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League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

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## Is the EPA Protecting or Destroying the Environment?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was established in 1970 to protect the environment, which it has done over the years with the Superfund Act, the Clean water and Air Act, and the Clean Energy Rule, but now the anti-regulation Trump Administration is dismantling more than 85 EPA regulations designed to protect our environment.



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Widawsky Hollowell, a Senior Attorney with the Environmental Integrity Project (“EIP”), a non-profit, non-partisan environmental organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., will discuss those drastic changes at our next Hot Topics Luncheon — “Environmental Protections on the

Chopping Block: Regulatory Rollbacks under the Trump EPA.”

Hallowell has worked to reduce pollution from coal-fired power plants and oil and gas facilities in Pennsylvania and nationally since she joined EIP in January

2009. Her work includes initiating the legal challenge that resulted in the closure of the nation’s largest coal ash disposal impoundment. She also focuses on securing, strengthening, and protecting environmental regulations through advocacy and litigation.

We will be eager to hear her recommendations about how we can fight back against the destruction of our environment. The luncheon is Friday April 5, at the Media Borough Hall Community Room at Noon. Cost is \$20 for lunch. Call Hank Thorne at 610-566-5474 or email him at [hthorne@verizon.net](mailto:hthorne@verizon.net) for reservations.

**Important Annual Meeting Information: Pages 4, 5, 6**



# President's Message

On March 8, we had a Hot Topics luncheon with a talk by Rabbi Jeremy Gerber from the Congregation Ohev Shalom about *Managing Constructive Conflict in Today's World*, a somewhat deep and philosophical topic. It turns out that Rabbi Gerber gave a fascinating, interactive lecture where he reached out to the audience and engaged us in conversation. He had us laughing, questioning and learning at the same time. Rabbi Gerber ended with a hopeful message that listening, engaging in dialogue and facing "a bit of discomfort" is the first step to better communication. Many thanks to our program chair, Jane Brennan, for setting this up this excellent event.

In his presentation, Rabbi Gerber spoke of FUSE, the Fellowship of Urban and Suburban Engagement of which Ohev Shalom is a part and invited the LWV-CDC to participate in the "Challenging Conversations" program at his synagogue. FUSE consists of partnership of congregations, community groups, and non-profits in Delaware County. The purpose of FUSE is to deepen relationships, to strive wholeheartedly to understand "the other" in our community and help others understand us, and together, create a shared sense of destiny and purpose. Information about FUSE is available at <https://www.fusedelco.com/events/> and a Facebook page, "Fusedelco."

Now onto upcoming programs and events:

On Friday, April 5, at noon we will have a presentation by Lisa Hallowell, from the Environmental Integrity Project on "Environmental Protections on the Chopping Block." See details on page 1.

Please join us for the Friend of the Community Award Celebration and Ceremony, April 12, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel of Media, Wallingford, PA. See page 3.

On April 24 for our annual Jeanette Ross Environmental Lecture, we're very pleased to present a panel on the State Senate's package of comprehensive pipeline safety bills at Media Borough's Parlor Room. This is an evening program with Senators Andy Dinniman, Tom Killion and Tim Kearney who will discuss this legislation. See page 3.

I hope we can get a good turnout for our Annual Meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 6 p.m. in the Media Borough Community Room. Our board of directors will provide a pot-luck dinner. We'll be electing four directors for another term. See the proposed budget and slate of candidates on pages 5. Jill Greene, Executive Director, PA League of Women Voters, will be our speaker and update us about statewide and national initiatives.

Enjoy Spring whenever it finally arrives and I hope to see you at some of our events.

*Barbara Amstutz*

# What Can Pennsylvania Do about Pipeline Safety?

The issue of pipeline safety has been roiling our state and Chester and Delaware Counties for two years now as Sunoco Energy continues its development of natural gas shipping facilities in Marcus Hook.

Our local legislators and citizens discovered early on that there are few or no siting, construction or operations regulations to protect homes, schools and public facilities located along pipelines carrying volatile natural gas products, such as butane, ethane and propane.

Meanwhile, Sunoco was designated a public utility allowing it to take private property across the state to build its pipelines to carry Marcellus Shale natural gas products.

Now, Republican State Sen. Tom Killion and Democratic State Sen. Andy Dinniman have teamed up to introduce and shepherd a bipartisan package of pipeline safety measures for future regulation.

Join Sens. Dinniman, Killion and Tim Kearney at our Jeanette Ross Environmental Lecture, Wednesday, April 24, in the Parlor Room of the Media Borough Hall to update

us on the progress and prospects for the bipartisan pipeline safety package.

The panel discussion will start at 7:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to come out and question our legislators about what we can all do to protect ourselves and our property against pipeline catastrophes. No reservations necessary.



