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Opioid Crisis Panel March 9, Media Borough Hall

Prescription Opioid drugs, heroin, fentanyl and other powerful addictive drugs are taking upwards of 60,000 lives annually, far more than gun violence and auto accidents.

Want to learn what you can do and what others are doing to stop the crisis?

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County is presenting a panel of experts at our March 9 Hot Topics Luncheon to help us understand how this crisis affects Pennsylvania and our county.

Our panelists will be League member Rosemarie Halt, a regis-

tered pharmacist with a master's degree in public health, Melissa Patti, of the Maternity Care Coalition, who will discuss addicted mothers and babies, and David McKeighan, executive direc-

tor of the Delaware County Medical Society.

The luncheon and panel discussion will be Friday, March 9, 11:45 a.m., in the

Community Room of the Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media. A meatless entree will be available for Lent. \$18. To make a reservation email Hank Thorne at hthorne@verizon.net or call (610) 566-5474, You can mail a check to LWV CDC at PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086 or pay at the door.



Jeanette Ross Lecture: The PA DEP

The annual Jeanette Ross Lecture will feature Jessica D. Hunt, assistant counsel, for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), will be held on March 28, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Media Borough Hall, Parlor Room, 301 North Jackson Street, Media PA.

Please join us for a discussion on the critical LOCAL environmental issues in Delaware County that effect our public health that you may not know about! Learn how the DEP can help us resolve those issues, especially now that the federal government is cutting back in its environmental protection safeguards. Free and open to the public.



President's Message

Am I right that they say that March comes in like a lion? Well, it certainly did this year! Those of you who lost power, I hope you have it back and won't lose it again during the next storm. And if you didn't lose power the first time, I hope you'll be lucky again.

March is going to be very busy. Government Guides (formerly known as Legislative Directories) are being added to our website, lwwcdc.org, as they are completed. A big thank you to Jodine Mayberry, Olivia Thorne and everyone who is helping gather the information.

Look up the contact information for your legislators and reach out, especially about gun control. We feel that postcards sent to elected D.C. officials may be more effective than phone messages or emails. Whatever method you choose, we must not give up!

Other areas that need our attention are state bills HB 722 and SB 22. These bills call for redistricting reform including the establishment of an independent redistricting commission. We need to contact legislators who have not yet co-sponsored these bills. Even though there is a new redistricting map (which is being challenged), that's not enough!

Despite the very confused nature of the congressional redistricting, we are planning to go ahead with setting up Candidates' Forums. Help is needed! Please call or email Marita Green (610-724-1376, maritagreen6@gmail.com) to volunteer.

There will also be several voter registration events. One of these will be the Naturalization Ceremony at the Delaware County Courthouse March 14. We will be handing out packets that include voter registration forms to the new citizens. Call Jodine Mayberry at 610-299-2838 or email jodinemayberry@comcast.net if you want to help at this event.

We're always looking for more people to help us.

See Page 1 for information on our opioid panel Hot Topics Luncheon this Friday and our Jeanette Ross environmental education lecture March 28.

We will be hosting a tax expert, Dr. Anthony Curtola, to talk about the new tax reform act at our Hot Topics Luncheon April 6. See Page 3.

Our spring fundraiser is a tour of the 6ABC news operation. The tour is limited to 30 people so sign up quick. See Page 4.

Hope to see you at some of our events!

Joanna Nealon

LWV-CDC Starts Legacy Fund

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County has voted to establish a legacy fund to assist with its work on the local level.

Members are asked to remember the LWV-CDC in their wills or families of recently deceased members can make donations in their memories to the legacy fund.

The primary purpose of the legacy fund will be to supplement the LWV-CDC in its valuable work on the local level in promoting good government and voter education.

Make a contribution to LWV-CDC, attention: Legacy Fund or make a tax deductible contribution to LWV-CDC Education Fund, Attention: Legacy Fund, PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086

Tax Reform Act: Who Wins, Who Loses?

Dr. Anthony Curatola, professor of accounting at Drexel University, will tell us how the new tax cut law affects all of us, rich and poor, at the Hot Topics Luncheon, Friday April 6.

Dr. Curatola is an expert on tax policy, income taxes, fringe benefits and retirement income.

He has served as the editor of the Tax Column for Strategic Finance since 1992 and has served as the editor of the Journal of Legal Tax Research.

He has researched the effects of

taxation on retirement income across states and across gender and his findings have appeared in



Dr. Anthony Curtola

Major media such as the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal,

the New York Times and Forbes magazine.

In January, Congress passed and the president signed a new tax law that gives corporations a permanent tax cut to 20 percent and individual taxpayers certain tax cuts that will be phased out over time.

