



LWV LEHIGH COUNTY VOTER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

March

4	Thurs		Deadline for reservations for !Hot Topics! Lunch
8	Mon	11:45 a.m.	!Hot Topics! Lunch More About Marcellus Shale Allentown Brew Works
14	Thurs	4:00 P.m.	Board Meeting, Sunrise Assisted Living
16	Tues	10:00 a.m.	Day of Action Capitol Rotunda Harrisburg
19	Fri	6:00 p.m.	Art Auction Baum School
31	Wed	5:30 p.m.	"Thread" Cedar Crest College

April

9	Thurs		Reservation deadline for !Hot Topics Lunch
12	Mon	Noon	!Hot Topics! Lunch
8	Thurs	4:00 p.m.	Board Meeting, Sunrise Assisted Living

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear League Friends,

This message will be quite short because there is a lot of information to read. The budget for the next fiscal year is included in this issue. It has been approved by the board and will be submitted for approval by the membership at the annual meeting early this May. Thanks to Doris Glaessmann for doing such a great job putting the budget together for us once again. Pat Hoffman and Molly Faust deserve a round of applause for their diligence as part of the

budget committee. The Annual Meeting will be scheduled earlier in the month this year in order to accommodate as many schedules as possible.

Preparations for the *Government Directory* are nearly completed and will soon be available for distribution. It always surprises me that there are holders of public office who do not want to disclose office salaries, which are a matter of public record, for publication in the *Directory*. If you have time to help with the distribution

of the *Directory*, please contact Ann Bartholomew.

We will be conducting a discussion and consensus meeting about the Marcellus Shale Drilling at Pat and Burke Swan's home in a few weeks. If you want to read about this issue, there are consensus questions and background information available on the LWVPA web site.

See you at the next League event,

Mary Anne Rood, President
LWVLC

GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

The 2010 Government Directory is almost complete, and will go to the printer soon. The information has been put on our website (www.lwv.org) as it is received.

Up-to-date information has been collected by Elizabeth Bodien, Ruth Dex, Doris Glaessmann, Pat Hudson, Paulette Hunter, Sue Phillips, Mary Anne Stinner, Pat Swan and Barb Williams.

(If I have forgotten anyone, my sincere apologies.) Thank you very much for your help.

Copies of the directory will be delivered by League members to libraries, municipalities, school districts and a variety of agencies throughout Lehigh County, in addition to businesses that have supported this project financially. Please contact me after March 14

to let me know if you can help with distribution.

Ann Bartholomew
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NEWS FROM THE BOARD—FEBRUARY 2010

Activities

Next Board Meeting: All members welcome—Thursday March 11, 2010 Sunrise Senior Living – 4:00-5:30 pm

Watch for further information

- Meeting at Pat Swan's to prepare consensus on extracting gas from Marcellus Shale
- Details for May annual meeting
- How to Run for Office Workshop to be scheduled for fall 2010

Official Business & Reports

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the February 2009 balance sheet presented by Pat Hoffman and filed the report for audit.

The Annual Budget for 2010/2011 was approved for presentation to the members at the annual meeting in May.

Board Seat Vacant: The position of Action Chair has not been filled. Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity can contact Mary Anne Rood, Board President, or Mary Anne Stinner, former Action Chairperson.

Membership: The deadline for renewing memberships was reached with 49 individuals (including 3 new members) and 6 families joining. It is disappointing to note that there has been a decline of 5 individual members. If you wish to reactivate your membership or recommend a new member Margie Dunn can be contacted any time during the year.

Government Directory – As usual, information has not been received from various legislative offices. An extra effort is being made to gather the missing information to assure the upcoming directory is complete.

Since the updated directory will be available online, fewer copies will be printed for delivery throughout the Valley.

Hot Topics Lunch – On March 8, the lunch will be again held at Allentown Brew Works but in a different meeting room. The room on the third floor will be less noisy and there will be no pillars to obstruct sight. February's lunch was tasty and reasonably priced.

Note: Copies of the minutes and the Treasurer's report may be obtained by e-mail by contacting J. Seaman and P. Hoffman respectively.

Jan Seaman
Secretary

!HOT TOPICS! CALENDAR—MORE MARCELLUS SHALE

Monday, March 8
11:45 a.m.

