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In Memorium

Former LWVGP co-president Pam Saunders passed away on October 23, 2015. Pam served as treasurer from 2007-2010 and co-president from 2010-2012.

LWVGP Pamela Saunders Member Scholarship: The board has established this scholarship to honor Pam Saunders' service to the LWVGP. Pam was instrumental in many aspects of the League, including furnishing the League office, modernizing our financial records and processes, and overseeing and fine-tuning all of our IT needs. As co-presidents, Pam and Arlene Levy, showed how well that arrangement could work. Pam's efforts to expand our membership, focusing in particular on younger working women in the downtown area, were energetic and heroic. For these reasons, the Board named this scholarship to honor her. It is directed toward women age 40 and under who have a sincere interest in learning about the League of Women Voters. It will underwrite their first year of membership.

When Nancy Naragon phoned Pam a few weeks ago to tell her about the scholarship, Pam and Howard were both very touched and Pam said she was "just thrilled."

Third Annual Conference: SHALE & PUBLIC HEALTH

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The conference itself is free (lunch is \$14).

Please pre-register at <http://shale.palwv.org>.

[Learn More About the Conference](#)

UPCOMING PROGRAM by Maureen Mamula



All three units have had consensus meetings on the Constitutional Amendment Convention material. The responses are being tabulated and will be forwarded, so our voices are heard on this issue.

The next unit meetings will be a presentation by the Money In Politics group, which has been studying many sources for the last several months. The group felt it could do the presentation of the material for Central (Nov 13th) and North (Nov 18th) in November, but needed the first week of November to finalize the material. The decision was made to use the South Hills

November slot (November 5) as a committee meeting. South Hills members are welcome to attend the Central or North Hills meetings, since **the South Hills presentation will be held on Thursday December 10th**. NO OTHER UNIT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER.

The consensus meetings will be held in January on the 7th (South Hills), the 8th (Central), and the 20th (North Hills). Again, members are welcome to attend any meeting which suits your schedule or preference. Free parking in South Hills and North Hills! Good shopping in Squirrel Hill!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHATEVER YOU DO, IF YOU'RE A CANDIDATE... DON'T TALK TO THE PUBLIC



The good news is I now have a topic for my president's letter. The bad news is that our local efforts at candidate forums have been a total bust this season.

On the state level, LWVPA successfully presented two

informative forums with the judicial candidates for the appellate courts. One was for the candidates for Superior and Commonwealth Courts at which three of the four candidates appeared. You can view it at <https://pcntv.com/thursday-at-noon-pa-superior-and-commonwealth-court-candidates-forum>.

All seven Supreme Court candidates met at Widener University for a forum that was broadcast on PCNTV and can be viewed at <https://pcntv.com/wednesday-at-5-pm-pa-supreme-court-candidates-forum>. A second forum, called The People's Court, was held in Pittsburgh. While all candidates were invited only the three Democratic candidates were present. And, frankly, I missed the balance.

On the local level, however, we, the public, lost out. Only one candidate for the special election to fill the 37th PA Senate district seat would agree. "It is better to meet people on an individual basis than debates," I was told by the other candidate. In response to a request for information for the Voters Guide that

same candidate provided only the basic biographical information. No answers to the questions. Yet the other candidate provided nothing. NO REPLY reads the Voters Guide.

Finally we were asked to put on a forum for the South Fayette Board of Commissioners. Eight candidates, two slates not aligned by party designation were invited. Five of the eight initially accepted. Six days before the event, I learned that four were pulling out. The spokesman for the four said, "We do not feel that it is in the best interest of the community to have a candidate forum without all parties present."

As I wrote to one of the South Fayette candidates, "...to say that we are disappointed is an understatement. The League of Women Voters works hard to give the public an opportunity to get to know the candidates, to learn some of the background on issues and to perhaps understand each candidate's approach to governance. We make every effort to make all feel comfortable and to give candidates an opportunity to tell the public something about themselves and their background and understanding on issues. We feel the public deserves an opportunity to learn."

We are not alone with this problem. It is in part related to campaign finance and one party dominated districts due to gerrymandering, and the constitutional amendment process: current league initiatives, which our league is studying with first quality leadership and participation. It is also related to the reluctance of candidates to state their positions on controversial issues, such as fracking in southwestern Pennsylvania.

– Annette Shimer

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Non-Fiction Book Club Selections:

- November – *Eyes on the Struggle: The First Lady of the Black Press* by James McGrath Morrison
- December – *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

The book club meets the third Friday of the month. Meetings are lively, informative and stimulating.

