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Vitali to talk on Money and Marcellus Shale

Representative Greg Vitali of the Pennsylvania Assembly will talk

about the undue influence of Marcellus Shale gas drillers on the Pennsylvania Legislature at our next Hot Topics luncheon, May 5, at 11:45 a.m. in the Community Room of the Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media. Vitali, long a champion of campaign finance reform and environmental protection will discuss the large amounts of money spent by the



Greg Vitali

natural gas drilling industry on the Pennsylvania Legislature and the policy consequences of this undue influence. He will also point out shortcomings in Pennsylvania's current campaign and finance and lobbying laws and recommend changes.

Margaret Kuo will cater lunch. Cost \$18. Call Hank Thorne at (610) 566-5474 or email hthorne@verizon.net. You can mail your check to LWV CDC at PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086 or pay at the door. Don't miss our last Hot Topics event of the spring.

Annual Meeting May 17

Calling all members of the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County! Please join us for our Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 17, at 7 p.m., in the Community Room of the Media Borough Hall. Dessert will be served.

We will elect new officers and directors to the Board for the next two years, vote on changes to the bylaws, adopt the budget for our 2017-2018 fiscal year, adopt our local program positions, and take directions to the Board. Our Directors who have portfolios will report on their activities during the previous year. Also, we need to have a quorum to conduct business so we hope you can attend!

New members are particularly welcome. Please come out and meet your colleagues.



President's Message

Times are a changing. I just got off a conference call with Susan Carty, the president of LWVPA, and the presidents of the Lehigh and Erie Leagues. Susan spoke about new members who have joined since the election wanting to be active.

To that end, our League is starting up our Observer Corps. See page 3. Also, I hope you're contacting your representatives about issues you're concerned about. I would say that we're not seeing as much apathy as we have in the past, and that's a good thing.

During the call, the other presidents all agreed that we all need to increase our visibility. I reported about the large amount of interest we generated at the Take Action Fair on March 18 in Media. Just about everyone who stopped by our table asked "what do you do?"

They knew that we register voters, hold candidate forums and debates, and prepare Voters Guides, but what else do we do? The answer is: study, educate, advocate, and impact. Our newly formed Communications/Marketing Committee is working hard to find more events where we can be seen and can tell people more about the League.

At the Fair Districts PA meeting in Media on March 15 that we cosponsored, 140 people pre-registered and about 180 attended. Fair Districts PA has had as many as 600 people turn out for meetings! There is that much interest, as there should be, in redistricting that is fair, as opposed to what we have now!

Onto upcoming events:

On April 27, we're going to the theater! The Full Monty is the show and the Players Club of Swarthmore is the place! With an optional dinner before the show. See Page 4.

On May 5, "Hot Topics" Our speaker will be Greg Vitale, PA State Representative, District 166. See page 1.

On May 17 at 7 p.m., we will hold our Annual Meeting. See page 1.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of our events

Joanna Nealon

Revolutionary War Museum — Save the Date!

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County will be visiting the brand-new Museum of the American Revolution, 101 S. Third Street in Old City Philadelphia on Oct. 25, 2017. This Museum is the newest addition to the historical district and tells the fascinating story of the birth of our country.

"Over one hundred years in the making, the Museum explores the dynamic story of the American Revolution us-

ing our expansive collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, documents, and works of art. Immersive galleries, theater experiences, and recreated historical moments bring to life the events, people, and ideals of our nation's founding."

Plan to join us on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017; 10:30 am. Stay tuned on our website <http://lwwcdc.org/> for details and registration information.

Join our LWV Observer Corps

Observer Corps members attend local municipal and school board meetings to listen and learn about the issues being addressed locally and how local government works. It is a great way to find out who is representing you and deciding how your tax dollars are being used to



maintain your community and schools. There are “working” or “committee” meetings as well as meetings where decisions are made and voted upon. We are looking for people to attend both types of meetings in each local community within the geographic area of the Central Delaware County League. We are asking for League members to volunteer as observers *in their own communities*.

League Observers are meant to “observe” not speak at public meetings. They then report back to the League so that the League can speak out when appropriate and we have a position on a given issue. All Observers will have an experienced “former Observer” go with them to at least one or two meetings and will be given instructions on the role of the “Observer” plus how the governmental body is organized and decisions are made. For more information or sign up to be an Observer, please contact, Olivia Thorne, (610) 566-5474 or email at olivia.thorne@verizon.net.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

1. Under Article III, Membership, Sec. 2. Types of Membership, a. Voting Members.

Currently: "Citizens at least 18 years of age..." *

Proposed Change: "Persons at least 16 years of age..."

