FORUM FOR CANDIDATES FOR NEWARK CITY COUNCIL MARCH 15

The League of Women Voters of New Castle County; American Association of University Women, Newark Chapter; and the Newark Senior Center are sponsoring a public forum for candidates for Newark City Council.

When: Tuesday, March 15, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark


Following the Forum a “Meet and Greet” will be held for unopposed candidates: Mayor Polly Sierer and District 6 Councilman Stu Markham.

Members of the audience will be provided index cards throughout the program on which to write questions for the candidates. The League of Women Voters of New Castle County will moderate the forum and members of the League and AAUW Newark will staff the event.

The forum will be video recorded and posted, in its entirety, for later viewing on the League website at lwvdelaware-newcastlecounty.org.

Carole Walsh, Moderator and Co-Chair

RESIDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS—HELP NEEDED

Every two years, the League of Women Voters of New Castle County is called upon to act as a third party for Wilmington Housing Authority resident council elections. The Authority provides the ballots and from 6-7 pm. on various evenings, 2-3 league members conduct the elections, then count the ballots and declare the winners. That time has come again this March and April so I am in need of some helpers. League training can be done on the spot. It doesn’t take very long to count the ballots so the time commitment is 1-1/2 hours. The sites are all located in Wilmington and I have never had a parking problem. It’s very rewarding to help these folks out, and it certainly goes along with the league policy of helping people carry out the democratic process.

If you would be willing to help, please call Pat Todd at 302-762-5995 or email me at ptoddwilm@aol.com. Thank you.

VOTER OUTREACH

League members will be registering voters at the following places this month: James H Grove High School, Monday March 7th and Thursday March 10th, 5:30 PM till 6:30 PM
Volunteers are still needed for William Penn Jobs for Delaware Graduates Career Fair, Tuesday March 22nd, 10:00 AM -noon, William Penn High School, Basin Road, New Castle.
Contact Patti Christopher, Voter Registration Coordinator wicjr4@verizon.net
Look for your special invitation coming in the mail

The League of Women Voters of New Castle County

Cordially invites you to attend the presentation of the Tenth Carrie Chapman Catt Award to Moonyeen Klopfenstein, La Vaida Owens-White and Priscilla B. Rakestraw

Tuesday, April 12, 2016
5:45 - 6:30 pm Social Hour (Cash Bar) 6:30 - 7:45 pm Dinner; 7:45 - 8:45 Presentations

University of Delaware, Arsht Hall, 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, DE.

Moonyeen Klopfenstein, MS, RN, usually known as “Kloppy”, has been a registered nurse for 50 years and is still working at Christiana Hospital. The name Moonyeen is an Irish form of Mary.

Kloppy is the founder of the “Loving Arms” Support Group which was started in 1978 for parents who had lost a baby through an ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death. The group continues to meet, making it the longest continuously running program in the country. It is available to grieving parents throughout Delaware.

She started, and continues a bereavement education program for medical students and residents entitled “How to Give Bad News Appropriately”. She also continues to teach a statewide program on preparation for end-of-life (at any age) called “What If? Make Your Wishes Known”.

Kloppy served as Director of Maternal-Child Health, Psychiatric Services and Infectious Diseases for Christiana Care. She has been the President of the Delaware Nurses Association, Delaware Organization of Nurse Executives, Delaware End of Life Coalition and was Vice-Chair for the Delaware Stroke Initiative. She was one of the first lactation consultants at Christiana Care.

Kloppy has been honored by many groups including the YWCA and the March of Dimes. She has been inducted into the Delaware Commission for Women’s “Hall of Fame”. Delaware Today magazine named her a Nurse of the Year for her 2013-15 volunteer services. She is currently serving as the 2nd Vice-President for the LWVNCC.

