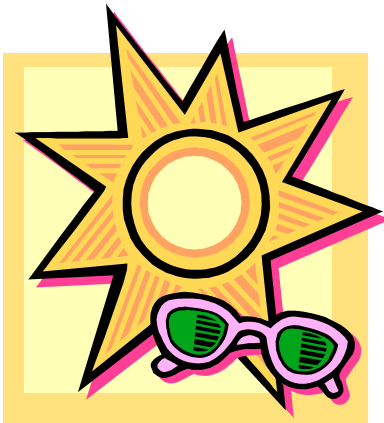




LWV LEHIGH COUNTY VOTER

July		
16 Fri		Building 1 PA Statewide Summit
19 Mon	10:00 A.m.	Summer Brunch Margie Dunn's Home



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2009 - 2010 CONGRATULATIONS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 90 YEARS!!!!

We've just held our Annual meeting and it seems as though we have just begun the year. The *Voter's Guide*, *Government Directory*, the LWVLC *Voter*, the League telephone ably handled by Pat Swan, and monthly Hot Topics Lunches have continued to flourish and provide information to our members and local citizens. Special thanks to Sue Phillips for the time and energy she gives to take and make the reservations and arrangements for League lunches and dinners. Kudos to Pat Swan for keeping the programs interesting and coping with last minute speaker changes and details. League members continue to attend Naturalization ceremonies and provide information to new U.S. citizens. We have faced a few challenges in completing these important activities this League year; one such change was that this years' *Voters' Guides* were assembled by a committee which consisted of Ann Bartholomew, Sue Phillips, Barbara Williams and Jan Seaman; Molly Faust served as advisor as needed. Thanks

also to the *Morning Call* which has graciously continued to publish the information candidates provide to our letters so that local voters have accurate, personal responses to read as they decide how they will vote in each election.

In addition to our regular activities, we participated in the *Marcellus Shale Gas Extraction Study* developed by the local League in my former home of Indiana, Pennsylvania. This study and consensus about the extraction of fossil fuels has become even more relevant in the wake of the recent oil extraction disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. It is imperative that clear, accurate, unbiased information about the environmental, economic and health impacts of these energy access procedures be readily available to all citizens.

Our Local membership provides a huge volunteer commitment of time and energy that enables the LWVLC to continue providing the many activities and services which area voters appreciate and, even ex-

pect. The League of Women Voters has always supported an environment where accurate information is readily available to voters at the national, state and local levels of government. We will continue to so with a *How to Run for Office Workshop* this fall hosted by the LWVLC and LWVNC to help prepare voters to run for positions in local government. Thank you to all of you for your support of our local League. It is always an honor to have the opportunity to work with you to create an informed citizenry and preserve the rights of American voters. I look forward to continuing our League work in the coming year.

It is my pleasure to report that the state of League of Women Voters of Lehigh County is excellent.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Rood,
President, LWVLC

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY

54TH ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 2010

The 54th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lehigh County was attended by twenty-two (22) meeting. After a quorum was declared and the Rules of the Day adopted, a drama in honor of the 90th anniversary of the League was presented. Assisting Sydney Davis, who played Susan B. Anthony, were Pat Swan as narrator, and Jim Shoenthal as Judge Ward Hunt. The narrative captured the contributions of Susan B. Anthony to the cause of women's suffrage and included her dynamic speech in court when Judge Hunt found her guilty of voting in a Federal election.

The meeting continued with the filing of the minutes of the 53rd Annual Meeting. Readers for the 2010 Annual Meeting report were named. There were no by-laws changes proposed, and the Treasurer's Report was presented and filed. The Audit

Committee reported that the financial records were in good order and recommended adoption of the audit report which was unanimously approved by the members.

Four Local Program Positions, which were updated last year, will continue to be supported. They are Solid Waste Management, Local Water, Transportation Needs, and Local Tax Base Sharing.

A special report on Marcellus Shale was presented by Ken Baumert, who has been representing the League at various community meetings.

The President's Report highlighted our League's work on the Marcellus Shale consensus, cooperation with ReNew Lehigh Valley to promote a regional health center, and the continuation of Hot Topics lunches. Our

League's membership has increased to 63.

