



# LWV LEHIGH COUNTY VOTER

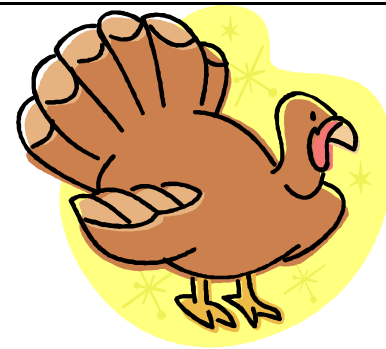
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**November**

Tues 2		<b>ELECTION DAY</b>
Thurs 4		Deadline for !Hot Topics! Reservations
Mon 8	11:45 a.m.	!Hot Topics! Lunch Bill White The Willows
Tues 9	4:00 p.m.	Naturalization Old Lehigh County Courthouse
Thurs 11	4:00 p.m.	Board Meeting, Sunrise Assisted Living
Sat 20	8:00 a.m.	Running for Local Office Workshop Northampton Community College

**December**

Thurs 9		Deadline for Hot Topics Reservations
Thurs 9	4:00 p.m.	Board Meeting, Sunrise Assisted Living
Mon 13	11:45 a.m.	!Hot Topics Lunch! The Willows



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear League Friends,  
  
Halloween, elections, failed severance taxes, and negative campaign ads are running amok. I am not sure which is the scariest? Although, I think it is safe to say that the tax issue will have the most effect. If the special interest groups in our Pennsylvania Legislature prevent adequate taxation of the gas industry profits from drilling and fracking in the Marcellus Shale, many communities will face serious damage to their infrastructures without hope of redress. It is possible that the bill which failed was too flawed to be made into law. If so, I hope that a fair, effective means of reserving some of the drilling profits so we can remediate drilling related conse-

quences to the roads, water and land is enacted quickly by the new legislature.

It is important that we continue to let our elected representatives know that we expect timely, reasonable legislation. There are other important issues which will require our attention this year; such as, passing the budget on time, education funding, fiscal transparency, and reducing the number of members of the Pennsylvania legislature

The "How to Run for Office" Workshop will be available to the public on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Northampton Area Community College. If you or any of your friends are thinking

about running for a local office this workshop is a must. It provides essential information about how to file to run for election, how to handle campaign funds and the timelines to keep your campaign for election on the right track. Please encourage everyone you know who is interested in public office to attend this informative workshop.

Thanks once again to the *Morning Call* for doing a great job publishing the *Voter's Guide* for this election.

See you at the next League event!

Mary Anne Rood  
President LWVLC

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**!HOT TOPICS! LUNCHES  
FOLLOWING HOLIDAY  
WEEKENDS**

The Board agreed that in future years, Hot Topics lunches should not be scheduled on Mondays following holidays that affect school children, banks and many businesses since attendance has been traditionally sparse on those dates as we saw on Columbus Day.

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD - OCTOBER 2010

### Activities

Next Board Meeting – All members welcome

Thursday, November 11, 2010  
Sunrise Senior Living – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

### Hot Topics Luncheon

Monday, November 8, 2010  
Bill White will review the election results.

Willow's Restaurant  
Contact Sue Phillips to make reservations

### How to Run for Office Workshop

Saturday, November 20, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Northampton Community College

### Official Business & Reports

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report and balance sheet for September 2010

presented by Pat Hoffman and filed the report for audit.

Action: Jan Little submitted a Letter to the Editor expressing the LWV's support for the Severance Tax.

Membership: Letters to renew membership and the 2010-2011 Directory will be sent shortly.

Program: Dr. Nelvin Vos, Convener of The Partnership for a Disability Friendly Community, reviewed the 20 year history of the American's with Disabilities Act and examined ways the Lehigh Valley has complied and still needs to advance.

### Voters' Services:

- Cedar Crest College sorority requested information from LWVLC and followed through with a voter registration drive.
- The Voter's Guide will be avail-

able next week for distribution by the LWV and publication in the Morning Call.

- Except for directional signs that will be purchased for the How to Run for Office Workshop, all other preparations are complete.
- A candidates' night with Slatterly and Reichley, sponsored by Emmaus Invested Citizens assisted by LWVLC, was held for the 134<sup>th</sup> District.

Community Outreach: The next Naturalization Program to be held locally is scheduled for November 9, 2010.

Note: Copies of the minutes and the Treasurer's report may be obtained by email by contacting Jan Seaman and Pat Hoffman respectively.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Seaman

## OCTOBER !HOT TOPICS! LUNCHEON

Noon, Monday, October 11, 2010

Speaker: Nelvin L. Vos,  
Partnership for a Disability Friendly Community  
<http://disabilityfriendlylv.com>

Nelvin L. Vos spoke about the history and goals of the relatively new Partnership for a Disability Friendly Community. This organization was founded as a result of a survey that was conducted in 2008 by Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network to assess the needs, met and unmet, of people with disabilities in the Lehigh Valley ([http://www.lehighvalleyresearch.org/disability\\_study](http://www.lehighvalleyresearch.org/disability_study)). As a result, thirty-five individuals and groups established the organization; members now number 86. Among the goals of the organization are: "To make a measurable difference in the disability-friendliness of the Lehigh Valley."