La Vaida Owens-White is a Faith Community Nurse serving the congregation of Christ Our King RC Church in Wilmington, the Interdenominational Ministers Action Council of Delaware, the Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families, the Delaware Region Health Ministries Network, the Interfaith Clergy Group of the Ninth Ward, and the State Chapter of the NAACP as well as the Wilmington Branch of the NAACP.

Ms. Owens-White has over fifty years of nursing experience in acute and long-term care, rehabilitation and community health. Ms. White retired from Christiana Care Health System in 2010 after 20 years of service, the last area being in Community Health and Education Outreach at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center as Faith Community Nurse assisting congregations, synagogues, temples, in establishing congregational health ministries.

(Continued on page 3 Carrie Chapman Catt Awards)
La Vaida earned her graduate degree in nursing at the University of Delaware, undergraduate degree in nursing at Wilmington University and associate degree at Delaware Technical Community College. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, the Delaware Nurses Association and Tau Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., a professional nursing organization founded in 1932. The mission of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. is in providing “Service to Humanity”.

La Vaida is the proud mother of a daughter and son-in-law. She has four grandsons and one granddaughter, eight siblings and a host of nieces and nephews. Her enjoyment comes through family and friends.

Priscilla B. Rakestraw Among Priscilla’s extensive community, organizational, and fundraising activities, she has been Development Director for the Ministry of Caring since November, 2012. In recognition of her prior volunteer efforts, Brother Ronald presented her with the Caring Bowl, the symbol of caring for the homeless and hungry.

Priscilla joined the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition in April, 2005 as Development Director and quickly developed a passion for the life-saving fight against breast cancer.

Priscilla’s work experiences include her career in human resources and career development at the Du Pont Company; elected office as New Castle County Register in Chancery (the first woman elected to that position). She helped develop the Du Pont Company’s sexual harassment and substance abuse programs, presenting these programs at sites throughout the country.

Priscilla was elected as Delaware’s Republican National Committeewoman in 1975 and served until August, 2012. She is the longest serving national committee member for either party in history. As Chair of the Credentials Committee, she addressed the national audience at the Republican National Convention in Dallas, Texas. She has chaired or co-chaired hundreds of local, statewide, and national campaigns, including the Delaware campaigns for Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, George W. Bush and Senator John McCain. Priscilla has represented the Republican National Committee and the White House, leading delegations to Scotland, England, Mexico, and Taiwan.

An advocate for women in leadership, politics and government, she is a strong believer in the philosophy, “you do well when you do ‘good’. And clearly, Priscilla practices what she preaches.
LEAGUE DAY IN DOVER  
Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Outlook at the Duncan Center, 500 West Loockerman Street, Dover, DE 19904

Access to Justice: Current Issues in Delaware’s General Assembly:  
Bail Reform, Pre-trial Detention, Minimum Mandatory Sentencing, and Solitary Confinement

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Delaware. Cosponsors: American Association of University Women (AAUW); American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow; Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ); Delaware Coalition for Open Government (DelCOG); Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice

Come learn and advocate with the League on four key issues the LWV of Delaware and our cosponsors are addressing during the 148th session of our General Assembly. Hear from speakers on these topics: Bail Reform, Pre-trial Detention, Minimum Mandatory Sentencing, and Solitary Confinement. In addition, our luncheon speaker, The Honorable Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. will report on findings of the Access to Justice Commission which he established to study these and related issues. Enjoy lunch with fellow members and legislators, then visit Legislative Hall with a volunteer, registered lobbyist to meet with your Representative and Senator to present LWVDE Position Papers that express our views on each of these issues, and to attend Committee hearings.

8:30-9 AM  Registration and refreshments

PROGRAM

9:00 AM  Welcome: Jill Fuchs, President

9:05 AM  Moderator: Sandy Spence, Advocacy Corps Chair will introduce and frame the issues and introduce speakers. Each speaker’s schedule will include time for Q&A

9:15 AM  Bail Reform: Alan Davis, Chief Magistrate, Justice of the Peace Court

9:45 AM  Pretrial Detention: Brian Bartley, Office of the Public Defender

10:15 AM  Break

10:30 AM  Minimum Mandatory Sentencing and Collateral Consequences: Ryan Tack–Hooper, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council, American Civil Liberties Union - DE

11:00 AM  Solitary Confinement: Rep. J. J. Johnson, Chair, House Corrections Committee

11:30  Lunch with Legislators (buffet)

12:00 PM  Access to Justice : Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr.