The Nominating Committee presented their recommendations for officers and all recommendations agreed to another term. Jan Little was nominated by Doris Glaessman and seconded by Sue Phillips the Action Portfolio for 2010-2012. Re-elected were President- Mary Anne Rood (2010-2011), Vice President, Voter Services – Barbara Williams (2010-2012), Treasurer – Pat Hoffman (2010-2012), Member – Ann Bartholomew (2010-2012)

The annual meeting was adjourned followed by a birthday cake to celebrate the 90th birthday of the League of Women Voters.

Caryn Shoenthal

NATURALIZATION

A Naturalization ceremony took place at the Old Lehigh County Courthouse in Allentown on Thursday, May 20th at 4:00 p.m. 20 people were naturalized in this ceremony.

Although it was a relatively small group, the candidates were very vocal

in their excitement at becoming new citizens of the United States of America. The ceremony was presided over by the Honorable Edward G. Reibman.

Anyone who is interested in attending the ceremony is welcome. The next Naturalization Ceremony will take

place on Thursday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Caryn Shoenthal

MEMBERSHIP

Summer is on the way. When vacationing with family and friends, don't forget to mention all the activities they can be involved in if they join the League. We need our members to get the word out!

People are checking out our LWVLC web site. This month we had one new member join our League. She used the easy to follow membership form

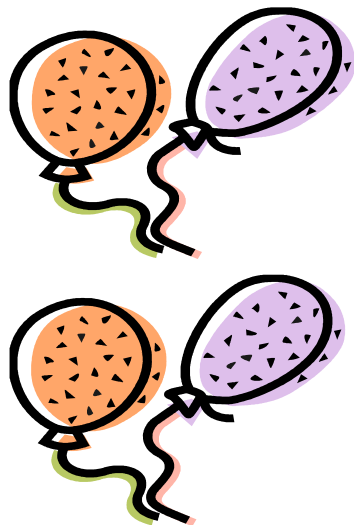
on our web site. Jan Little is the third member to join from our web site. At the Annual Meeting she was elected as the newest member to our Board and will be taking over the Action portfolio. Please add her name to your membership list. Also note change of address for Mildred Paret.

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Margie Dunn



Summer Brunch

Take a ride in the country and join us for program planning, convention review and just plain socializing.

July 19th at 10:00 AM

Email Margie Dunn at mdunn75@hotmail.com to reserve your spot around the tables

Directions from Allentown: Take Route 22 West, then merge onto Route I-78 West. Exit at New Smithville (exit after Route 100). Turn right onto Route 863 North. Follow this for about 3 miles. When Route 863 makes a sharp left, you will go straight onto Werley's Corner Road. Go 1 more mile until you come to Carpet Road (look for a one room school house on the right). Turn left onto Carpet Road. It is the second driveway on your right. There is plenty of parking on the side of the road.

BUILDING ONE PENNSYLVANIA SUMMIT

A one day event will take place in Lancaster on July 16, 2010. Called "Building One Pennsylvania: A State-wide Summit on Regional Equity," the event will address federal and state policies that favor suburban growth at the expense of older communities. Topics will include land use and mu-

nicipal and school governance. The goal is to call attention to these issues in the upcoming elections. The registration fee is only \$15. For more information, and to register, go to: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2v970su9c615ad4>.

Lora Lavin
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WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES OF THE STATE LEGISLATURES TODAY?

The answer may be found by checking the agenda of the annual meeting of their professional organization, The National Conference of State Legislatures. See below or go to: <http://www.ncsl.org/Meetings/LegislativeSummit10/Home/tabid/19794/Default.aspx> to download a brochure. See if YOUR professional associations would regard it as a model?

The National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan organization. Their home page may be found at: <http://www.ncsl.org/>

The 2010 NCSL Legislative Summit put on by this group is in Louisville, Kentucky July 25–28, 2010. If you'd like to view the three areas of the Summit Pre-conferences on Sunday, July 25 go to: <http://www.ncsl.org/Meetings/LegislativeSummit10/Home/tabid/19794/Default.aspx>

Or, see below.

