



ANTI GUN VIOLENCE SPEAKER AT APRIL FUN LUNCH

Brenda Mayrack, Esq., told a captivated group of about 15 Leaguers about gun control issues in Delaware. She opened with figures from a Delaware poll done by a professional poll taker from outside the state. The poll revealed that an overwhelming majority (in the 80-90% range) of Delawareans support gun control. She emphasized that the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence has no intention of taking away the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms, but wants to control gun violence in Delaware by promoting sensible gun laws. What she referred to as a "never ending cascade of massacres" resulted in the formation of this coalition.

It was a surprise to her listeners that Delaware is an "open carry" state, which means that any gun owner is allowed to openly carry a gun in the state, except in certain limited circumstances. A "no guns inside schools" law comes to us from the federal government. A proposal currently before the State Legislature, HB 67, would ban possession of a firearm within 300 feet of a school. Other legislation already introduced includes H.B. 35, which would require background checks for private firearm sales. Gun shop owners support this bill because it would level the playing field in terms of requiring background checks for private sales as well as their own store sales. Currently, of course, it's easier to buy a gun privately because a background check is not required for private sales. SB 16 would require the reporting of lost and stolen firearms within a limited amount of time. "It was stolen several months ago," is a common refrain among gun owners whose registered guns have been involved in illegal activities. A bill which is so new it does not yet have a number will be introduced in the Senate. It will ban the manufacture, sale, delivery and unlawful possession of military weapons. Ms. Mayrack quoted Vice President Joe Biden, when he said, "Weapons of war have no place on our streets." She urged League members and friends to actively contribute their time and talents to the [Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence](#).