



VOTER

October 2018

LWV-CDC Officers 2018-2019

- Barbara Amstutz President
(610) 544-0728
- Marita Green 1st V. Pres.
(610) 724-1376
- Jane Brennan 2nd V.Pres.
(610) 353-4757
- Becky Caracappa Secretary
(610) 353-1677
- Carol Smallwood Treasurer
(610) 565-2512

Board Members

- Patricia Cimino
(610) 328-1375
- Joyce Ellis
(610) 566-8674
- Alicia Granor
(610) 356-3780
- Rose Marie Lord
(610) 544-7648
- Katherine Miller
(610) 566-5964
- Anne Mosakowski
(610) 558-4924
- Joanna Nealon
(610) 543-6647
- Nancy Philippi
(219) 229-9845
- Dora Preston
(610) 348-6347
- Gloria Rabinowitz
(610) 565-0146
- Olivia Thorne
(610) 566-5474

Voter Editor

- Jodine Mayberry
(610) 299-2838

First-Ever LWV-CDC Civics Conference Saturday, Oct. 13

The Central Delaware County League of Women Voters proudly presents its first-ever civics education half-day conference featuring Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Judge Dominic Pileggi as keynote speaker, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 301 N. Chester rd., Swarthmore, Pa.



Judge Dominic Pileggi

Attendees may then attend two of three workshop sessions: (1) the structure and function of our judiciary system, (2) how the state legislature works and (3) legislative and congressional redistricting.

Judge Pileggi has served as mayor of Chester and three terms as a Pa. state senator.

Charles Day, a volunteer with Fair Districts PA who has a wide range of experience with not-for-profit organizations will lead the sessions on legislative redistricting; Rosemarie

Halt, the leader of the sessions on the State Legislature, is senior policy director for the Maternity Care Coalition. The sessions on our Judiciary system will be led by Thomas Pietryla, program coordinator for Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts.

Advance registration with a \$10 fee is required. Pay at the door or mail a check payable to LWV-CDC, P.O. Box 131, Wallingford, Pa., 19086, or pay on line at <http://www.lwvcdc.org/> Call Marita Green at 610-724-1376 for questions or details.

Inside: Candidates, G. Terry Madonna, special event and Christmas Brunch



President's Message

October is one of our busiest months of the year as we prepare for the midterm elections on Nov. 6, 2018. Since its founding, one of the League's singular missions is to encourage informed citizen engagement in government starting with participation in voting. With only 56.5 percent of all voting-age Americans making it to the polls to cast their vote, voter apathy is one of the saddest trends in our democracy today. Our efforts to make voter registration more accessible and to organize active voter registration outreach programs is critical to overcome this trend.

To combat the lack of enthusiasm for voting, LWV-CDC is actively setting up voter registration drives at community events, street fairs, and colleges frequented by coming- of- age voters. We are offering a series of educational events at places where unregistered citizens might congregate, such as libraries and a civics education seminar open to the public to stress the importance of voting and to educate about the legislative and judicial process. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 9. Go to <https://www.votespa.com> to register online.

The LWV-CDC will be at the following events:

Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to 12 noon: 2018 Concord Township Senior Citizen Expo, Brandywine Youth Club Field House (Gym) Glens Mills, PA.

Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Civics Education Seminar: Making Democracy Work. This is LWV-CDC's first ever half-day conference to address the structure and function of the judiciary, courts and legislature. The conference will feature Delaware County Common Pleas Judge Dominic Pileggi, Charles Day from Fair Districts PA, Thomas Pietryla, program director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, and League member, Rosemarie Halt, policy director of the Maternity Care Coalition, with experience lobbying the legislature.

Oct. 16, 17, 24 and 31: Four General Election Information sessions will be offered at local libraries to help educate about voting, registration and the candidates. See events, P. 3.

With three Candidate Forums scheduled for October, it is all hands on deck to organize and volunteer as planners, moderators, time keepers, screeners and ushers. We invite you to volunteer during these debates to help inform the community about important issues and the candidates. See P. 3.

Our Hot Topics Luncheon, on Friday, Nov. 2, at 11:45 am, Media Borough Community Room, will feature G. Terry Madonna, who is the director of the Franklin & Marshall College Poll and director of the Center for Politics & Public Affairs. He will discuss the results of the pre-election polls and update us on the state of voter engagement in the midterm elections. October is going to be a fabulous month of talks, educational events and debates. We look forward to your volunteering and joining us!

Barbara Amstutz

Delaware County Candidates' Forums

Put these on your calendar and plan on attending and, if you're a League member, volunteering. Many thanks to our League vice president, Marita Green, and Roberta Winters of the Radnor League for all their hard work organizing these candidates' forums.

PA House District 168

Chris Quinn (R), incumbent, and Kristin Seale (D)
Oct. 14, 3 p.m.
Penn State Brandywine Auditorium
25 Yearsley Mill Rd., Middletown, Pa.