Allentown Brew Works
812 W. Hamilton Street
in the Hamilton Room, 3rd Floor

More about Marcellus!

Peter Wulfhorst, Penn State Cooperative Extension Educator, will talk on "The Community and Economic Impacts of Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling." Mr. Wulfhorst has a Master's degree in Environmental Pollution Control and background in municipal planning. This will be a very timely follow-up to Tracy Carluccio's comprehensive overview of the issues. Our consensus on this very important issue is due March 26.

We will meet in the Hamilton Room, 3rd Floor, at the Allentown Brew Works. This will be quieter with better acoustics than the High Gravity room where we were last month.

Parking: The Farr lot on 8th Street just north of Hamilton requires dollar bills or quarters to prepay the automatic machine. One dollar per hour, no change.

- Spiral Parking Deck, on Linden between 8th and 9th.
- Parking Garage behind the hotel at 9th and Walnut.

Don't forget to make your reservations **by calling Sue Phillips no later than Thursday, March 4th** at 610-821-1118, or e-mail her at

suep@entermail.net. The cost is \$12.00.

Car pool if you can. If you have concerns about driving, call Pat Swan, 610 435-4148.

Dr John McHugh, our originally scheduled speaker, is undergoing medical treatment. He plans to give us his Memories of FDR and Eleanor in the fall. Our best wishes to Jack.

Pat Swan

THREAD – THE STORY OF FIVE AFGHAN WOMEN

We have received an invitation from Pamela Varkony to join her at a benefit screening of the documentary film "Thread," to be shown at Cedar Crest College on Wednesday, March 31. All proceeds go directly toward assisting the Afghan associates of the [Business Council for Peace](#).

The showing of the film will be followed by a panel discussion on the current state of Afghanistan. This is unique opportunity to see inside the lives of families that, just like our own, are trying to build a successful

future for themselves and their country. However, unlike us, these families are doing so in the midst of political and cultural turmoil. I promise you that after attending this event, you will never view the news reports about Afghanistan quite the same way again - and the women of Afghanistan will have found a place in your heart.

Please join Pamela, along with co-sponsors, Eleanor Breslin, Esq., Cedar Crest College, and Steel Valley Investment Group, Inc. by making a donation or purchasing tickets at either of

two contribution levels, at: http://weblink.donorperfect.com/Bpeace_event

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Tickets for the film, panel discussion and dessert are a tax deductible contribution of \$45. Tickets for the above including the wine reception are a tax deductible contribution of \$75. All tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 9 - Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions before Primary Election

March 26 - The deadline for the Marcellus Shale consensus. Watch your e-mail for information about where and when the consensus meetings will be held.

April 19 - Last day to register, or change party, name or address before Primary Election

May 11 - Last day to apply for absentee ballot for Primary Election

May 14 - 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for county election board to receive absentee ballots

May 18 - **PRIMARY ELECTION**. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The **Annual Meeting** will be held in **May**. Watch for information about date and location.

ART OF GIVING SILENT AUCTION

An Art Auction at the Baum School of Art, supporting the Soup Kitchen of the Lehigh County Conference of Churches, will be held on Friday, March 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ed Pawlowski. Refreshment and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The Soup Kitchen continues to serve more and more noontime meals. Your admission cost will feed 100 people. Enjoy an evening of appreciating the work of local artists while contributing to the needs of people in our community facing difficult economic times.

Admission is \$25 per person - \$20 if paid in advance by cash or check

only. Make checks out to LCCC, note Art Auction, and include your name and phone number. Tickets will be held for you at the door. Send your early registration request to Sue Hight, 1160 South Hillview Road, Allentown PA 18103. For information, contact Sue at 610-435-5054.

