About the League

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. The League's enduring vitality and resonance comes from its unique decentralized structure. The League is a grassroots organization, working at the national, state and local levels.

There are Leagues in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hong Kong, in addition to the hundreds of local Leagues nationwide. The League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters Education Fund operate at the national level with grassroots support from state and local Leagues.

The League of Women Voters is strictly nonpartisan; it neither supports nor opposes candidates for office at any level of government. At the same time, the League is wholeheartedly political and works to influence policy through advocacy. It is the original grassroots citizen network, directed by the consensus of its members nationwide. The 900 state and local Leagues – comprising a vast grassroots lobby corps that can be mobilized when necessary.

Over time, the League's legislative priorities change to reflect the needs of society and critical issues of concern. The organization remains true to its basic purpose: to make democracy work for all citizens. The League of Women Voters makes a difference in the lives of citizens because of the energy and passion of thousands of members committed to our principles.

2016-2017 Membership

Interested in becoming a member?

Contact: Michelle Gray Phone: (814) 723-4198 Email: lwvwc@yahoo.com

Annual dues of \$55.00 may be mailed to:

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WARREN COUNTY

Our Purpose

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of the United States is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Our Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

> National Website: <u>www.lwv.org</u> State Website: <u>www.palwv.org</u> Local Website: <u>www.lwvwc.org</u> Local Email: <u>lwvwc@yahoo.com</u>

Local LWV Annual Activities

Fall Membership Event

Candidate Forum

Voter Registration

Legislative Interview Luncheon

Winter Program Planning

Annual Meeting

New! Local Hot Topic Luncheons

Meeting Attendance Not Required

League Principles

The LWV believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.

The LWV believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.

The LWV believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.

The LWV believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.

The LWV believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.

The LWV believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

LWV Projects & Contributions

Voter Registration

• LWV representative at each high school to encourage seniors to register.

Government Directory

• Comprehensive listing of government officials in local, state & national capacities for local citizens.

The Warren Voter

 Newsletter detailing club updates & program bulletins.

Research & Studies

• Access to national & state research & resources for informed voting.

Candidate Forum

• Our area's only candidate forum.

Legislative Interview Luncheon

• Meet our local legislators to discuss current issues.