PA House District 165:

Alex Charlton (R), incumbent and Jennifer O'Mara (D)
Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Connolly Center Cinema
Villanova University
Villanova, PA

26th State Senatorial District:

Tim Kearney (D) and Tom McGarrigle, (R), incumbent
Oct. 24, 7 p.m.
Springfield Township Building
50 Powell Rd, Springfield

PA House District: PA-166:

Gregory Vitali (D) , incumbent vs. Balthazar Rubio (R)
Mon, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Radnor Township Municipal Building
301 Iven Ave. Radnor, PA

5th U.S Congressional District Open Seat:

Mary Gay Scanlon (D) and Pearl Kim (R)
Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
Delaware County Community College
Academic Building Auditorium



G. Terry Madonna

Trump, Politics and the 2018 Midterm Election

Our Hot Topics luncheon for Nov. 2 will feature Franklin & Marshall professor and pollster G. Terry Madonna who always entertains and enlightens us about upcoming elections and changing voter demographics.

Get your reservations in early because Professor Madonna always draws a big crowd. Noon, Media Borough Hall Community Room. Call Hank Thorne, (610) 566-5474 or email hthorne@verizon.net to make reservations. Pay at the door \$18.

September-October Events

Oct. 13 (Saturday) — Civics Education Conference, keynote speaker Judge Dominic Pileggi – 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 301 N. Chester Rd., Swarthmore. \$10 registration required.

Oct.16 (Tuesday) —2018 General Election Information meeting, 7 p.m., Norwood Library, 513 Welcome Ave., Norwood. Free and open to the public.

Oct. 17 (Wednesday) — 2018 General Election Information meeting, 7 p.m. Swarthmore Public Library, 121 Park Ave., Swarthmore. Free and open to the public.

Oct. 24 (Wednesday) — 2018 General Election Information meeting, 6 p.m. Lansdowne Library , 55 Lansdowne, Pa. Free and open to the public.

Oct 31 (Wednesday) — 2018 General Election Information meeting, 6:30 p.m., Tincum Memorial Public Library, 620 Seneca St., Essington Pa. Free and open to the public.

November 2 (Friday) — Hot Topics luncheon, political scientist and pollster G. Terry Madonna on the general election, noon, Media Borough Hall, Community Room, Media, \$18.

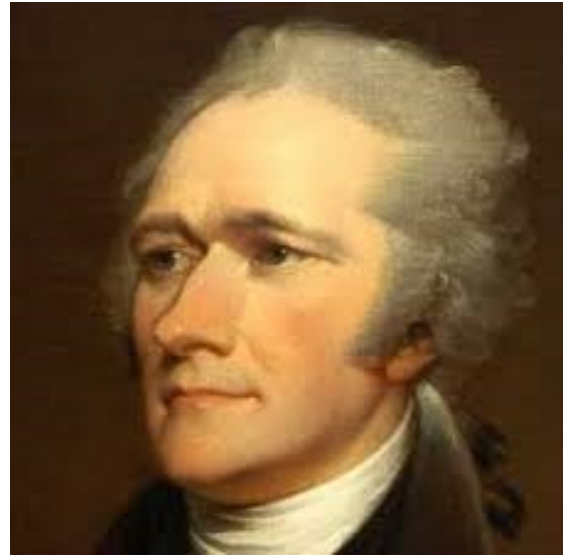
Constitution Center and Hamilton Exhibit Special Event

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County is sponsoring a tour of the Constitution Center and its special exhibit: Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes that Shaped a Nation.

The insiders' tour will be Nov. 13. The bus will leave from the Swarthmore Players Club parking lot, 614 Fairview Ave., Swarthmore at 8:45 a.m. Cost is \$49 per person or \$95 for two. Bring a spouse or a friend.

The Hamilton exhibit explores the constitutional debates that shaped early America and some of the personalities involved, including Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Aaron Burr.

Register and pay via PayPal at <http://www.lwvcdc.org/> or make checks payable to LWV-CDC and mail to P.O. Box 131, Wallingford, Pa., 19086. Register second person at same time.



Alexander Hamilton

Constance H. Williams to be Holiday brunch Speaker



Constance H. Williams

Former Pennsylvania State Senator Constance H. (Connie) Williams will speak on "One Woman's Leadership" at the LWV-CDC's annual holiday brunch, Saturday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. Springhaven Country Club. Cost is \$25.

Williams was a state senator from 2001 to 2009 and a state representative from 1997 to 2001. She is a current member and former president of the Philadelphia Art Museum Board of Trustees.

This event is open only to LWV-CDC members and their guests. Make reservations no later than Wednesday, Nov. 21, as space is limited. Mail checks to LWV-CDC, Box 131, Wallingford, Pa. 19086.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

No. of People attending _____

Choose _____ Vegetable Frittata Eggs Benedict _____

We need help!

We really need someone to manage our Facebook page. If you're interested, please call Olivia Thorne at (610) 566-5474 or email her at olivia.thorne@verizon.net.