read more](#).
- LWVPA Government Policy Director Susan Gobreski has written an article for the Keystone Research Center on why PA doesn't need further voter ID requirements. [Click here to read](#).
- LWVPA Environmental Policy Director Kathy Cook has written an article on rail and train safety in PA in the wake of the East Palestine train derailment. [Click here to read](#).
- Need help understanding League tools? Contact staff member Sam! She'll be available on Thursdays between 9 and 5. If you need technical assistance or have a question, please email samantha.anthony@palwv.org to schedule a meeting.

Susan Boser of LWV Indiana County Joins State Board

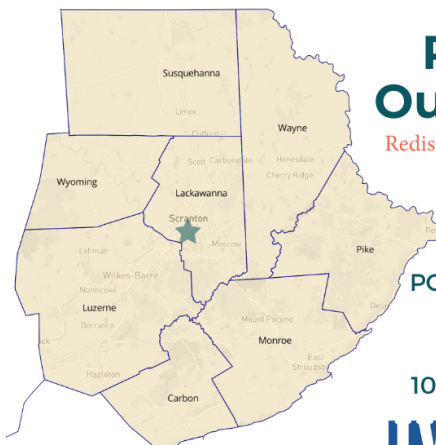


Last month, the LWVPA Board of Directors welcomed Susan Boser (she/her) of LWV Indiana County aboard as our new Social Policy Director. Susan Boser is active with her local League in Indiana County and, since 2021, has served on the LWVPA Social Policy and Government Policy Committees. A Sociology professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Ph.D. from Cornell, Susan's background is in social policy, participatory processes for social change, and the intergovernmental system. A lifelong resident of Northern Appalachia, she worked in rural human services for 20 years prior to moving into higher education. Interested in working with Susan on the statewide social policy committee? Email susan.boser@palwv.org.

Women Power Democracy Yard Sign Sale



Celebrate Women's History Month by supporting the League! **With a donation of \$50 or more**, you'll receive a free nonpartisan Vote411 yard sign featuring voting information and encouraging citizens to make their voices heard in 2023. Order by April 15th to ensure your sign arrives before the primary!




**Reclaiming
Our Democracy**
Redistricting, Rules and Representation

Northeast PA
Regional Conference

POSH @ The Scranton Club
404 N Washington Ave
Scranton

10 am to 3 pm, April 15, 2023



Partner Highlight:

Fair Districts PA

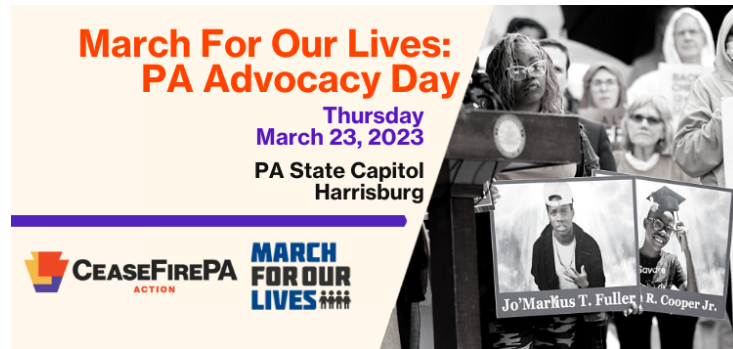
Join FDPA, and regional local Leagues for a northeast PA regional conference, "Reclaiming Our Democracy: Redistricting, Rules, and Representation."

This event will take place on April 15th from 10-3 at [POSH at the Scranton club](#). You'll meet Fair Districts PA leaders, volunteers and allies from partner organizations to explore ways we can work together for a healthier democracy.

We'll begin with information about legislative rules and next steps in the work for redistricting. You'll hear more about how new district maps impact you and your districts in Northeast PA, and meet leaders from some partner organizations in the region. We'll also share ideas for ways to get involved, locally and at the statewide level.

Lunch will be provided, as well as Fix Harrisburg yard signs and pins and plenty of informative materials to share. We'll also provide plenty of time to network and strategize together. If you can't attend but are interested in getting involved, please [fill out this form](#).

