



The League of Women Voters: Who We Are and What We Do

By Jean Weston, outgoing president of the LWVBC

is a one-stop source of information about each election where voters can learn about the candidates in their own words. It also provides information about mail-in voting, the location of a voter's polling place, and other information necessary to cast an informed vote. Vote411 is an invaluable resource for voters across the country.

We participate in a wide variety of community events where we provide information about voting and elections to county residents. Look for us at events across the county such as the Tinicum Arts Festival in July, the Buckingham Peace Fair in September, and the Historic Bristol Day in October.

Throughout the year, we present a wide range of programs on topics of interest to voters. Most of these are held virtually, as webinars, and are recorded. Recent program topics included Censorship in Schools, Ending Closed Primaries, Voter Access, the Electoral College, and the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Recordings of the programs can be found on our website: www.lwvbucks.org.

The League has also developed a variety of programs on topics such as the history of the suffrage movement and Civics 101, which are presented to interested groups by members of our Speakers Bureau. Other programs are being created for the coming year.

Why It Matters

Discourse and listening to other points of view is what makes democracy work. Civic engagement by a mix of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents encourages advocacy of policies that support and defend our democracy. While the League as an organization is nonpartisan, that is, it neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate, the individual members (excluding board members) are encouraged to be politically active. You have a place in the League if you value democracy and if you believe that everyone should have a voice.

Our citizenry is currently deeply divided on many issues, so the encouragement of voting and the protection of our voting system is especially critical. Our democracy will endure only if we citizens are informed and active.

The League of Women Voters is universally recognized as nonpartisan, accurate, and truthful. Our voters depend on us! We will continue to

sustain our efforts to empower voters and defend democracy.

How to Join

To become a member of the League of Women Voters of Bucks County, you can visit our website, www.lwvbucks.org. Anyone 16 years or older, male or female, is welcome to join our all-volunteer organization. Members of the Bucks County League are automatically enrolled as members of the state and national organizations.

For further information about our activities and positions on issues, visit the LWVBC www.lwvbucks.org. For answers to specific questions about the League, you can phone 215-230-9986.

JOIN US!



Who We Are

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grass-roots organization of volunteers committed to empowering voters and defending democracy. The League was founded in 1920, the year that the 19th Amendment, which gave women the vote, was ratified. Its purpose was to give newly enfranchised women sufficient information to vote with confidence. While it was originally a women's organization, created by suffragists, it was opened to men in 1974.

The league operates at the national, the state, and the local level. The national league (LWVUS) advocates for national issues such as representative government, social policies, and natural resources. The state league (LWVPA) advocates for statewide issues such as fair voter redistricting and open primaries. The local Bucks County League (LWVBC) registers and informs voters, provides speaker programs on election issues and League positions, sponsors candidate and issue forums, and publishes a voters' guide before every election and a directory of elected officials annually.

What We Do

The LWV of Bucks County is now the largest League in Pennsylvania. Our Voter Services activities are the most well-known of our works. Over the past year, we have held registration events across the county, with 23 visits to local high schools, eight visits to college campuses, two visits to local prisons, and a presence at naturalization ceremonies. We have provided registration materials and information about voting by mail to 30 senior residences across the county.

Working with the state and national LWV, we prepare the online Voters Guide, Vote411.org. This

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The League of Women Voters of Bucks County is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to providing voter education and services and advocating for issues. We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

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