Contact Judy Donohue at 412-373-8697 or jrdono71@gmail.com.

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Standing Meetings

Board Meetings

- ✓ **Second Monday** of the month. Lunch at 11:30 a.m., at Einstein Bagels in the Koppers Building. Meeting: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the LWVGP CIC (office) conference room at 436 Seventh Ave., Suite 350

Local Area Unit Meetings

- ✓ **Pittsburgh Central:** 2nd Friday, 1:30 p.m. at the Squirrel Hill Public Library, 5801 Forbes Ave., Pgh. PA 15217. Contact Martha Raak at 412-802-7266 or marbiker1@gmail.com
- ✓ **North Hills:** 3rd Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 311 Cumberland Rd., Pgh. PA 15237. Contact Shirley McIlvried at 412-364-7329 or howardmciii@comcast.net
- ✓ **South Hills:** 1st Thursday, 12:30 p.m. at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pgh, PA 15228 (unless otherwise announced). Contact Maureen Mamula at 412-760-9642 or mamula159@hotmail.com

Other Ongoing Meetings

- ✓ **Education Committee**
4th Wednesday. Contact Billie Girard at 412-531-6859 or billiegirard202@verizon.net
- ✓ **Money in Politics Committee**
2nd Thursday. Contact Kathie Breckenridge at 412-343-0953 or jxb17@aol.com
- ✓ **Gun Safety Committee**
Dates TBD. Contact Nancy Naragon at 412-366-2446 or nancynaragon@msn.com
- ✓ **Non-fiction Book Club**
3rd Friday. Contact Judy Donohue at 412-373-8697 or jtdono71@gmail.com

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

October 2015

27 Tue	Government Review Commission - Full Commission, 3 p.m.
28 Wed	Education Committee, Squirrel Hill Library, 1-3 p.m.

November 2015

03 Tue	General Election
05 Thu	Money in Politics Committee, Mt. Lebanon Library, 12:30 p.m. No South Hills unit meeting, see December 10
09 Mon	Board meeting
11 Wed	Veterans' Day
11 Wed	Shale & Public Health Committee meeting, CIC, noon
12 Thu	Money in Politics Committee, Mt. Lebanon Library, 12:30 p.m.
12 Thu	Government Review Commission - Internal and External Review Subcommittee, 5:30 p.m.
13 Fri	Pittsburgh Central Unit Meeting: Topic: Money in Politics
17 Tue	Government Review Commission - Full Commission, 8:30 a.m.
18 Wed	North Hills Unit Meeting: Topic: Money in Politics
18 Wed	Shale and Public Health Conference – See page 1
20 Fri	Naturalization, Federal Courthouse, 10 a.m.
20 Fri	Non-Fiction Book Club, Squirrel Hill Library, 10:15 a.m.
26 Thu	Thanksgiving – office closed

December 2015

06 Sun	Chanukah begins at sundown; ends on December 14
10 Thu	South Hills Unit Meeting: Topic: Money in Politics (new date!)
14 Mon	Board or Executive Committee meeting
15 Tue	Government Review Commission - Full Commission, 3 p.m.
18 Fri	Naturalization, Federal Courthouse, 10 a.m.
18 Fri	Non-Fiction Book Club, Squirrel Hill Library, 10:15 a.m.
21 Mon	Holiday office hours begin: Monday and Thursday only.
25 Fri	Christmas Day - office closed
26 Sat	Kwanzaa begins; ends on January 1, 2016
30 Wed	Holiday office hours end

LWVPA Fall 2015 Statewide Courts Election Information

From LWVPA President Susan Carty: 2015 is an historic election in Pennsylvania. For the first time in 300 years, Pennsylvanians will elect three Supreme Court justices, filling two seats that were vacated under the cloud of judicial misconduct and one that was vacated because of mandatory retirement.

Although the LWVPA supports changing the way we choose appellate court judges, until we achieve reform, it is crucial that voters are educated about what judges do and who the candidates are. Unfortunately, getting that information is difficult. LWVPA suggests two documents which may be helpful; both are published by Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts: [PA Supreme Court and Appellate Court Judges](#), which summarizes the three statewide courts showing incumbents and vacancies, and [What to Consider When Voting for a Judge](#).



LWVPA and LWVGP Voters Guides are online at:

- ✓ <http://www.palwv.org/2015-municipal-primary-election-voters-guide> for Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth Courts,
- ✓ http://lwvpg.org/files/revised_vg.pdf for Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, County Executive and Council, Pittsburgh City Council, and Pittsburgh School Director.

