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July Film: The Hungry Heart

The LWV-CDC has already shown *The Hungry Heart*, but because the opioid epidemic is getting worse, it will show it again this year, on Wednesday, July 19, at the Media Borough Hall, Community Room at 7:30 p.m. The League has invited a certified recovery specialist with the Delaware County



Heroin Task Force to moderate a discussion after the movie.

The Hungry Heart is a documentary profiling the work of Vermont Pediatrician Fred Holmes who works with

adolescent patients struggling with this disease.

In addition, the film interviews a number of older addicts who talk about their recovery process juxtaposed against Fred's patients. The road to recovery is paved with both success stories and strewn with relapses, downfalls and tragic losses.

Plan on "dining under the stars" if the weather is good, then seeing the film. Admission is free but donations are gladly accepted to help defray costs. Light refreshments will be served.

August Film: Groundswell Rising

"Groundswell Rising, Protecting Our Children's Air and Water" brings us into the lives of people from all walks of life and all sides of the political spectrum who are trying to resist, slow down or stop fracking. We meet parents, scientists, artists, teachers, clergy, community organizers and business leaders who are convinced that this unproven form of gas extraction is a serious health and environmental risk. Driven by a

deep moral conviction, they are standing up to one of the world's most powerful industries.

The resistance to fracking is seen as part of a growing movement towards dealing with the climate crisis and sustainable energy.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the Community Room of the Media Borough Hall. Admission is free but donations are welcome. Dine under the Stars and then see the film.



President's Message

Now that July 4th has come and gone, summer is in full swing.

Later this month, on July 19, as part of our Summer Film Series in Media, we'll be showing "The Hungry Heart". If it sounds familiar, it's because we showed it a couple of years ago on a cold evening in January and did not get a good turnout. The topic is prescription drug addiction and because of the current opioid epidemic we feel it merits another screening. A Crisis Recovery Specialist will be on hand to facilitate discussion after the film.

On August 23, we will show "Groundswell Rising". The topic is fracking and how clean air and water can be protected for future generations.

More details about the films are on page 1.

I wasn't able to attend the State Convention in June in the Poconos because my daughter was getting married that very weekend. However, nine of our members attended and seven were delegates. See page 3 for highlights.

We're working on the rest of our program for September through next May, planning "Hot Topics" luncheons and some evening meetings with topics ranging from elections to fake news to behavioral health to redistricting. In the Fall, we will also have our third and final consensus meeting for the PA Election Laws Study. And on October 25, we will be taking a trip to the new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, hope to see you at our movies if you're around, and then in the Fall .

Joanna Nealon

Summer and September Events

July 19 (Wednesday) The Hungry Heart: Film about the opioid epidemic with a discussion facilitator. 7:30 p.m. Community Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media. Free and no need to make reservations.

Aug. 23 (Wednesday) Groundswell Rising: film about citizen activism in the face of fracking, climate change and energy consumption. 7:30 p.m. Community Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media. Free and no need to make reservations.

Sept. 15 (Friday) Hot Topics Luncheon: Marian Schneider, special advisor to Gov. Tom wolf on election policy. 11:45 a.m., Community Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media. Cost \$18. Email hthorne@verikzon.net for reservations.

Sept. 26 (Tuesday) National Voter Registration day: The League will plan a voter registration day activity to be announced in September.

Annual Meeting Sets the Course for 2017-2018

Some 20 members of the LWV-CDC turned out May 17 to elect Jane Brennan as second vice-president and Carol Smallwood as treasurer (starting in January). Joanna Nealon will serve a second term as president.

The members also elected Nancy Philippi, Alicia Granor, Rose Marie Lord and Barbara Amstutz as directors for the 2017-2019 term.

Members Joyce Ellis, Katherine Miller and Gloria Rabinowitz were appointed to the board.

The nominating committee for the 2018-2019 annual meeting will be Jodine Mayberry, chair, Katherine Miller and Lora Lavin.

Marita Green continues as first vice-president and Diana Bastable as secretary. Olivia Thorne will serve as interim treasurer until Carol Smallwood can come on board.

Our local programs will continue to be our international study group-Africa led by Joan Hazbun and our new study about behavioral health care in Dela-

ware County, led by Olivia Thorne. Anne Mosakowski is our representative to the Regional Adolescent Sleep Needs Coalition, which is made up the three Delaware County Leagues plus leagues in Chester, Montgomery and Bucks County.

If any members are interested in participating in any of these studies, please contact the leaders of the study groups. Olivia and Anne's telephone numbers are on Page 1. Joan can be reached at 610-353-2177.

Look for LWV-CDC and the other leagues around the state to finish the consensus meetings for the LWVPA Election Law Review and Update. By the way, the LWVPA is suing the state over gerrymandering, partisan redistricting. We are proud to be part of that effort.

The budget for 2017-2018 is projected income and expenditures of \$18,575. The board is counting on a good turnout for the Oct. 25 trip to the new Museum of the Revolutionary War (see Page 4) in Philadelphia to boost

our fund-raising for the year.

The members approved four changes to the bylaws:

1. Persons at least 16 years of age may be voting members. This was in keeping with the LWV-US's bylaw change from "citizens at least 18 years of age."
2. 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. The quorum for business meetings was changed from 12 percent to 10 percent.
4. 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.

~ Jodine Mayberry

52nd Biennial LWVPA Convention

The seven delegates from the LWV-CDC voted to re-elect Susan Carty of the Chester County LWV as president and elected one of our own, Victoria Williams, as secretary-treasurer from the floor as the nominating committee could not find a candidate to run separately for treasurer. Victoria replaces our member Denny McCurdy who had to step down for family reasons.

The state League is going forward with its work on redistricting in partnership with Fair Districts Pa. and now with its suit against the state challenging partisan gerrymandering. It is also continuing to work on criminal justice issues.

Keynote speaker was John Wetzel, the Pa. Secretary of the Department of Corrections, who is making a name

for himself nationwide as a prison reformer, ending solitary confinement in our state institutions and advocating for education and transition programs for inmates. He told us that Gov. Tom Wolf would soon be introducing a package of criminal justice reforms that the League should consider supporting.

While coming up short in funding for the next fiscal year, largely because it was unable to sell the Harrisburg building, the state board announced a new fund, the Alice Paul Fund, that it hopes will help take up the slack. Programs remain the same.



John Wetzel



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- Personalized welcome by museum staff
- Historian-moderated film on colonial life
- Group lunch at Lion Restaurant or your choice (pay on your own)
 - \$55 cost includes bus transportation from Swarthmore and museum admission*

To sign up for trip or additional information
go to www.LWVCDC.org

* because we chartered a bus, we have had to raise the price from \$40 to \$55.