2. Under Article V, Board of Directors, Sec. 1. Selection, Qualifications and Term.

3rd sentence

Currently: "The elected directors shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified and they shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting."

Proposed Change: "All directors, whether elected or appointed, shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected or appointed and qualified."

3. Under Article VI, Meetings, Sec. 4. Quorum.

Currently: "Twelve (12) percent of the voting members

will constitute a quorum at all business meetings..."

Proposed Change: "Ten (10) percent of the voting members will constitute a quorum at all business meetings..."

4. Article VII

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee

Currently: The nominating committee shall consist of three members. The chair and one member shall be members of the board and shall be appointed immediately after the annual meeting. The third member shall not be a member of the board and shall be elected by the annual meeting.

Proposed Change: The nominating committee shall consist of three members. The chair and one member, who shall not be members of the board, and one member, who shall be a member of the board, shall be elected by the annual meeting.

* *This complies with a change to the national bylaws at last year's LWV-US convention.*

April-May Events

April 27 (Thursday) The Full Monty: 7:30 p.m. LWV-CDC fund-raiser, Swarthmore Plays and Players Club, Fairview Rd., Swarthmore. \$32 for the show. Please get your reservation and check in ASAP. Join us for an “on your own” dinner beforehand at Swarthmore Pizza. 5:30. We’ll have a private room.

May 5 (Friday) Hot Topics Luncheon: Pa. Rep. Greg Vitali will talk about money in politics. 11:45 a.m., Community Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media.

May 17 (Wednesday) Annual Meeting: Election of officers, adoption of budget, changes to bylaws, other board business. 7 p.m., Community Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media.

Nominations for 2017-2019

2017 Nominating Committee Slate of Officers and Board Directors:

Elected for 2016-2018

President (2016-18): Joanna Nealon
1st VP (2016-18): Marita Green
Secretary (2016-18): Diana Bastable

Officers to be Elected 2017-2019

2nd VP: Jane Brennan
Treasurer: Gloria Rabinowitz

Directors to be elected 2017-2019:

Nancy Phillipi 2017-2019
Alicia Granor 2017-2019
Rose Marie Lord 2017-2019
Barbara Amstutz 2017-2019

To be Appointed:

Olivia Thorne 2017-2019

Slate presented by Nominating Committee for 2017-2018:

Chair — Joan Hazbun
Olivia Thorne
Barbara Armstutz

Nominating Committee 2018-2019

Chair — Jodine Mayberry
Katherine Miller
Lora Lavin



The LWV-CDC Board met with Amy Hjerstedt, a member of the League of Women Voters National Board of Directors to advise us on how to recruit younger members to our local leagues.

Last Chance For Full Monty

Join us for our spring fund-raiser, the Full Monty, at the Swarthmore Players Club, Thursday April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, contact Barbara Amstutz at swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com. Make check payable to LWV-CDC and send to LWV-CDC, P.O. Box 131, Wallingford, Pa. 19086. Form in March Voter. Join us for dinner beforehand at Swarthmore Pizza, next to the theater at Chester Rd. and Fairview Rd. at 5:30. You'll pay for your own meal, but please indicate on your check for the theater tickets how many places to save for dinner.

Like us on Facebook, please

When you go on Facebook, in the search box, search for League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County (yes type it all out the first time, then you can make it a shortcut). This should take you to the page that has a "Vote Here" sign at the top. Then "like us" for any post or ask to be friends and we should be able to share future postings with you. We have about four pages out there and we're trying to get everyone on the same page, literally!