Jan Seaman

!HOT TOPICS! -FEBRUARY 2010

Speaker: **Tracy Carluccio**

Deputy Director of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network

(<http://www.delawareriverkeeper.org/aboutus/whoweare.asp>)

Tracy Carluccio is the lead staff person working on the impacts of shale gas development on the Delaware River Watershed. She spoke of the dangers to the watershed in the context of the Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling. She showed a map of the Marcellus shale, a Devonian formation that covers 48,000 square miles and lies under much of Pennsylvania stretching from West Virginia into New York. 63%-64% of Pennsylvania lies over the Marcellus shale – the largest gas field in the nation. The gas industry has focused on this potentially lucrative source of natural gas and has signed thousands of leases to drill over the past three years. Some 200,000 acres have already been signed over in the upper Delaware River watershed in Pennsylvania and New York at prices ranging from \$1,000-\$6,000/acre, with royalties from 12% to 30%. There is dispute over domestic use of the gas that might be supplied by this source, a few say 100 years at most. The natural gas market is “notoriously unreliable.” Several years ago the price of natural gas was low but now that it is higher, the Marcellus shale is more attractive. In addition, new methods have made extraction more feasible. Exxon and Hess are involved, as well as overseas companies. More wells, about 2,300, were drilled in 2008 to 2009 than in any other year; and 5,200 are expected to be drilled this year.

The gas itself is a fossil fuel, roughly 95% methane. It burns 60%-70% cleaner at the flame than coal or oil, but it leaks greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. It is NOT renewable and it is NOT a carbon-free fuel.

Ms. Carluccio showed a map of New York that identified the water reservoirs for New York City and the Catskill Mountain area, gas drilling areas which overlap considerably. New York State put a temporary moratorium on new permits for drilling while an environmental impact statement (EIS) was underway. Some 12,000 comments were received by December 31, 2009, the end of New York State’s public comment period. However, the EIS that was issued was not comprehensive, did not address cumulative impacts, did not put regulations in place and only added some conditions to drilling. What New York does or does not do will affect Pennsylvania because a number of our counties are downstream of the Delaware River. The Delaware River watershed includes the largest free-flowing river system east of the Mississippi River. 5% of the United States population (15 million people, including 7-9 million in New York and 2.8 million in New Jersey) get their water from it. The Delaware River which runs 330 miles from Hancock, New York to the ocean is extraordinarily clean now. The stakes are very high in Pennsylvania in terms of the environment.

There are other sorts of shale in the Delaware River watershed (DRW), such as in Bucks County. Nockamixon Township tried to get some control over local shale gas drilling but was sued by the gas company. Two municipalities in western Pennsylvania also tried and were sued.

The methods of drilling include horizontal drilling; that is, going down a mile vertically and then going horizontal, a method which is “intrinsically polluting.” Most wells in the Delaware River watershed would be drilled horizontally. The drilling also includes

hydraulic fracturing or hydro-fracking which involves injecting fluid into the rock, cracking the rock, making fissures so the gas lying in tiny bubbles throughout the rock, is released into the well bore. 2-9 million gallons of water is need to extract the gas from just one well. Almost no water is returned to source, which is referred to as “consumptive or depleted loss.” 90% goes underground and, on average, only about 25% eventually comes back up. Some companies are trying to re-use what water they can. In 2008 two streams in Pennsylvania, water sources for drilling, were sucked completely dry. There are not adequate protections now for streams and the fish and other wildlife in the streams. In Pennsylvania, 85 hazardous chemicals, such as formaldehyde and biocides, are used in the drilling water. The New York State EIS lists 260 chemicals used, such as benzene, toluene, and naphthalene. There are 40 compounds used, of which the gas industry refuses to reveal the chemical components. The frack fluids can mix with both ground water and surface water, resulting in a wide variety of bad health effects, such as blindness, depression among many others. NO agency is banning these chemicals now and they are NOT included in the Federal Clean Water Act protections, although the gas industry claims there are protections. A bill has been introduced in the House and the Senate to ban frack chemicals in the Clean Water Act.

Tracy also showed some photographs taken in the Susquehanna River watershed in September 2009. At the Cabot well in Dimock, Pennsylvania, a pipe coupling broke and spilled fluids onto wetlands and into Stevens Creek, killing fish. The cleanup crew that was charged with dealing with the disaster asked for the names of