Louise Cannon outside the offices of the Department of Aging on the south side after delivering copies of the Voters Guide. Copies were also delivered to the Allegheny County Library Association and the Carnegie Libraries of Pittsburgh.

Debates are also available online on the PCN website:

- ✓ Supreme Court candidates: <https://pcntv.com/wednesday-at-5-pm-pa-supreme-court-candidates-forum>.
- ✓ Superior and Commonwealth Court candidates (3 of the 4): <https://pcntv.com/thursday-at-noon-pa-superior-and-commonwealth-court-candidates-forum>.

Report on Common Cause Redistricting Conference

Annette and Preston Shimer participated in a phone conference on redistricting in October. Preston prepared a report, now on the LWVGP website at http://lwvnet.org/lwv/pa/pittsburgh/files/report_cc_conf2.pdf.

The first two report pages set forth a list of 10 principles that would help to "achieve a fair, representational democracy where the citizens fairly select their representatives; where our elected officials are responsive to the needs and concerns of their constituents; and where the vestiges of historic and ongoing racial discrimination are removed." The principles are followed by the names of the organizations that created them.

On the third page is a discussion of the *Common Cause Gerrymander Standard Writing Contest*. The Supreme Court recognizes that partisan and political gerrymandering are serious and justiciable issues, but claims to have no objective standard that can be used to identify and measure when a redistricting crosses the line and becomes a gerrymander. The papers of the three contest winners are listed, and their methodology for creating such a standard is briefly discussed. One interesting strategy is the project "You Draw the Lines 2021"—a relatively new initiative you can see at <http://www.youdrawthelines2021.org/home/>.

LWVUS board member and Chair of its Advocacy Committee, Chris Carson, chaired the conference panel on overcoming entrenched interests. She has been involved in leading the initiative in California that created a better redistricting process.

MONEY IN POLITICS CONSENSUS QUESTIONS AND ANALYSIS WITH LINKS TO COMMITTEE PAPERS

from Kathie Breckenridge

This update on Money In Politics builds on the League's current position on campaign finance. The consensus questions in Part I address the goals of campaign finance regulation in terms of democratic values. The questions in Part II relate to the extent to which First Amendment protections like free speech and freedom of the press should apply to various speakers and activities in the campaign finance context. Part III asks about methods of campaign finance regulation. You are asked to respond to the questions without regard for the Supreme Court's current views on the First Amendment. In responding to each question, please interpret the words in their most general sense. Keep in mind that the LWV intentionally words positions that are derived from member study in the broadest possible way so that our positions have relevance for many years. Future national Boards will determine when and how to apply our positions.

An optional comment section is included at the end of each of the three parts. Please note that while comments will be read and considered, only responses to questions can be tabulated.

Because issues around Money in Politics and its First Amendment implications are so complex, there is some overlap in the topics covered in the background papers. For each of the three question parts below we have matched papers to provide helpful background information on those topics. All of the readings can be found at <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/money-politics-review>.

PART I QUESTIONS: Democratic Values and Interests with Respect to Financing Political Campaigns

Background Readings

Here are readings that provide background on the issues that the Part I questions are asking about:

- Money in Politics: Introduction and Overview (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-mip-introduction-and-overview>)
- Shifts in Supreme Court Opinion about Money in Politics (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-shifts-supreme-court-opinion-about-money-politics>)
- The Role of the Supreme Court in Interpreting the Constitution (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-role-supreme-court-interpreting-constitution>)
- Evidence of Spending's Impact on Electoral and Legislative Outcomes (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/evidence-spending-impacts-electoral-and-legislative-outcomes>)
- Corruption and Rationales for Regulating Campaign Finance (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-corruption-and-rationales-regulating-campaign-finance>)

1. What should be the goals and purposes of campaign finance regulation?

- a. Seek political equality for all citizens. Agree Disagree No consensus
- b. Protect representative democracy from being distorted by big spending in election campaigns.
 Agree Disagree No consensus
- c. Enable candidates to compete equitably for public office. Agree Disagree No consensus
- d. Ensure that candidates have sufficient funds to communicate their messages to the public.
 Agree Disagree No consensus

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Agree Disagree No consensus

e. Ensure that economic and corporate interests are part of election dialogue.

Agree Disagree No consensus

f. Provide voters sufficient information about candidates and campaign issues to make informed choices.

Agree Disagree No consensus

g. Ensure the public's right to know who is using money to influence elections.