Energy Policy Summit:

Rising costs, an aging and somewhat unreliable infrastructure and an increasing dependence on foreign sources has led many to see the opportunity to reshape America's energy future. Come to the Energy Policy Summit to explore the issues and opportunities that legislators face as they develop energy policies that promote vibrant economies and healthy sustainable environments. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Two other Summit Pre-conferences:
Health Reform Summit 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.:

You won't want to miss this day-long event that will cover what you need to know about health reform in the states.

Topics include:

- Latest news and implementation issues
- Workforce and access issues
- Insurance issues and exchanges
- State flexibility and options
- Medicaid changes
- Funding issues and opportunities
- Wellness and prevention
- And more!

Livability 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.:

Interest in creating sustainable, livable communities is rising, with significant federal investment in coordinating land-use, transportation and housing planning. Hear from federal agencies on their plans, and see how states have already been helping build such communities. Learn how livable communities may help solve traffic congestion, affordable housing, and environmental concerns. For more information visit this webpage.

Jan Little
Action Chair

SUBMITTING EXPENSES FOR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Any time you provide a service or purchase an item for the League for which you do not want to be compensated, it is considered an In-Kind Contribution.

On pages 5 and 6, there is a copy of our League's expense report form. All you need to do when you have in-kind expenses is to detail the expense on

the front of the form, using the appropriate code from the back side of the form; e.g., Budget Acct #, Description, and Amount. Put the total on the appropriate line, then on the line entitled "Less Donated Expenses," write in the total amount donated in-kind. Subtract that number from the total to get the Balance Due, if there are expenses you wish to be reimbursed

for. If you have a receipt for the donated expense, include that as well. Sign and date the form, make a copy for yourself, and send the original to Pat Hoffman, 806 North 30th Street, Allentown, PA 18104.

Caryn Shoenthal

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY
EXPENSE VOUCHER

PAY TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Submit voucher to Treasurer for reimbursement or direct payment. Attach original receipts.
See reverse side for expense codes.

BUDGET [Acct #]	DESCRIPTION [in detail]	AMOUNT

Total Expenses: _____

Less Donated Expenses: _____

Balance Due: _____

Treasurers Records:

Date of Payment: _____

Check Number: _____

Submitted by _____

Date _____

Chart of Account Budget Numbers to use for Vouchered Expenses**A. Operating Expenses**

1. Liability Insurance
2. Bulk Mail Permit / P.O. Box fee
3. Pa. Sales/Use Tax
4. Miscellaneous

B. Board and Administrative Committees

1. Officers & Board Operating
2. Administrative Committee
 - a. Fundraising [finance drive, special projects such as entertainment book sales]
 - b. Membership
 - c. Public Relations

C. Delegates, Travel, & Meetings

1. LWV US/PA Convention
2. Workshops/Meetings
3. Annual Meeting

D. Assessments

1. LWVUS PMP
2. LWVPA PMP

E. Bulletin

1. Supplies & Printing
2. Postage

F. Educational Activities

1. Publications [Costs to buy, print and/or sell unless directly associated with a Citizen Education project]
 2. Program Committees
 3. Voter Service
 - a. Voters Guide
 - b. Candidate Forums
 - c. Citizen Education
 - e. Democracy Net [D-Net]
 - d. Government Directory
 4. How to Run for Local Office Workshop
 5. Citizen Information Telephone Line
 6. Website/Homepage
- [example of citizen education is issue forum, misc voter service, etc.]

G. Position Support

1. Legislative Activities
2. Legislative Event

Covers fiscal year 7-1-2007 through 6-30-2008

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA
POSITION STATEMENT
MARCELLUS SHALE NATURAL GAS EXTRACTION
Adopted May 1, 2010**

The LWVPA recognizes that natural gas extracted from Marcellus Shale is a finite, carbon-based, energy resource and that its production significantly affects the environment and the economy of the Commonwealth. Under Natural Resources positions adopted by LWVUS, we believe government policies should promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest. Under the Fiscal Policy position adopted by LWVPA, we support an equitable and flexible revenue system for funding state and local government services. Finally, in concert with the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article 1, Section 27, we believe:

The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people."