Nelvin Vos described the origin of his own interest as stemming from a childhood injury at the age of 8 that meant he was hospitalized with other children spending his entire third grade there.

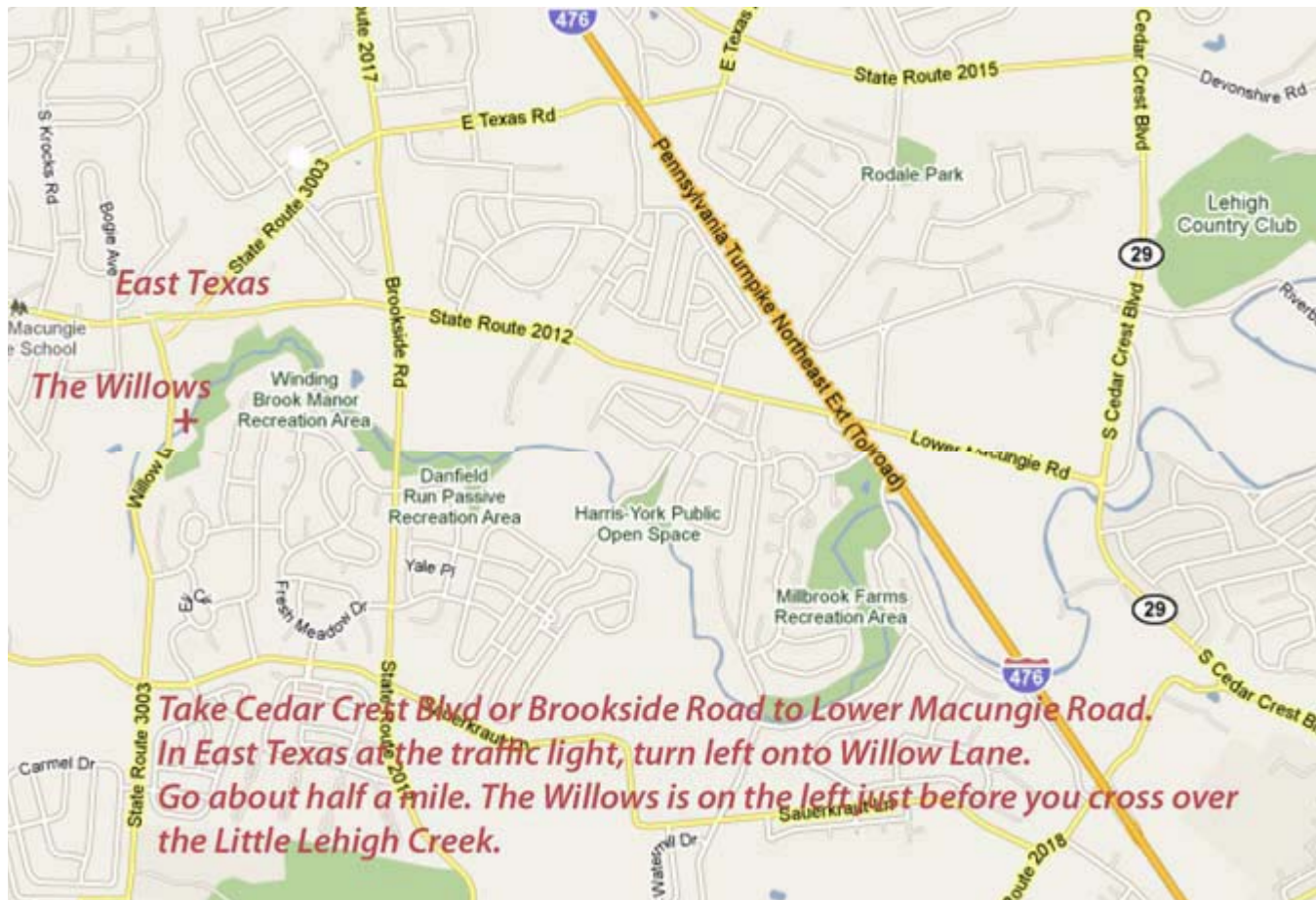
He offered the statistic that there is a 30% chance that each of us will become temporarily or permanently disabled in our lifetimes. He asked how many present had close connection with someone who is disabled and almost all raised hands in response. Twenty years ago the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed. The law defines what it means to be disabled. It currently refers to anyone who has a physical or mental impairment that severely limits areas of life. The Partnership for a Disability Friendly Community does not intend to "reinvent the wheel," but aims to build on existing resources in the Le-

high Valley; that is, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, making itself as visible as possible. The results of the survey identified twelve areas of concern: information and referral, health-care, employment, transportation, housing, perceptions and attitudes, opportunities and discrimination, education, community participation, technology and assistive devices, emergency preparedness, and the needs of caregivers and families. Because this was a lot to tackle all at once, four areas were chosen to focus on at the start: information and referral, transportation, perceptions and attitudes, and education.