1:30 PM  Attendees will visit legislators to provide them with fact sheets on the issues discussed today as well as other LWVDE issues. Individuals are encouraged to attend sessions of the House and Senate committee hearings in Legislative Hall in the afternoon.

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR LEAGUE DAY IN DOVER, MARCH 23, 2016

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Contact 302-571-8948

Send this form and check (if using check) to LWVDE, 2400 W. 17th Street, Clash Wing, Room 1, Lower Level, Wilmington, DE 19806-1311. Please call the League office at 302-571-8948 or e-mail lwvde@comcast.net if you have any questions. www.lwvdelaware.org

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The updated Membership Roster 2016 will be ready towards the end of March. Those who paid for a paper copy will have it mailed to them. All members will receive the roster by email as well.

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS who did the following work during January: Thanks to Carole Walsh and Judy Taggart for planning the forum for Newark City Council candidates to be held on March 15. Thanks to Peggy Schultz and Jane Dilley who planned speakers for the Hot Topic Lunch held in February. And thank you to Bob Hasse who is collating the welcome packets to new citizens for the naturalization ceremony to be held in March and also helped collate the bulk mailing for League Day in Dover. Thanks to Vicky Kleinman for organizing the Great Decisions group that meets at the Newark Library nearly every month. Thanks to Joyce Johnson, chair of the Carrie Chapman Catt Awards banquet planning committee and its members, who are working on final plans for this grand event.

Your Membership Committee
GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

GREAT DECISIONS

What: Great Decisions: The Rise of ISIS
When: 3rd Monday, March 21, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Where: Newark Free Library
Who: Discussion Leader, Doris Crowley
What else: Lunch for those who wish it
When: Before the discussion, noon - 1:15 pm
Where: Bamboo House
How: Call Vicky Kleinman [302-731-4950] to arrange seating


PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Black History is celebrated every year during the Month of February. By the time this newsletter is released, we will have completed the month-long celebration. In order to have an awareness of cultural understanding, think about how you can address the issue of racial disharmony throughout the entire year.

Listed below you’ll find interesting reading, suggestions to promote greater understanding of problems that are inherent in many places in our society.

It’s the Little things (2000) by Lena Williams (with a foreword by Charlayne Hunter-Gault)
Everyday Interactions that Anger, Annoy and Divide the Races
(Candid and enlightening - what blacks and whites say about each other, but not to each other…
(N.Y. Times Notable Book of the Year 2000)

The Black Calhouns: From Civil War to Civil Rights with One African American Family (2016)
By Gail Lumet Buckley (Gail Buckley is the daughter of Lena Horne) “Gail Lumet Buckley reminds us how personal African American History still is. From Jim Crow to Reconstruction in the South, to World War II, and the beginnings of mass political activism for equality – Buckley relates black survival and progress through the experience of her ambitious, complicated family.” Darryl Pinckney – author of Black Vote and U.S. Democracy, among other notable works of non-fiction

How the Civil Rights Movement Lead to Affirmative Action, multiculturalism and stalemate.

(A collection of ten essays from Scholars from various disciplines…) “No other work succeeds so admirably or so succinctly in explaining why, at the end of the twentieth century, race relations in the "United States exhibit such deeply contradictory trends.”