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chemicals at the spill to provide any possible antidotes and protect themselves in their clean-up work but Haliburton, the subcontractor, would not reveal what chemicals were spilled. Material data safety sheets later revealed hazardous and toxic materials. Spills do happen; unfortunately the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection had its budget cut by 28%. 68 inspectors were added to the existing 37 but that means only one inspector per 500 wells. In addition, Pennsylvania has streamlined its permitting system so gas drilling permits can be procured more quickly, and there is only an administrative checklist instead of a complete environmental review. One challenge posed by gas drilling is what to do with “produced water” or “flowback” from naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) when they exceed safety limits. Arsenic, chlorides, sulfates, benzene and a variety of heavy materials can be found in flowback, which can be 10 times more toxic than the oil drilling waste water. Attempts at safety at well sites, such as plastic lined storage pits, can have torn linings or overtopping in storms. In addition, methanol in flowback water emitted from an open pit volatilizes to air

in only 10 days causing air pollution which exceeds existing air quality standards. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection does not have adequate regulations for wells drilled in flood plains and we are overwhelmed with floods in the Delaware River watershed, such as the three major ones we had in recent years. Flood plains should be off limits for gas drilling. There is no monitoring of waterways for these hazards, and no baseline testing as a basis for comparison in any future years’ testing. Three times in the last five years, water advisories have been issued on the Monongahela River due to gas drilling and other issues. “We are poised to degrade our waterways with this drilling,” warned Carluccio. She gave the example of Duncan Creek at the Pennsylvania-West Virginia border which used to be a vibrant freshwater creek. In just 5 days of drilling, 35 miles of the stream were destroyed and 161 species of fish and aquatic life killed when it became a saltwater ecosystem. No further drilling permits should be issued until wastewater treatment plants can be built. Currently Pennsylvania is putting into place total dissolve standards (TDS), but they have not dealt with many of the hazardous chemicals and compounds. The gas industry wants no

such standards. Other gas drilling issues include: (1) wells are too crowded and there is no regulation for spacing of wells; (2) forest and other landscapes are being converted to industrial landscapes when surface vegetation is removed, compacted, or made impervious so that water cannot seep naturally (the Allegheny Forest has undergone such fragmentation); (3) the infrastructure of pipelines has its own negative impacts; (4) there is destruction of habitat and natural resources, for example from the 1,400 or so trucks per hydrofrack site; (5) the lights, noise, and truck activity that goes on 24/7 disrupts communities, as well as accidents, spills, gas fires, which are NOT uncommon. Carluccio said that regulations should be in place, permits should not be issued for now, support the Frack Act. There are no wells as yet in the Delaware River Watershed but they are coming our way. She urged listeners to take action and voice comments. She praised the League of Women Voters for its attention to this issue and applauded the consensus process.

Elizabeth Bodien

CAPITOL DAY OF ACTION FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE DEATH PENALTY, MARCH 16

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Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty is sponsoring a Day of Action in Harrisburg on Tuesday, March 16 in support of Senate Bill 1110. SB 1110, sponsored by Senator Jim Ferlo (D-Allegheny), would establish a commission to study all aspects of capital punishment in Pennsylvania and provides for a moratorium on the imposition of the death

penalty until completion and review of the commissions findings.

If you cannot attend the Day of Action you are urged to write, e-mail or call your State Senator and express your support for SB 1110. To find contact information for your PA Senator go to www.palwv.org and click on “Take Action.” Or you can use the following

direct link to the Action Page: <http://capwiz.com/lwv/pa/home/>.

Here are the details about the Day of Action followed by talking points.

10:00 a.m.: Meet at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, 118 State Street (block and a half from the main entrance of the capitol building).

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Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided. Brief training on talking points and meeting assignments will be offered.

11:00 a.m.: March to the capitol, gather in the rotunda.

11:30-3:00 p.m.: Lunch on your own, meetings with legislators (meetings will be set up in advance).

PADP will have a table set up in the main rotunda. This area will serve as our base, please visit the table with any questions and to return feedback forms following your meetings.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to ashelton@PADP.org and include the following information:

- Your name and contact info

- If you are willing to act as a "Lead Volunteer" or Driver on the day of the rally
- Your senate and house district numbers or your mailing address so that we can schedule your legislative appointment

[Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty](#)
PO Box 605, Harrisburg, PA 17108

Tell your lawmakers the truth about capital punishment! Innocent people on death row!

The PA Bar Association reported that we are at risk of executing an innocent person - this is not a risk that we should be willing to take.

Six people have been released from PA's death row due to innocence and

an astounding 135 have been exonerated nation wide.

Cameron Todd Willingham was executed in Texas in 2004 despite the overwhelming amount of evidence that leads to his innocence.

The cost of capital punishment is too high!

New Jersey found that it is as much as three times more expensive to execute someone than to keep them in prison for life.