The steering committee meets monthly with as little bureaucracy as they can manage. There is a lot of energy in the group which includes members who have disabilities, pri-

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### MAP AND DIRECTIONS TO THE WILLOWS



### NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER !HOT TOPICS! LUNCHEONS

Monday, November 8, 2010  
 Noon  
 The Willows  
 (see map and directions above)

Speaker: Bill White  
 The Morning Call

Bill, an animal lover, gourmet, grammarian, humorist, satirist, teacher, Christmas display tour guide, political observer, etc., will again give us his Post Election Comments!

We always look forward to Bill's take on current affairs.

**You are encouraged to arrive at 11:45 a.m. to check in** and help your-

self to the buffet lunch which includes sandwich, salad, beverage and dessert at a **cost of \$11.00.**

Reservations are required by Thursday, November 4. Contact Sue Phillips at: [suep@entermail.net](mailto:suep@entermail.net) or 610-821-1118.

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For our Thursday, December 13th lunch we will have Kathy Perlow of the Community Exchange Program. The Reservation Deadline for December Hot Topics Lunch is December 9th.

Kathy Perlow is the membership coordinator of the Community Exchange Program. She will explain how the

Exchange, part of the Lehigh Valley Health Network, operates as a "time bank" for members to exchange services.

For our December lunch, as in previous years, please bring a new or gently used children's book for Cops and Kids!

Pat Swan

**OCTOBER !HOT TOPICS! LUNCHEON** *(Continued from Page 2)*

marily physical rather than mental disabilities.

Nelvin Vos referred to a list of thirty things to do to be hospitable to persons with disabilities and read a sampling from the list:

- (1) When speaking with people whose disabilities require an interpreter, look at the person directly rather than at the interpreter.
- (2) Refer to the person first before the disability; for example "...a person who is..." Avoid using the terms "retarded," "handicapped," "crippled," and "wheelchair-bound."
- (3) Talk at eye level with people in wheelchairs.

- (4) Don't interact with guide dogs as it disturbs their training.
- (5) Ask permission before attempting to assist someone. Don't assume the person wants your help.
- (6) Speak in normal tones to those with mental disabilities. No need to shout.
- (7) Be patient and ask for repetition if you do not understand what someone has said. Don't pretend you understood if you didn't.
- (8) Teach children how to interact with people who have disabilities.
- (9) Encourage children to befriend children with disabilities.

- (10) Don't talk as if to a child if the person with disabilities is not a child.

Nelvin Vos invited everyone to join the Partnership and encouraged everyone to be an advocate for inclusiveness in their areas of responsibility at home, at work, in the community. He also encouraged people to be aware of the issues for persons with disabilities when it comes to voting, including the importance of accessibility of voting areas for persons with disability.

Elizabeth Bodien

**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.

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***POSITION STATEMENT***  
***MARCELLUS SHALE NATURAL GAS EXTRACTION***  
***ADOPTED MAY 1, 2010***

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- 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 pipeline
  - 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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## ***VOTERS GUIDE***

Thank you, everyone who helped get out the Voters Guide this fall. Especially we have to recognize Pat and Burke Swan for allowing us to use their house for bundling even though they had just returned from Canada late the previous afternoon.

The Morning Call continues to be an essential partner in publishing the Voters Guide. We owe them a lot. I hope you are all taking advantage of their other election coverage, which has been very helpful for voters.

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## ***134TH STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEBATE***

With assistance from Emmaus businessman Gene Clock, who provided a large room, and a local citizens group called EPIC (East Penn Invested Citizens), we put on a debate on October 13 between the two candidates for state representative in the 134th district. The attendance was pretty good for a candidates' night. A wide range of questions were answered, the discussion was very interesting and lively, and clear differences between the candidates became evident on several topics.

Thank you to Doug Reichley and Patrick Slattery for being so willing to express their opinions frankly, and to our co-sponsors and League volunteers who helped with the event.

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**ADVERTISE IN THE LWV LEHIGH COUNTY VOTER**

The LWV of Lehigh County is a non-partisan service organization of volunteers interested in responsible government at all levels. Local contributions help us to provide valuable services to our community, such as:

- Candidates' Night
- Workshops for potential candidates
- Preparation and distribution of our Voters' Guide
- Preparation and distribution of our Government Directory
- Voter information and Voter registration

The Voter is published ten times annually, with distribution to members, corporations and political representatives. As an advertiser, you will also receive a copy to help you keep informed of area issues and League activities.

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**PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF!**

Congratulations to League member Paulette Hunter for her success in persuading local officials to build a handicap-accessible playground. Read all about it in *The Morning Call* October 25 and 26.

Ann Bartholomew



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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
2010-2011	\$82.50 household
	\$25.00 full-time student

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