Agree Disagree No consensus

h. Combat corruption and undue influence in government. Agree Disagree No consensus

2. Evaluate whether the following activities are types of political corruption:

a. A candidate or officeholder agrees to vote or work in favor of a donor's interests in exchange for a campaign contribution. Agree Disagree No consensus

b. An officeholder or her/his staff gives greater access to donors.

Agree Disagree No consensus

c. An officeholder votes or works to support policies that reflect the preferences of individuals or organizations in order to attract contributions from them. Agree Disagree No consensus

d. An office holder seeks political contributions implying that there will be retribution unless a donation is given. Agree Disagree No consensus

e. The results of the political process consistently favor the interests of significant campaign contributors.

Agree Disagree No consensus

PART II QUESTIONS: First Amendment Protections for Speakers and Activities in Political Campaigns

This set of questions is designed to determine the extent to which the First Amendment protections of free speech and freedom of the press should apply to different speakers or activities in the regulation of campaign finance. Free speech and free press provide essentially the same protections to speakers, writers, publishers and advertising, whether or not they are part of the institutional press, and largely regardless of the medium. Essentially, these protections extend to any conduct that is expressive. Many of the options below would be found unconstitutional by the current Supreme Court, but we are seeking your League's views, not those of the Court. These are broad, overarching questions about spending to influence an election, including independent spending, contributions to candidates, broadcast news and other communication expenditures.

Background Readings

Here are readings that provide background on the issues that the Part II questions ask about:

- The First Amendment (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-first-amendment>)
- The Debate: Can Government Regulate Money in Politics? (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-debate-can-government-regulate-money-politics>)

- Hard, Soft and Dark Money (to be added when complete)
- Independent Expenditures (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-independent-expenditures>)
- The New Soft Money, pp. 17-27 (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/new-soft-money-daniel-p-tokaji-renata-e-b-strause-e-book>)

1. Many different individuals and organizations use a variety of methods to communicate their views to voters in candidate elections. Should spending to influence an election by any of the following be limited?

a. Individual citizens, including wealthy individuals like George Soros and the Koch Brothers.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

b. Political Action Committees, sponsored by an organization, such as the League of Conservation Voters, Chevron, the American Bankers Association, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), whose campaign spending comes from contributions by individuals associated with the sponsoring organization, such as employees, stockholders, members and volunteers.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

c. For-profit organizations, like Exxon, Ben and Jerry's, General Motors, and Starbucks, from their corporate treasury funds.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

d. Trade associations, like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Wind Energy Association, and the American Petroleum Institute, from the association's general treasury funds.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

e. Labor unions, like the United Autoworkers and Service Employees International, from the union's general treasury funds.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

f. Non-profit organizations, like the Sierra Club, Wisconsin Right to Life, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, American Crossroads, and Priorities USA, from the organization's general treasury funds.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

g. Non-partisan voter registration and GOTV (get out the vote) organizations and activities, like the LWV and Nonprofit Vote.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

h. Political parties, like the Republicans, Libertarians, and Democrats.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

i. Candidates for public office spending money the candidate has raised from contributors.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

j. Candidates for public office spending their own money.

Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

2. The press plays a major role in candidate elections through editorial endorsements, news coverage, and other communications directly to the public that are often important to the outcome. Should such spending to influence an election by any of the following be limited?

- a. Newspapers, like the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.
 Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus
- b. Television and other electronic media, like Fox News, CNN, MSNBC and CBS.
 Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus
- c. Internet communications, like Huffington Post, Breitbart, Daily Kos, and individual bloggers.
 Spending banned Some spending limits Unlimited spending No consensus

PART III QUESTIONS: Methods for Regulating Campaign Finance to Protect the Democratic Process

Here are readings that provide background on the issues that the Part III questions are asking about:

- Options to Reform Money in Politics (to be added when complete)
- Action in the States (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-action-states>)
- Enforcement of Federal Campaign Finance Law (<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/mip-enforcement-federal-ca...>)