The Invention of Wings (2014) by Sue Monk Kidd (Author of The Secret Life of Bees)
“Kidd had done a marvelous of capturing two special and vibrant voices…I can’t recall reading a book about slavery that presented in such vivid and heartbreaking detail just what the daily life and labor felt like.” MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE "A total revelation…the book is balanced by two extraordinary women: real-life abolitionist and feminist, Sarah Grimke, and the imagined hand-maiden, Handful, who nearly leaps off every page." Essence Magazine
This work of fiction is listed on Oprah’s Reading List.

Brown is the New White: How the Demographic Revolution Has Created a New American Majority (2016) By Steve Phillips “His book sparks important conversation about what increasing racial and cultural diversity
(Continued on page 7 President’s Message)
will mean for American Politics and Policy.” Senator Cory Booker, N.J.

Last, but not Least, Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow: Mass incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, A book that has been studied, read and reread. There are study groups and book clubs and national acclaim and notoriety, surround this brilliant work. Michelle Alexander is a civils rights litigator and legal scholar. She received the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work, Nonfiction. *The New Jim Crow was originally published in 2010.*

Emily White, President LWVNCC

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY TEAMING UP WITH GRAMMY-AWARD WINNING ARTIST PATTY GRIFFIN TO EMPOWER VOTERS**

**Wilmington is part of 39-stop Tour and Voter Engagement Drive: “USE YOUR VOICE”**

**Wilmington, DE** – The League of Women Voters of New Castle County today announced they will be teaming up with recording artist Patty Griffin and touring mates Sara Watkins and Anais Mitchell to empower voters at an upcoming concert to be held at **The Grand Opera House on March 2, 2016 at 8 P.M.**

The event is part of a 39-city tour. At the concert, local League of Women Voters volunteers will be on-hand to help fans get the election information they need, including how to update their voter registration, find easy-to-understand local candidate and voting information, or learn about getting involved in the League's work to engage voters nationwide.

According to artist Patty Griffin, “I am so excited about this upcoming tour! It all started with me looking for a way to participate in the world as I’ve grown older – you know, complain a little less, do a little more. I then came across \information that was as surprising to me about voting in the US: single women are an incredibly influential voting group, and too many are not turning out to vote. This is troubling on a lot of levels, but the most troubling one to me is that so many in this group, of which I am a member, find so little to connect with in the workings of government. So little that we don’t bother.”

“I am hoping with this tour to bang the drum about our democracy, about our communities, and even about our neighbors down the street,” Griffin concluded.

“Our League is excited to be a part of this inspiring tour,” said Emily White, President of the League of Women Voters of New Castle County. “With our presidential primary coming up on April 26, now is the time for us to take advantage of any and all opportunities talk with voters about how much their voice matters, help our neighbors make sure their voter registration is up to date and get them the information they need to cast a vote.”

Our volunteers will be registering voters at schools, colleges, churches and many community events throughout the spring and summer. We will be providing important, nonpartisan voter information. For Up-to-date elections information, visit www.VOTE411.org or lwvdelaware.org.

**Pictured above: Patty Griffin**

**Pictured at left: Sara Watkins**

**Pictured at left: Anais Mitchell**
The Kind of Growth We Get By Default in Delaware

Our normal mode of growth – single-use subdivisions, shopping malls and office “parks” - is completely auto-oriented. The result: no matter where we’re going – even if it’s only for a quart of milk or a child getting to school – 99.9% of the time we go by car.

The Alternative: “Complete Communities”

“Complete Communities” are a new name for the kinds of communities that Delaware used to build before World War I. Many everyday destinations – shopping, offices, schools and services - are within easy walking and cycling distance. Streets are designed to be safe and comfortable for walking and cycling, and car speeds are limited.

Improved Public Transportation

For many people who depend on it, public transportation in Delaware means infrequent service, multiple stops and time-wasting transfers. But complete communities are dense enough so that frequent and higher quality transit service becomes financially viable.

(Continued on page 9 The Healthy and Transit-Friendly Development Act)
Why We Don’t Build Complete Communities

The two indispensable pre-requisites for building complete communities are appropriate zoning and safe multi-modal transportation infrastructure that prioritizes transit, walking and cycling. But municipal and county governments control zoning while transportation is completely under the authority of state government.