## 'Friend of the Community' Award April 12

Join us as the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County receives the 2019 "Friend of the Community" award from Congregation Beth Israel, 7:30 p.m. Friday April 12, at the synagogue, 542 S. New Middletown Rd.,

Media. The award is given each year to a person or organization that best meets the congregation's standards for positive, non-partisan contributions to the Delaware County community. All LWV-CDC members are welcome.

## April-May Events Calendar

**April 5 (Friday)** — Environmental Protections on the Chopping Block: Speaker Lisa Widawsky Hallowell, of the Environmental Integrity Project. Noon. \$20. Community Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media, Pa.

**April 19 (Friday)** — Environmental justice in Delaware County. Speaker Justin Dula, Office of Environmental Justice. 3 p.m. Room 105 Pearson Hall, Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave. Swarthmore.

**April 24 (Wednesday)** — Jeanette Ross Environmental Lecture — Panel discussion with Pa. Sens. Andy Dinniman, Tom Killion and Tim Kearney about a bipartisan package of pipeline safety legislation introduced in the state Legislature. 7:30 p.m. Parlor Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media, Pa.

**May 8 (Wednesday)** — Annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County. Jill Greene, LWVPA executive director will speak. Potluck dinner provided by board members. 6 p.m. Community Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media, Pa. No cost.

# LWV-CDC Annual Meeting May 8

LWV-CDC will hold its annual meeting May 8 with a potluck dinner prepared by the board members.

The League needs at least 20 members to attend to create a quorum to conduct the League's business: adoption of a local program and next year's budget, election of directors and any changes to the bylaws.

If you are a new member, this is a great opportunity to come learn about the League and volunteer for voter education, participate in studies of issues and other activities.

The meeting is at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, in the Community Room of the Media Borough Hall., 302 N. Jackson St., Media. No cost.

## Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

	<u>Jul 1, '18 - Feb 11, 19</u>	<u>2018-19 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2019-2020</u>
<b>Income</b>			
<b>2000 · Fundraising Events</b>			
2030 · Spring Fundraiser	0.00	1,200.00	750.00
2040 · Fall Fundraiser	867.00	2,450.00	2,450.00
<b>Total 2000 · Fundraising Events</b>	<u>867.00</u>	<u>3,650.00</u>	<u>3,200.00</u>
<b>3300 · Meeting Income</b>			
3320 · Program Meetings	230.00	500.00	500.00
3330 · Holiday Brunch	825.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
3340 · Luncheons	2,362.00	3,780.00	3,780.00
3350 · Movie Nights	0.00	25.00	25.00
<b>Total 3300 · Meeting Income</b>	<u>3,417.00</u>	<u>5,430.00</u>	<u>5,430.00</u>
<b>3500 · Contributions</b>			
3501 · In kind	0.00	300.00	500.00
3505 · Legacy Fund	50.00	200.00	200.00
3510 · Ed Fund	475.00	200.00	500.00
3560 · Alice Allen Memorial Fund	155.00	120.00	120.00
3570 · Jeanette Ross Memorial	135.00	100.00	135.00
3580 · Unrestricted	933.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 3500 · Contributions</b>	<u>1,748.00</u>	<u>1,920.00</u>	<u>2,455.00</u>
<b>3600 · Asset Transfer</b>			
3610 · From Ed Fund	0.00	1,500.00	2,358.00
<b>Total 3600 · Asset Transfer</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>2,358.00</u>
<b>4000 ·</b>			
4010 · Primary Members Dues	6,180.00	6,480.00	8,640.00
4020 · Family Members Dues	840.00	1,380.00	840.00
4030 · Student Dues	0.00	60.00	0.00
4060 · Life Member	60.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 4000 · Dues</b>	<u>7,080.00</u>	<u>7,920.00</u>	<u>9,480.00</u>
<b>4800 · Interest</b>	19.49	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>13,131.49</u>	<u>20,420.00</u>	<u>22,923.00</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>5000 · Administrative</b>			
5010 · Board & President	60.00	250.00	250.00
5020 · Conventions & Workshops	433.32	2,000.00	2,000.00
5030 · Liability Insurance	682.00	290.00	750.00
5050 · PO Box	0.00	90.00	90.00
5070 · Bank Charge	4.73	25.00	50.00
5080 · Alice Allen Fund Scholar-	0.00	120.00	120.00
5090 · Jeannette Ross Fund	0.00	50.00	50.00
5101 · In kind	0.00	300.00	500.00
<b>Total 5000 · Administrative</b>	<u>1,180.05</u>	<u>3,125.00</u>	<u>3,810.00</u>