We hope you'll join us and lend your voice to the effort to strengthen representation for your community and region. [Register here to attend](#) on April 15th



Partner Highlight:

March For Our Lives Pennsylvania Advocacy Day

Five years after more than one million Americans rallied for the March for Our Lives, hundreds will gather in Harrisburg to demand life-saving gun safety action in Pennsylvania. Join [March for our Lives](#) and [CeaseFire PA](#) on Thursday, March 23rd as we call on the new gun safety majority in the House to act. [Register here to attend.](#)

Local League Highlight: LWV Central Delaware County Event Election Misinformation Can Sabotage Democracy: What Can We Do About It?

March 10th, 2023 via Zoom

Join [LWV of Central Delaware County](#) for Hot Topic - Election Misinformation Can Sabotage Democracy: What Can We Do About It? Research, legal and advocacy experts from the [Brennan Center for Justice](#), a nonpartisan law and policy institute, will help us understand the impact of misinformation on democracy.

According to The New York Times, Pennsylvania led the country in 2020 with the highest amount of social media posts with Vote-by-Mail misinformation. Ari Shapiro of National Public Radio (NPR) stated "Pennsylvania is still grappling with the legacy of the 2020 election more than two years later. Recent contests in the swing state have become hotbeds for election deniers and misinformation. And many local officials are concerned about how that could affect upcoming elections, including next year's presidential race".

Our Hot Topic presenters will share the [Midterm Monitor](#), an interactive tool launched by the Brennan Center for Justice. This tool helps users understand the online conversation about the

elections. Learn from the researchers and authors and hear suggestions about how civic organizations like LWV-CDC can counter election misinformation. [Click here](#) to register and submit questions.



Upcoming Events

March 14th, 5:30 PM: LWVPA and the Equal Rights Amendment

Join LWVPA and the [Equal Rights Amendment Coalition](#) for a discussion on the Equal Rights Amendment. AJ Conroy of [ERA Illinois](#) will discuss the history of the ERA, the implications of passing the ERA, and what PA voters and League members can do to help. AJ manages social media and special events for ERA Illinois, a state-wide coalition for the Equal Rights Amendment. [Please register here to attend.](#)

March 27th, 6:00 PM: Equity Initiative Webinar: LGBTQ+, Inclusion, and LWVPA

This month we are joined by Tasha Santiago (she/her), Education Director for the [LGBT Center of Greater Reading](#) which creates, administers, and provides services, advocacy, and support to the LGBTQ+ community, their families and allies, with the goal that all may live a life of fulfillment, inclusion, and celebration.

Tasha will share with us current LGBTQ+ topics, challenges, legislation, and advocacy. We will be joined by other community voices in discussion. This webinar will support LWV membership in building important, lasting and authentic partnerships and engagement in League communities. This webinar is closed captioned enabled. Please contact us at equity@palwv.org with other accommodations you may require. Register [here](#).

Join the Equity Initiative Team: Local League representatives come together to share resources and practices to advance diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in League Communities across Pennsylvania. Join the conversation! Email equity@palwv.org for more information.

March 28th, 7:00 PM: Webinar: Passing the Green Amendment

For decades, communities have relied on Federal and State laws to ensure protection of a clean environment. And for decades, while achieving some important successes in environmental

protection, overall the health of our environment for present and future generations has continued to degrade from a growing number of sources. The truth is, our laws are designed to accommodate pollution as much as, perhaps even more than, to prevent it. As a result, people feel powerless when it comes to preserving the quality of their water, air, public parks, and natural spaces. But there is a solution for achieving better, and much needed, protection of our environment: bypass the laws and turn to the ultimate authority—our state and federal constitutions.

This talk will seek to discuss and inspire a new tool for environmental preservation, one that will provide a new way of thinking about, and pursuing, environmental protection from a policy as well as a legal perspective. [Register here to attend.](#)

April 4th, 5:30 PM: Ballot Box Basics: School Board Elections

Our April series will cover the importance of school board elections and how to make a voting plan for 2023. Panel will be led by Susan Spicka, Executive Director at [Education Voters PA](#). [Register here to attend.](#)

Don't forget to check the [LWVPA](#) and [FDPA](#) Events pages for more upcoming events!

LWVPA in the News

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