We have alternatives to executions in Pennsylvania; we can keep our communities safe by handing out strict sentencing. All the money we save can go toward policing, safety measures for our prison guards and a host of other preventative services.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

At a recent Hot Topics lunch, Lehigh County Executive Don Cunningham was asked to appoint an environmentalist to the Lehigh County Authority. Listed below is meeting information and the current board as obtained from the Lehigh County Authority website.

Board of Directors | [Meeting Schedule, Agendas & Minutes](#) | [Customer Advisory Panel](#)

LCA's Board of Directors is made up of seven individuals appointed by the County of Lehigh. At its meetings, our Board discusses broad policy issues, upcoming or ongoing capital projects, financial management and long-range planning issues.

How Can You Participate? Our Board conducts two different types of meetings each month: a Workshop Meet-

ing and a Board Meeting. Both are open to the public. If you would like to address the Board, we recommend that you contact us ahead of time so we can add you to our agenda for either meeting. Otherwise, our Board Meeting agenda includes a period for public comment, which you should feel free to participate in.

Workshop Meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. in our conference room. These meetings are intended for discussion of strategic issues that may require Board action in the coming month(s).

Board Meetings are generally held on the fourth Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. in our conference room. A formal agenda is prepared for this meeting and mailed out to the local

media, municipal officials and other interested parties. Our Board Meeting agenda always includes an open period for public comments. Board meetings are intended for official Board action on any necessary items and consideration of any public, staff or solicitor's comments

PROFILE OF AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS - 2009

Asa M. Hughes, Chairman – Term Expires December 31, 2009

Mr. Hughes holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Theoretical and Mechanics. He is a Principal in LB&W Design Associates Inc. an Architectural and Engineering Firm. Mr. Hughes has served on

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many local community organizations. He has been Chairman of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Lehigh Valley, President of Allentown Rotary, and served on the Board of Directors of Kutztown University Foundation, Swain School, Phoebe Home and numerous committees throughout the Lehigh Valley. Mr. Hughes became an Authority Board member in March 2005.

Thomas S. Muller, Vice Chair – Term Expires December 31, 2011

Mr. Muller holds degrees from both the Journalism and Business schools at Syracuse University and an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is the Director of Administration for the County of Lehigh and has over 40 years of previous experience in the private sector, including positions as President and Chief Operating Officer for Binney & Smith, Executive VP for Victaulic and President & CEO for NVent, LLC. Mr. Muller has been a resident of the Lehigh Valley for almost 19 years and has served on a number of non-profit boards, including 18 years on the Board of Easton Hospital where he is in his 4th year as Chairman. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Business Management at Cedar Crest College. Mr. Muller became an Authority Board member in December 2006.

Richard H. Bohner, Secretary – Term Expires December 31, 2012

Mr. Bohner holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Lehigh University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Pennsylvania State University. He is retired from Pennsylvania Power & Light Company where he was Manager of Customer Support Systems. During his career, he was active in the Edison Electric Institute. Mr. Bohner has served as an Authority Board member since 1972 and has received the Sahli Award and the Extended Service

Award from the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association. Appraisal Institute, the Society of Industrial & Office Realtors (SIOR), and Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) and holds the prestigious CCIM designation of the National Association of Realtors®. Ms. Dietrick has been a PA Certified General Appraiser in the Lehigh Valley since 1997 and is the current chair of the Program Committee for CREW-Lehigh Valley. In 2008 Ms. Dietrick was granted the Suits Award for Professionalism in the Lehigh Valley. Ms. Dietrick became an Authority Board member in September 2007.

Emrich M. Stellar Jr., Treasurer – Term Expires December 31, 2010

Mr. Stellar earned his undergraduate degree from East Stroudsburg University and his Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designation from the American College in Bryn Mawr. Emrich is a managing Partner of the Stellar Advisor Group located in Bethlehem, PA. Mr. Stellar is the immediate past president of the Lehigh Valley Society of Financial Services Professionals and a current Board member. He is a member of the Lehigh Valley Estate Planning Council, the Historic Bethlehem Partnership, and a Cub master of Pack 199. In the 1990's Emrich was publicly elected to two terms on the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Stellar became an Authority Board member in July 2006.