Getting Local Government and State Government on the Same Page

How can local government and state government collaborate to create complete communities? That’s what the Healthy and Transit-Friendly Development Act does. It sets out the basic framework for any local government to choose to “opt-in” to encourage walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly development in their communities. (Local governments that do not choose to opt-in can instead continue to pursue typical automobile-oriented development.)

Four Reasons for Why a Local Government Might Choose to Opt-In

1) Less Air Pollution
Fewer car trips means a lot less air pollution.

2) Active and Healthy Lifestyles
Safe opportunities to walk and bicycle for transportation and recreation promotes physical activity, which helps maintain a healthy weight and prevent heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and other chronic diseases.

3) Reduction in Pedestrian Fatalities
Since 2012 Delaware had the highest per capita pedestrian fatality rate in America, primarily due to large numbers of crashes on Kirkwood Highway, Dupont Highway, Concord Pike, Pulaski Highway and our other high speed multi-lane suburban arterial “corridor” roads. Senate Bill 130 is a pedestrian-friendly development alternative to additional “corridor” development.

4) Economic Development and Jobs
Walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly development would also be a big win for local Delaware businesses because this kind of development enables the formation of new households that own fewer cars, yielding household savings of between $5,000 and $10,000 every single year. That might not be so great for Delaware’s economy if that money was going to our local car manufacturers or our local oil drillers in Delaware. But Delaware doesn’t have any local car manufacturers or any local oil drillers, which means that that $5,000 to $10,000 saved per household is additional discretionary income that those households can instead spend with local Delaware businesses creating local Delaware jobs.

League Sues to Stop Documentary Proof-of-Citizenship Requirement on Voter Registration Form
By: Stephanie Drahan 02/25/2016

Late last month, the executive director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), Brian Newby, acting unilaterally, approved requests from Alabama, Georgia and Kansas to require documentary proof-of-citizenship when a registrant uses the federal mail voter registration form created by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Within weeks, the LWVUS, alongside its Alabama, Georgia and Kansas affiliates, filed a federal lawsuit to prevent these states from requiring documentary proof-of-citizenship when registering voters using this form.
Notice: The Advocacy Corps now will meet the **FIRST Wednesday** of the month, **except for May**, at Legislative Hall. (They had met the second Wednesday of month.)

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<td>Thursday, March 16,</td>
<td>CenDel Building, 101 W. Loockerman Street, Dover</td>
<td>State Board Meeting. Monthly meeting of the state board of directors. Please call 302-478-8224 to indicate your attendance.</td>
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<td>Newark Free Library 750 Library Ave Newark, DE 19711</td>
<td>Monday Great Decisions Group. Held at the Newark Free Library from 1:30 to 3:30. As usual, many of us will meet for lunch at noon at the Bamboo House beforehand. Please contact Vicky Kleinman for more details.</td>
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<td>The Duncan Center 500 Loockerman St Dover, DE 19904</td>
<td>League Day in Dover 2016. Annual legislative day. Morning program relating to key criminal justice issues followed by buffet lunch and visit to Legislative Hall to meet with your legislators. See details in this newsletter.</td>
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<td>Saturday, April 2,</td>
<td>Dept. of Elections, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French St Suite 400, Wilmington, DE , Phone: (302) 577-3464 Fax: (302) 577-6545</td>
<td>LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION. If you want to vote in the April 26 primary, make sure you’re registered to vote by April 2nd, 2016. See <a href="http://electionsncc.delaware.gov/">http://electionsncc.delaware.gov/</a></td>
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<td>Friday, May 6 - Sunday,</td>
<td>Virden Center, Lewes, Delaware</td>
<td>LWV of Delaware holds Council every two years. Business is mostly devoted to workshops. Hold those dates.</td>
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