



League of Women Voters of Haverford Township Newsletter

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Hi, Everyone!

Be sure to check our website for photos and information: www.lwvhaverfordtp.org. Thanks to Cathy Yungmann for creating this for us!

First of all, we wanted to let you know about **our LWV Annual Meeting**, which will be held on **Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at the Quadrangle auditorium at 7:30 p.m.** The first part of our meeting is on the topic of the new CREC center and all the activities going on with the Haverford Township Rec Department. Tim Denny, Director of Parks and Recreation, will be speaking and will bring up some new topics since he last spoke at Quadrangle. He will also be able to answer any questions we may have. Then the League's Annual Meeting will begin at around 8:30 p.m. This is where we vote for the new officers and the new budget and also talk about what issues we should be involved in in the future. We hope all our members will be able to attend both parts of the meeting!

Redistricting— a new map has been devised and it still shows Haverford Township being split, with two wards “moving” to Upper Darby, which really makes no sense demographically. We'll keep you posted on any changes in this issue.

Voter ID – The bill calling for photo IDs for all voters in PA has passed, as you know, and will be in place for elections in November. However, a lawsuit has been filed with support from the NAACP, the ACLU, and the PALWV, among others, which states that this law discriminates against older, disabled, and minority Pennsylvanians for whom obtaining a birth certificate and/or marriage license is costly and sometimes impossible. We will be following this lawsuit with interest.

Our **privatization meeting** on April 19th was well-attended and we all learned a great deal about the pros and cons of having private companies begin running state and federal institutions such as prisons, schools, Social Security, and local institutions such as public libraries. We reached consensus on every question and our results and opinions were sent on to the PA LWV. Thank you to Rosemary Kesling and Phyllis Lane for all their work on this!

Our first **Lunch with the League** was a lot of fun. We met at Applebee's and talked about privatization of PA liquor stores. We discussed the many options and pitfalls and realized that there are good arguments for and against privatization. Those who attended were Lucetta Alderfer, Dotty Wolfe, Kate deRiel, Rosemary Kesling, Jane Al-Mashat, and retired Township librarian Pat Evans. We hope you will join us and bring some friends at our next lunch at Applebee's in June, date to be announced.

At our Annual Meeting, we will be voting on a slate of candidates for the League for 2012 – 2013. Please let me know if you would like to help us on the Board. We are looking for a vice-president, treasurer, newsletter editor, and board members. If you can take on a position, that would be very helpful. Call Kate with your preferences at 610-446-8383 or email at katederiel@verizon.net.

Check out our budget for 2012 – 2013, which will be voted on at our June 5th meeting. Email Stephanie Sayers, our wonderful treasurer, with any questions at Stephanie.a.sayers@gsk.com.