1. In order to achieve the goals for campaign finance regulation, should the League support?
 - a. Abolishing SuperPACs and spending coordinated or directed by candidates, other than a candidate's own single campaign committee. Agree Disagree No consensus
 - b. Restrictions on direct donations and bundling by lobbyists? (Restrictions may include monetary limits as well as other regulations.)— Agree Disagree No consensus
 - c. Public funding for candidates? Should the League support: (You may respond to more than one item)
 - i. Voluntary public financing of elections where candidates who choose to participate must also abide by reasonable spending limits? Agree Disagree No consensus
 - ii. Mandatory public financing of elections where candidates must participate and abide by reasonable spending limits? Agree Disagree No consensus
 - iii. Public financing without spending limits on candidates?
 Agree Disagree No consensus
2. How should campaign finance regulations be administered and enforced?
(You may choose more than one response for Question 2.)
 - a. By an even-numbered commission with equal representation by the two major political parties to ensure partisan fairness (current Federal Election Commission [FEC] structure)?
 - b. By an odd-numbered commission with at least one independent or nonpartisan commissioner to ensure decisions can be made in case of partisan deadlock?
 - c. By structural and budget changes to the FEC (e.g., commission appointments, staffing, security, budget, decision making process) that would allow the agency to function effectively and meet its legislative and regulatory mandates.
 - d. No consensus

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Billie Girard

The Education Committee will *not* meet in November and December.

The Education Committee welcomed Carey A. Harris, Executive Director of A+ School to our meeting on September 23. The topic was the search for the new superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools. Carey discussed what the search could entail and the type of community input that could be involved. A+ Schools had an event: *Getting a Great Superintendent*, on October 7, 2015 at the Hillman Auditorium, which the League co-sponsored. There may be future events regarding the search so that they can get the word out.

In addition, the PSSA scores were released and the results showed that fewer students scored at advanced or proficient especially in math. According to the state this is similar to other states in situations where you are transitioning to more rigorous standards. Secretary Rivera also stated "It is crucial that people understand comparing old scores to new scores isn't a reliable indicator of student growth or academic achievement. This year's results are truly the new benchmark." If you would like additional information you can go to: www.education.pa.gov, then click on PSSA Information.

At the writing of this report, the state continues to operate without a budget. This has put some districts in a situation where they have had to borrow monies to continue operating. To date more than 346 million dollars has borrowed and if this continues it could reach more than 11 million dollars in interest and fees. Without an education budget the fair funding formula as well as education legislation is at a standstill.



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Monday, December 7th at 7 p.m.
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Women's rights are human rights. The Pittsburghers for CEDAW coalition is ready to kick off our program to make Pittsburgh a CEDAW City. CEDAW affirms fundamental human rights and equality for women around the world. It seeks to end sex trafficking and violence against women, expand girls' access to education, ensure women's right to vote, fight maternal mortality, and end workplace discrimination against women.

Come to our first event, *Pittsburgh: No Limits for Women*, to learn what the excitement is about! It's free. Find out how CEDAW is changing lives around the world and in US cities. Though this important UN treaty has not been signed by Congress, it is changing lives in cities around the United States. How might it change women's lives in Pittsburgh?



The keynote speaker will be June Zeitlin, Director of Human Rights Policy at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Washington, DC. Ms. Zeitlin has led the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Coalition for the past six years. She is a remarkable women's rights advocate. She has:

- represented the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to promote women's rights and gender equality across the region,
- directed the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) where she helped lead a successful global campaign for a new, stronger UN women's agency (UN Women) and gained international recognition of the gender dimensions of climate change,
- directed programs in women's rights, social justice and democracy and governance at the Ford Foundation, making grants in the United States and worldwide,
- worked for several other agencies and for Congresswoman and WEDO co-founder Bella Abzug, after receiving a JD cum laude from New York University Law School and a BA from the University of Rochester.

Pittsburghers for CEDAW is a coalition initiated by the The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, New Voices Pittsburgh, and the Women and Girls Foundation, that is now joined by endorsing organizations including the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh, Zonta Club of Pittsburgh, Women's Law Project, ACLU of Pennsylvania, Human Rights City Alliance, YWCA, Thomas Merton Center, HealthCare 4 All PA. The event is co-sponsored by the Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh.

Marcia Bandes

League: New Ozone Pollution Standard Good Step, Not Good Enough

The League of Women Voters of the United States released the following statement from President Elisabeth MacNamara regarding the Obama Administration's new rule regulating ozone smog pollution.

"The announcement of a new standard for ozone pollution from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was welcome news to the millions of Americans that have been waiting for action for several years now. The science was almost irrefutable that the standard we've been living with of 75 ppb was outdated and did not protect the public's health.

"While this action was long in coming and good news that the standard sets a lower ozone level down to 70 ppb, it isn't as far as science tells us it needs to be to fully protect the most vulnerable members of society: children, people with asthma and other lung diseases, and older Americans.

"This is disappointing and a further call to action for regulation of ozone pollution that puts American's health first and foremost."