<b>5500 · Communications</b>			
5505 · Domain Name	59.51	75.00	75.00
5510 · Website	265.17	400.00	400.00
5520 · Constant Contact	0.00	178.00 *	378.00
5530 · Marketing	<u>15.87</u>	<u>320.26</u>	<u>400.00</u>
<b>Total 5500 · Communications</b>	340.55	973.26	1,253.00
<b>6000 · Fund Raising Expense</b>			
6030 · Spring Fundraiser	0.00	750.00	390.00
6040 · Fall Fundraiser	<u>1,066.68</u>	<u>1,650.00</u>	<u>1,650.00</u>
<b>Total 6000 · Fund Raising Expense</b>	1,066.68	2,400.00	2,040.00
<b>7000 · Membership</b>			
7030 · Voter - Printing	0.00	55.00	36.75
7041 · Voter - Mailing	0.00	50.00	57.75
7050 · Renew/Recruit	<u>47.54</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total 7000 · Membership</b>	47.54	205.00	194.50
<b>7500 · Meetings</b>			
7510 · Annual Meeting	0.00	50.00	75.00
7520 · Program expense	275.00	500.00	300.00
7525 · Equipment	0.00	0.00	300.00
7530 · Holiday Brunch	738.59	1,000.00	1,000.00
7540 · Luncheons	1,894.71	3,150.00	3,150.00
7545 · Movie Nights	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total 7500 · Meetings</b>	2,908.30	4,900.00	4,925.00
<b>8000 · PMP</b>			
8010 · National	3,648.00	3,664.00	4,592.00
8020 · State	2,170.00	2,290.00	2,890.00
8030 · SEPR	0.00	50.00	50.00
8040 · County	<u>413.63</u>	<u>212.74</u>	<u>363.50</u>
<b>Total 8000 · PMP</b>	6,231.63	6,216.74	7,895.50
<b>9000 · Voter Service</b>			
9040 · Legislative Directory	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
9070 · Candidates Debate	450.00	800.00	1,000.00
9090 · Vote 411	0.00	150.00	150.00
9099 · Voter Service - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>
<b>Total 9000 · Voter Service</b>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>2,600.00</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	12,224.75	20,420.00	22,923.00

## Slate for Election of LWV-CDC Officers and Directors

2nd VP: Jane Brennan  
Treasurer: Carol Smallwood  
Directors: 1. Rose Marie Lord  
            2. Viola Crawford  
            3. Gloria Rabinowitz  
            4. Denny McCurdy

2020 Nominating Committee will be:  
Chair: Rose Grellis  
Board member: Gloria Rabinowitz  
Off-board member: Joan Hazbun

# Local Program to be Adopted at Annual Meeting

- I. **GOVERNMENT:** Engage members and community in all levels of government.
  - A. Voting Rights and Participation
    1. Protect the right to vote of every Delaware County citizen
    2. Encourage participation in the electoral process by:
      - a) Conducting voter registration drives
      - b) Educating voters through debates/forums and speaking to groups
      - c) Working with the schools to build student awareness of the importance of voting.
    3. Monitor implementation of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and other electoral reforms and processes.
      - a) Continue to encourage and monitor the selection of “human, readable paper trial” voting machines for Nov. 2019.
      - b) Participate in a training program to help voters understand how to use new voting machines.
  - B. **Municipal Government:** Support measures to enable municipal government to operate more effectively.
    1. Administration
      - a) Fiscal Policies
      - b) Comprehensive planning and zoning including at the multi-municipal level
      - c) Codification and enforcement of ordinances
      - d) Reapportionment
      - e) County Health Department  
Action to support a Delaware County Health Department with public programs to increase awareness.
    2. Municipal Services
      - a) Transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle circulation
      - b) Local libraries
      - c) Develop a “Know Your Community” for each municipality
  - C. **State and Federal Governments:** Engage members and community in the legislative process.
    1. Legislative interviews
    2. Monitor government activities and take appropriate action
    3. Inform community members of government actions
  - D. Homeland Security: Monitor emergency preparedness plans at the municipal and county level
- II. **NATURAL RESOURCES** Support management and protection of natural resources in the public interest, including planning, land use, environmental quality and safety.
  - A. Monitor and advocate for responsible development of pipelines to Marcus Hook
  - B. Preservation and protection of open space for public use
  - C. Strict enforcement of land use ordinances
  - D. Cooperation with environmental groups
  - E. Protection of residential zoning.
- III. **EDUCATION:** Support excellence and equity in our public school systems. We will monitor:
  - A. Fiscal Policy and Administration
  - B. Special Education Programs
  - C. Testing
  - D. Capital improvement projects
  - E. Government studies curricula (*Civics*) at appropriate grade levels