Linda Dietrick, Assistant Secretary – Term Expires December 31, 2009

Ms. Dietrick holds degrees from New York University Real Estate Institute; Schlicker Kratz Real Estate School; Kutztown University; and Allentown Business School. She is the owner and managing partner of the Dietrick Group LLC. An expert in the valuation and brokerage of commercial and residential real estate, Ms. Dietrick

brings over twenty years of experience to her corporate endeavor. She is also an associate member of the (IREM) and holds the prestigious CCIM designation of the National Association of Realtors®. Ms. Dietrick has been a PA Certified General Appraiser in the Lehigh Valley since 1997 and is the current chair of the Program Committee for CREW-Lehigh Valley. In 2008 Ms. Dietrick was granted the Suits Award for Professionalism in the Lehigh Valley. Ms. Dietrick became an Authority Board member in September 2007.

Brian C. Nagle, Member – Term Expires December 31, 2013

Mr. Nagle holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rutgers University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Nagle is a life-long resident of the Lehigh Valley, and is now retired from PPL Corporation after 38 years of service in engineering, project management, environmental management and regulatory affairs. He was a founding Board member of the Sustainable Energy Fund and currently serves on the Board of the Wildlands Conservancy. Mr. Nagle has also been involved in the Lehigh Valley's initiatives to preserve open space and revitalize abandoned industrial sites. Mr. Nagle's has been an Authority Board member since 2009.

One Vacant Seat – TBD by Lehigh County Executive, Don Cunningham
<http://www.lehighcountyauthority.org/index.cfm?pag=78>

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DEPARTMENT OF PEACE STUDY

The LWV Columbia-Boone County, Missouri, (90 years old) proposes that the LWVUS 2010 National Convention adopt a study on the establishment of a cabinet level Department of Peace.

January 2010 - Key Points

A Cabinet level Department of Peace would:

1. Help communities reduce domestic violence and violence in schools by evaluating and disseminating model programs and awarding grants.
2. Advocate a pro-active approach to preventing the eruption of conflict internationally by addressing the causes of conflict before violent conflict has arisen. This would include considerations of arms control and international cooperation for conflict management.
3. Place a strong advocate for violence reduction and peaceful conflict resolution within the Cabinet so that these approaches are being advocated during the earliest high level discussions of problems.
4. Create a Peace Academy similar the military academies where, after graduation, graduates will serve for five years either within the U.S., or internationally, in pre/post conflict situations.
5. Consolidate and expand some of the existing programs within the federal government which address small pieces of the problems.

The League has a number of national positions that relate to this topic but none that elevate it to a level where it can receive the attention it deserves.

Richard Parker
For the Peace Committee
LWV Columbia-Boone County,
Missouri

MARCELLUS SHALE STUDY

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania's study of Marcellus Shale gas extraction will end soon.

In addition to the next Hot Topics lunch meeting, you

can learn about the issues involved at www.palwv.org. For those of you who need a quick overview of the reasons for the study, go to www.lwvlv.org for a reprint of the Pennsylvania

LWV introductory article from last summer's PA Voter.

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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
Half Page - \$50 for 1 month, \$250 for a year.

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.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY

PROPOSED BUDGET TO BE PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 1, 2010 -- JUNE 30, 2011

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MONTHS	BUDGET
	07/01/07 -	07/01/08 -	07/01/09 -	actual to date	07/01/10 -
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>06/30/08</u>	<u>06/30/09</u>	<u>06/30/10</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>06/30/11</u>
A. Dues (\$55 & \$82.50)	\$3,702.50	\$3,377.50	\$3,520.00	\$2,327.50	\$3,190.00
B. Contributions					
1. Members - Cash	\$460.00	\$585.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
2. Corporations	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
3. Phone-A-Thon	248.00	192.00	200.00	117.00	200.00
4. Friends	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
	\$2,208.00	\$2,477.00	\$2,250.00	\$117.00	\$2,200.00
C. In-kind Contributions	\$51.09				
1. Members		\$649.02	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
2. Printing of Voters' Guides		0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
		\$649.02	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
D. Publications & Programs					
1. "How To Run for Office" Wrkshp	\$0.00	\$2,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
2. Government Directory	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
3. Website/Domain Name	237.70	0.00	100.00	0.00	75.00
4. Others	144.90	0.00	100.00	0.00	50.00
	\$382.60	\$2,030.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$1,225.00
E. Other Sources					
1. Special Fundraising Projects	\$122.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Annual Meeting	450.00	500.00	600.00	0.00	650.00
3. Legislative Event	905.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. Bulletin Ads	200.00	75.00	200.00	350.00	400.00
5. Money Market Interest	9.85	0.95	820.00	0.00	0.00
C.D. Interest				921.53	100.00
6. Miscellaneous	172.50	1,510.40	100.00	13.00	50.00
	\$1,859.35	\$2,086.35	\$1,820.00	\$1,284.53	\$1,200.00
F. Reserves					\$10.60
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$8,203.54</u>	<u>\$10,619.87</u>	<u>\$9,440.00</u>	<u>\$3,729.03</u>	<u>\$8,875.60</u>