	<u>Jul 1, '16 - Apr 10, '17</u>	<u>Budget FY 2016-17</u>	<u>Budget FY 2017-18</u>
INCOME			
2000 · Fundraising Events			
2030 · Spring Fundraiser	\$ 544.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
2040 · Fall Fundraiser	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 2,250.00
2045 · Plays	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2050 · Legislative Dir Ad	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Total 2000 · Fundraising Events	\$ 2,254.00	\$ 4,980.00	\$ 3,450.00
3300 · Meeting Income			
3320 · Program/Evening Meeting	\$ 320.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
3330 · Holiday Brunch	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,125.00
3340 · Luncheons	\$ 3,283.00	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 3,240.00
3350 · Movie Nights	\$ 72.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
Total 3300 · Meeting Income	\$ 4,785.00	\$ 4,730.00	\$ 5,115.00
3500 · Contributions			
3501 · In kind	\$ 167.39	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
3510 · Ed Fund	\$ 355.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
3520 · Legislative Directories	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
3560 · Alice Allen Memorial Fund	\$ 72.50	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
3570 · Jeanette Ross Memorial Fund	\$ 80.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
3580 · Unrestricted	\$ 1,152.50	\$ 1,258.00	\$ 1,258.00
3585 · Equipment	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
3590 · Vote 411	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
3595 · In Memoriams	\$ 2,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total 3500 · Contributions	\$ 4,127.39	\$ 2,768.00	\$ 2,418.00
3600 · Asset Transfer			
3610 · From Ed Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 977.00
3620 · From Savings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total 3600 · Asset Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 977.00
4000 · Dues			
4010 · Primary Members Dues	\$ 5,312.96	\$ 5,225.00	\$ 5,760.00
4020 · Family Members Dues	\$ 632.50	\$ 632.50	\$ 687.50
4030 · Student Dues	\$ 27.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 82.50
4045 · State Member MAL credit	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
4060 · Life Member	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
4070 · Scholarship	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ -
Total 4000 · Dues	\$ 6,022.96	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 6,595.00
4800 · Interest	\$ 19.67	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00
	\$ 17,209.02	\$ 18,568.00	\$ 18,575.00
EXPENSE			
5000 · Administrative			
5010 · Board & President	\$ 509.52	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
5020 · Conventions & Workshops	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
5030 · Liability Insurance	\$ 270.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 275.00
5050 · PO Box	\$ -	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
5070 · Bank Charge	\$ 1.90	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
5080 · Alice Allen Fund Scholarship	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
5090 · Jeannette Ross Fund	\$ 45.12	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00

5101 In Kind non-reimbursable	\$		\$	300.00	\$	300.00
5000 · Administrative						
5010 · Board & President	\$	509.52	\$	200.00	\$	500.00
5020 · Conventions & Workshops	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,000.00
5030 · Liability Insurance	\$	270.00	\$	140.00	\$	275.00
5050 · PO Box	\$	-	\$	90.00	\$	90.00
5070 · Bank Charge	\$	1.90	\$	25.00	\$	25.00
5080 · Alice Allen Fund Scholarship	\$	-	\$	110.00	\$	110.00
5090 · Jeannette Ross Fund	\$	45.12	\$	75.00	\$	150.00
5101 · In kind – Non-reimbursable	\$	-	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
Total 5000 · Administrative	\$	826.54	\$	2,440.00	\$	3,450.00
5500 · Communications						
5505 · Domain Name	\$	63.68	\$	65.00	\$	75.00
5510 · Website	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$	250.00
5520 · Constant Contact	\$	-	\$	178.00	\$	178.00
5530 · Communications - Marketing	\$	25.00	\$	-	\$	500.00
Total 5500 · Communications	\$	288.68	\$	443.00	\$	1,003.00
6000 · Fund Raising Expense						
6030 · Spring Fundraiser	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	750.00
6040 · Fall Fundraiser	\$	1,175.90	\$	2,015.00	\$	1,320.00
6045 · Plays	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total 6000 · Fund Raising Expense	\$	1,175.90	\$	3,015.00	\$	2,070.00
7000 · Membership						
7030 · Voter - Printing	\$	32.40	\$	250.00	\$	90.00
7041 · Voter - Mailing	\$	84.60	\$	100.00	\$	85.00
7050 · Renew/Recruit	\$	67.46	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
Total 7000 · Membership	\$	184.46	\$	450.00	\$	275.00
7500 · Meetings						
7510 · Annual Meeting	\$	-	\$	25.00	\$	50.00
7520 · Program expense	\$	718.82	\$	75.00	\$	500.00
7525 · Equipment	\$	42.39	\$	150.00	\$	200.00
7530 · Holiday Brunch	\$	959.27	\$	650.00	\$	1,125.00
7540 · Luncheons	\$	2,668.43	\$	2,940.00	\$	2,520.00
7545 · Movie Nights	\$	157.17	\$	200.00	\$	200.00
Total 7500 · Meetings	\$	4,546.08	\$	4,040.00	\$	4,595.00
8000 · PMP						
8010 · National	\$	3,328.00	\$	3,328.00	\$	3,842.00
8020 · State	\$	2,070.00	\$	2,082.00	\$	2,200.00
8030 · SEPR	\$	-	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
8040 · County	\$	-	\$	220.00	\$	240.00
Total 8000 · PMP	\$	5,398.00	\$	5,680.00	\$	6,332.00
9000 · Voter Service						
9040 · Legislative Directory	\$	-	\$	1,600.00	\$	-
9070 · Candidates Debate	\$	600.00	\$	500.00	\$	600.00
9090 · Vote 411	\$	-	\$	300.00	\$	150.00
9099 · Voter Service - Other	\$	3.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
Total 9000 · Voter Service	\$	603.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	850.00
	\$	13,022.66	\$	18,568.00	\$	18,575.00