POSITION

The League supports:

- the maximum protection of public health and the environment in all aspects of Marcellus Shale natural gas production, site restoration, and delivery to the customer, by requiring the use of best practices, and promoting comprehensive regulation, communication, and adequate staffing across government agencies.
- encouragement of employment opportunities at the local level and economic development related to natural gas extraction that will result in new streams of revenue for state and local government agencies—but not at the expense of tourism related to natural recreation areas.
- preventing a burden on Pennsylvania taxpayers by establishing a sufficient fee structure on natural gas extraction for permits, bonds, and surcharges for the funds to plug abandoned and orphan oil and gas wells, that reflects projected costs and unanticipated consequences.
- creation of a severance tax on natural gas as a revenue source primarily designated for
 - the preservation and enhancement of natural resources;
 - the monitoring and protection of public health;
 - an escrow fund for supporting community adjustment as the industry grows and declines; and
 - research on the effects of natural gas extraction from Marcellus Shale on the economy, environment, and public health of Pennsylvanians.
- legislation and regulation that provides for
 - transparency in all stages of exploration, drilling, and production stages;
 - insures public input into decision-making regarding the location of facilities and related pipelines
 - extends the timelines and parameters for testing water supplies;
 - balances the rights of mineral and surface owners; and
 - establishes an efficient and effective oversight system for reporting potential violations and accidents.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN'S EXPO (PA WE)

The first Pennsylvania Women's Expo will be held in the Lehigh Valley. We thought the LWV of Lehigh County would be kind enough to share this information.

Celebrating its fourth year, The Pennsylvania Women's Expo offers a balance of education, entertainment and enjoyment in an event tailored for the lives of busy women.

We anticipate more than 50 women-owned and women-focused businesses will display a wide range of products and services targeted specifically toward women. For information about vendors, and news articles from the last expo as well as bios in recognition of the leading ladies that have made all of this possible for the past four years, go to www.PaWomensExpo.com. The expo will be held Sunday, October 17th at the Best Western Hotel in Allentown, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Together with other businesses, we will create a cooperative venture among the many community and woman's organizations and businesses to offer a venue that welcomes all women who are in search of empowerment thru opportunity, education and economic awareness.

Pam Gockley
President, LWV of Berks County

Pennsylvania Women's Expo

THE NEW METROPOLIS

Will you be part of the conversation, or just another voiceless face in the crowd?

The New Metropolis is an award winning documentary by Andrea Torrice. This film opens the dialogue towards the consideration of how do we rebuild our inner cities? Where do we begin? Who will drive the initiative?

This viewing will be for the entire LV community to be followed by a panel discussion following the film.

When: June 28th
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
What: Movie "The New Metropolis" and panel discussion
with Mayors, Principals, Community Leaders, Business Leaders
Why: Your community's future depends on it
Where: Symphony Hall - Rodale room
23 North 6th Street, Allentown, PA

For more information please call Mayor's Assistant Ismael Arcelay at 610-437-7743

ADVERTISING RATES

Advertising Rates for 2009 for *The Lehigh County Voter* are as follows:

Business Card Size - \$75 a year
Full page - \$100 for 1 month, \$500 for a year
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Advertisers' web links will be publicized in *The Voter*, both on-line and in hard copy. The ad year runs from July 1 to June 30. The rate for advertisers whose ads are received during the year will be pro-rated. Contact Gayle Getz at 610-398-9837, the *Voter* editor, or any board member for additional information or to arrange your advertising.

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Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone, E-mail _____

Membership dues include membership in the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA) and a subscription to the local, state and national *Voter*.

League dues and contributions are not tax-deductible as a charitable donation.

Contributions to the LWV Education Fund (LWVEF) are tax-deductible.

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all citizens of voting age. Associate membership is available for non-citizens and for those under age eighteen.

ANNUAL DUES	\$55.00 individual
2009-2010	\$82.50 household
	\$25.00 full-time student

Contact membership secretary for details of pro-rated dues amounts.

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