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MONTHS	BUDGET
	07/01/07 -	07/01/08 -	07/01/09 -	actual to date	07/01/10 -
EXPENDITURES	06/30/08	06/30/09	06/30/10	2009-2010	06/30/11
A. Operating Costs					
1. Liability Insurance	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
2. Bulk Mail Permit/P.O. Box	215.00	104.84	45.00	44.00	45.00
3. PA Sales & Use Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. Miscellaneous	67.50	133.99	50.00	20.00	50.00
	\$407.50	\$363.83	\$220.00	\$189.00	\$220.00
B. Board & Administrative Committees					
1. Officers & Board	\$190.96	\$29.91	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
2. Administrative Committees					
a. Finance	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
b. Membership	207.79	182.40	200.00	70.98	150.00
c. Public Relations	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
	\$398.75	\$212.31	\$435.00	\$70.98	\$285.00
C. Delegates, Travel, Affiliates					
1. LWV US/PA Convention	\$0.00	\$1,307.82	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
2. Workshops, Other Meetings, & Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. Annual Meeting	472.94	500.00	600.00	0.00	650.00
	\$472.94	\$1,807.82	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00
D. Assessments					
1. LWVUS PMP (\$29.20/43.80)		\$1,812.00	\$1,868.00	\$117.00	\$1,693.60
LWVUS PMP (\$26.80/40.20)					
LWVUS PMP	\$1,755.60				
2. LWVPA PMP (\$19.00/28.50)		1,263.51	1,216.00	635.00	1,102.00
LWVPA PMP (\$18.50/27.75)	1,273.00				
	\$3,028.60	\$3,075.51	\$3,084.00	\$752.00	\$2,795.60
SUB-TOTAL FORWARDED	\$4,307.79	\$5,459.47	\$5,839.00	\$1,011.98	\$4,950.60

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	6 MONTHS	BUDGET
	07/01/07 -	07/01/08 -	07/01/09 -	actual to date	07/01/10 -
EXPENDITURES	06/30/08	06/30/09	06/30/10	2009-2010	06/30/11
SUB-TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD	\$4,307.79	\$5,459.47	\$5,839.00	\$1,011.98	\$4,950.60
E. Bulletin					
1. Supplies, Duplicating	\$611.10	\$824.11	\$500.00	\$247.00	\$500.00
2. Postage	495.83	354.67	300.00	146.08	300.00
	\$1,106.93	\$1,178.78	\$800.00	\$393.08	\$800.00
F. Educational Activities					
1. Publications (purchased)	\$0.00	\$228.96	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
2. Program Committees	108.78	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
3. Voters Service					
a. Voters Guide (postage & printing)	272.24	144.98	900.00	81.62	900.00
b. Candidates Nights	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
c. Citizen Education	40.00	130.38	250.00	0.00	150.00
d. Government Directory	466.40	0.00	500.00	0.00	50.00
4. "How to Run for Office" Wrkshp	0.00	857.51	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
5. Citizen Information Telephone	672.86	682.33	700.00	335.67	700.00
6. Website/Domain Name	275.40	230.24	225.00	152.97	100.00
7. Miscellaneous	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
	\$1,885.68	\$2,324.40	\$2,750.00	\$570.26	\$3,075.00
G. Position Support					
1. Legislative Action					
a. Legislative Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
b. Legislative Event	699.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	\$699.60	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
H. Reserves			\$1.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,000.00	\$8,962.65	\$9,440.00	\$1,975.32	\$8,875.60
ACTUAL YEAR DIFFERENCE	\$203.54	\$1,657.22		\$1,753.71	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEHIGH COUNTY
Budget Notes

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

INCOME

A. Dues

Reflects actual membership count as of 1/31/10:

49 individuals @ \$55 = \$ 2695.00 ; 6 households @ \$82.50 = \$ 495.00 ;
(Total: \$3190.00)

(Note: In Budget 1998-1999, dues were \$42 & \$63; from 1999-2000 to 2002-2003, dues were \$45 & \$68; in Budget 2003, dues were set at \$50 & \$75; in Budget 2007, dues were set at \$55 & \$82.50.)