The luncheon will be in the Media Borough Hall Community Room at 11:45 a.m. Cost \$18. To make a reservation email Hank Thorne at hthorne@verizon.net or call him at (610) 566-5474, You can mail a check to LWVDC at PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086 or pay at the door.

Sleep and the Adolescent Brain

The Radnor Township School District will host Dr. Wendy Troxel, a senior behavioral scientist at the Rand Corporation, on March 12 at 7 p.m., in the Radnor High School auditorium. She is a widely recognized expert on sleep in adolescents who advocates for later starting times.

Watch County Council Online

The Delaware County Council is now videotaping its Tuesday agenda and Wednesday regular council meetings. To watch the videotapes, go to <http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/cm/video.html>. You can also get meeting agendas and minutes at <http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/cm/index.html>.

March — April Events

March 9 (Friday): Hot Topics Luncheon, Panel Discussion on the Opioid Crisis with Rosemarie Halt; Media Borough Hall Community Room, 301 N. Jackson St., Media, Pa., 11:45 a.m. Cost, \$18.

March 28 (Wednesday): Jeanette Ross Lecture: Jessica Hunt, Assistant Counsel, PA DEP will speak on Environmental Issues in Pennsylvania, 7 p.m., Media Borough Hall Parlor Room. 7 p.m. Free, open to the Public.

April 6 (Friday): Hot Topics Luncheon: The Tax Reform Law, Who Wins, Who Loses, Dr. Anthony Curatola, Drexel University professor of accounting. Media Borough Hall Community Room. 11:45 a.m. Cost, \$18.

April 17 and April 19: Same program (Choose to attend either) — International Study Committee Presentation on Africa. Media Borough Hall Parlor Room. April 17, 7 p.m.; April 19, 11:45 a.m. Detail in next Voter.

April 27 (Friday): Tour the 6ABC News Department. LWV-CDC spring fund raiser. Limited to 30 so sign up soon. \$25. 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. Call Barbara Amstutz at 215-764-0468 or email swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com.

Tour 6ABC Action News April 27

If you are a news geek, have a favorite local newscaster or are ready to grab the microphone, this is the experience for you. Please join us on Friday, April 27, 2018 for a 1-hour tour at 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. at the broadcast studios of 6ABC Action News, Philadelphia. (Upon registration, you will be assigned to one of the two tours.)

This is a very special opportunity for an EXCLUSIVE tour of Channel 6's elaborate new, advanced studio set, designed to modernize and bring state-of-the-art broadcast technology to viewers in Philadelphia. The new set is both visually eye-popping and cutting edge with 52 monitors, three massive video walls, new LED automatic lighting, robotic cameras, and a 3D graphics system.

The guided tour will be provided by the charming Matteo Ladonisi, the WPVI-TV 6ABC Station Page in the Creative Services Department. Matteo is a senior at Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J., who will graduate this May with two bachelor's degrees in radio/tv/film and journalism. Matteo will give us sneak peeks at the editing department, traffic



Matteo Ladonisi

headquarters, the staging room for the Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Wall of Fame with photos of past mascots, officials and celebrities throughout the years.

Transportation is on your own to 6ABC WPVI-TV, 4100 City Avenue, Philadelphia. Parking is available at the Target located 4000 Monument Rd, Philadelphia.

Meet in the Lobby of 6ABC, 15 minutes prior

to your tour. Participants may be dropped off in front of 6ABC but may not park in the building's parking lot. An elevator is available during the tour.

Register EARLY, we are limited to 30 participants.

Registration CLOSSES on April 16, 2018.

Call Barbara Amstutz at 215-764-0468

(cell) or email Barbara

at swhmdi53bwa@outlook.com to register. You will be assigned to either the 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. tour group. Cost is \$25. Please send your check to LWV-CDC at PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086. Upon receipt, you will receive information via email with instructions for the event.

League Member Marion Purdy Will be Missed



Marion Purdy

LWV member Marion Kimball Purdy, 88, a longtime Swarthmore resident, most recently of White Horse Village in Newtown Square, passed away peacefully on Jan. 15. Marion grew up in Evanston, Ill., was a graduate of the Evanston public schools and attended Vassar College.

In 1951 Marion married Roger Purdy. They settled in Swarthmore in 1967. After Roger's death, Marion moved to White Horse Village in 2012.

Marion was active in many organizations and was well known throughout the community. She was very dedicated to the League, the Boy Scouts of America, the Swarthmore United Methodist Church and several local and global preservation societies.

Beloved by family, countless neighbors and friends, Marion's outgoing personality was infectious to everyone she met. She was also an avid learner, well-read in American history, and passionate about local, state and federal politics. Marion brought boundless energy and spirit everywhere she went.