



LWV of Pike County Newsletter

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Local League News!



The League of Women Voters of Pike County continues this year to serve all of Pike County in preparing for upcoming elections - next up is Nov. 7th See our **Calendar of Events** listed below.

At our annual meeting in May, new officers were elected as follows:

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| President | - Lara Anne Dodsworth |
| Vice President | - Liz Forrest |
| Treasurer | - Bette Eagan |
| Recording Secretary | - Carol Comando |
| Corresponding Secretary | - Bonnie Samuelson |

"It is important for every voter to be fully informed and we strive to provide educational information relevant to each current election," said Lara Anne Dodsworth. She believes circulating information on voter services and current election topics to as many voters, throughout all of Pike County, as possible is a primary goal for this year. Another is increasing public awareness of all the services provided by LWV Pike County volunteers and another goal is increasing our membership.

The League of Women Voters of Pike County welcomes all men and women from Pike, Monroe, and Wayne County. Regardless of your political affiliation, our group is non-partisan and never supports a candidate. We are a volunteer group always looking for new members with a Membership Committee under the leadership of Marcia Guberman, Committee Chair.

If you have suggestions, would like to join or would like our group to present a program or present in a particular location, let us know!

be an Informed Voter!

Each year the League of Women Voters of Pike County intends to hold an event that will not only circulate information relevant to current elections but will also allow candidates and voters to interact. The event has been named "be an Informed Voter!" so look for it each year. We invite the general public to this event and offer the event for free so

long as donations will allow it. If feasible, we will have this event prior to the primary and general election of each year.

May 9th - LWV Pike County hosted an opportunity to meet the candidates before the Primary Election at the Pike County Library. It was informal and a way for each candidate to introduce themselves and then have time to interact one on one with voters. The room was packed and we are currently looking for other venues for next year.

October 23rd - This year's educational event to provide information to help voters make decisions on November 7th is being organized (informational speaker, moderator, etc.) and is expected to be held at the Dingman Delaware Middle School on October 23rd for the purpose of providing formation on issues relevant to the local school board elections. Details will follow. Pike County is geographically a large area to cover and the Dingman Delaware Middle School will allow seating for many, with lighting and room to circulate and speak one on one. We intend to have more events located throughout the county.

Our slogan, "be an Informed Voter!", is a collaboration but largely credited to member Jane Neufeld who actively and tirelessly contributes to many different groups in an effort to keep the community fully informed.

Help us make this twice a year "be an Informed Voter!" event a reality...if you can volunteer by helping with ideas and locations or with organizing before or attendance at the event, please email us at LWVpikecounty@gmail.com.

State League

Remember that every member of League of Women Voters of Pike County is automatically enrolled as a member of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. The state league is a resource for valuable information on voter services as well as topics that affect Pennsylvania residents. The local league concentrates on the information voters will find useful to make decisions on local races. Both the local league and the state league help keep voters informed to make decisions that will have impact on Pennsylvania. One such issue is the movement to amend the PA State Constitution to allow our voting district boundaries to be set by an independent committee. Learn more at FairDistrictsPA.com or email LWVpikecounty@gmail.com.

Suzanne Alemeida, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania has written a letter in which she expressed that the state league stands against hate and authorized each league to circulate her words. "The Pike County Local League members want each member of our local league to be informed and speak for themselves. I recognize **hate has no place** - whether against religion, race, socio-economic status, sexual preference, cultural beliefs or any other status. I speak for myself and I encourage members of LWV of Pike County to speak for themselves." Lara Anne Dodsworth.

Membership

The League of Women Voters of Pike County is now a local chapter. Since August, 2015 we were no longer considered a member at large (MAL) unit of the state league. At our annual meeting in May, dues were raised to:

Individual membership	- \$65
Family Memberships	- \$95

includes two family members
each additional member of family - \$30

Although in June and July there was much confusion as to membership renewals, required payments to the state and national, etc., as the role of Treasurer switched from Cheryl Glenn to Bette Eagan, the dust has settled. Member dues are paid annually and the annual membership runs from July 1st through June 30th. Invoices for annual dues will be emailed each June and are due by June 30th of each year.

"Congratulations to Bette Eagan - our new Treasurer! Please know that we have every confidence in your ability to keep our books straight! Best wishes to Cheryl Glenn as you pursue other endeavors and thank you as we truly appreciate your volunteer service as past Treasurer." Lara Anne Dodsworth, President.

If you have any questions as to your membership payments, please contact Bette Eagan directly at bnjeagan@ptd.net. For all other membership questions, including how to become a member, please contact lwpikepa@gmail.com.

Fall Schedule

September 8 – LWV of Pike County Participates in Senior Expo
Dingman Twp Fire Hall, 680 Log Tavern Road, Milford 10 am - 2 pm

September 9 – Member Social: Pot Luck Social
Matamoras Borough Hall - 3 pm - 6 pm

*We welcome potential new members from all over Pike County!
Bring a pot luck food dish. Whether store bought or home-made, it is
your presence that matters!*

*Other socials (November, March, May) will be offered throughout Pike
County as long as we have volunteers!*

September 26 – National Voter Registration Day
*There will be a number of locations with voter registration and
absentee ballot forms. Email: lwpikecounty@gmail.com and join us in
helping residents of your township/borough/community be provided
with every opportunity to vote!*

October 10 – Last Day to REGISTER to Vote on Nov 7th

October 23 – be an Informed Voter!
*Come learn about issues relevant to this year's school board elections.
Informational Speaker/Details to be provided at Sept. 8th Senior Expo.*

October 31 – Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballot

**November 3 – Last Day for Absentee Ballot
to be received at
Board of Elections Office, Milford, PA**

November 7 – 2017 General Election
Please volunteer as an Observer for Election Day!!

December 3 – Holiday Party

General Member Meetings, Committee Meetings and Member Socials will be circulated by email! To stay informed, make sure we have your correct email by contacting us at LWVpikecounty@gmail.com