B. Contributions

1. Members
Same as previous year
2. Corporations
Same as previous year
3. Phone-A-Thon
Same as previous year
4. Friends
Decrease from previous year

C. In-kind Contributions

1. Members
Decrease from previous year

(Note: Committee encourages members to report in-kind contributions for better accuracy in budgeting.)

2. Printing of Voters' Guide
Same as previous year -- Morning Call contribution
(also included as an expense in Expenditures F3a)

D. Publications & Programs

1. "How to Run for Office" Workshop
Workshop to be held this fall
2. Government Directory
Decrease from previous year – some restricted corporate monies included
3. Website/Domain Name
Decrease from previous year – new provider
4. Others
(Lunches, Pub sales)
Decrease from previous year

E. Other Sources

1. Special Fundraising Projects
(e.g. Entertainment Books, bus trips during fiscal year)
Decrease from previous year
2. Annual Meeting
Increase over previous year & same as expenses
3. Legislative Event
None scheduled at this time
4. Bulletin Ads
Increase over previous year
5. C.D. Interest
Decrease from previous year
(Money market account closed)
6. Miscellaneous
(e.g. Northampton County reimbursements, etc.)
Decrease from previous year

F. Reserves

EXPENDITURES

A. Operating Costs

1. Liability Insurance
Same as previous year
2. P.O. Box
Same as previous year
3. PA Sales & Use Tax
No amount -- no activity (Need to retain line item for possible future sales)
4. Miscellaneous
Same as previous year

B. Board & Administrative Committees

1. Officers & Board
Decrease from previous year
2. Administrative Committees
 - a. Finance
Same as previous year
 - b. Membership
Decrease from previous year
 - c. Public Relations
Same as previous year

C. Delegates, Travel, Affiliates

1. LWV US/**PA** Convention
Decrease from previous year
2. Workshops & Other Meetings
Same as previous year
3. Annual Meeting
Increase over previous year & same as income

D. Assessments

- Reflects actual membership count as of 1/31/10:
1. LWVUS PMP
49 individuals @ \$29.20 = \$ 1430.80; 6 households @ \$43.80 = \$ 262.80 ;
(Total: \$1693.60)
 2. LWVPA PMP
49 individuals @ \$19.00 = \$ 931.00; 6 households @ \$28.50 = \$ 171.00 ;
(Total: \$1102.00)

E. Bulletin

1. Supplies, Duplicating
Same as previous year
2. Postage (Bulletin)
Same as previous year

F. Educational Activities

1. Publications (purchased)
Same as previous year
2. Program Committees
Same as previous year
3. Voters Service
 - a. Voters Guide
Now includes Postage of \$150 (same as previous year) and Printing of \$750
(same as in-kind contribution from Morning Call included in Income C2)

(Note: Mailing of Voters Guide eliminated to members who receive the Morning Call.
All contributors continue to receive mailed copy.)

- b. Candidates Nights
Same as previous year
 - c. Citizen Education
Decrease from previous year
 - d. Government Directory
Decrease from previous year
4. "How to Run for Office" Workshop
Workshop to be held in fall

5. Citizen Information Telephone
Same as previous year
- 6, Website/Domain Name
Decrease from previous year
7. Miscellaneous
(e.g. bus trip expenses)
Same as previous year

G. Position Support

1. Legislative Activities
Same as previous year
(\$25 – Green Valley Coalition dues; \$25 – Postage for Legislative action mail)
2. Legislative Event
None scheduled at this time

H. Reserves

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Members of Budget Committee: Doris A. Glaessmann, Chair; Patricia Hoffman, Treasurer; Mary Anne Rood, President, Molly Faust

(NOTE: Bold Italic are changes from last year)

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