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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all League members. Since we are still reeling over the results of our 2016 election process it is imperative that we stand steadfast in defending all of our policy issues. This is not the time to throw our hands up in the air and give up. This is the time to dedicate ourselves to doing everything we can to defend and secure our democratic principles.

I think of our beloved founding members, the sacrifices they made and the courage it took to stand up to the opposition that they were faced with. We have worked too long and hard to secure a place in society that we can be proud of and I for one do not intend to watch our democratic values and way of life high jacked. We have educated ourselves to understand what democracy looks like.

It will take courage to speak the truth but necessary to curtail the intentions of a few who would tamper with our civil rights and democratic process. We see citizens in all walks of life expressing their anxiety for our immediate future. We need to funnel these feelings into actions. Encourage your friends and family to join us into action in order to secure a healthy democratic future. Embrace and tutor the youth of our society who right now need guidance as to how to create change. And what better time than during the upcoming holiday season.

May Love and Hope surround you this Season and get ready for an active 2017.

In service,  
*Jill A Fuchs*

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### **Sandy Spence, Advocacy Chair**

The Advocacy Corps has spent the last few months focused on planning for League Day 2017, preparing and testifying at hearings the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) holds with each state agency to hear their "wish lists" for the fiscal year beginning in July 2017, and considering priorities for legislative action when the General Assembly begins its 149<sup>th</sup> Session in January.

**League Day in Dover. Save the Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017.** The morning program will focus on education, health care and housing framed through the perspective of an overall theme of poverty: how poverty affects and is affected by these issues. The program will be co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women of Delaware (AAUW). They are arranging for the luncheon speaker on the topic of equal pay: how the lack of it impacts the economic status of women.

After lunch attendees will head over to Legislative Hall to be present for adoption of a resolution commemorating Equal Pay Day, which happens to be the day of our program. Equal Pay Day is designated annually to reflect how far into the new year women must work to achieve the same amount of pay as men in the previous year. In the past, AAUW has organized Equal Pay Day in early April, while LWVDE has held League Day in late March. We're excited to join forces on this merging of the two events.

The event will be held at the Outlook at the Duncan Center with their excellent buffet lunch, as in most of the past few years. Details will follow.

**OMB Hearings.** These are important hearings because they are the first step in the budget process where the public can have any input. Peggy Schultz testified at both the Agriculture and the DNRC hearings on Farmland Preservation and Open Space, respectively, providing strong explanations of the value and need for those programs. Joann Hasse testified

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on the urgent need to continue funding for the DIMER/DIDER programs in the Health budget. Those represent a funding tool for bringing medical and dental providers to our underserved areas by helping them with their student loans. Sandy Spence urged funding needed for the Department of Correction to implement all the requirements of the settlement in the law suit relating to solitary confinement.

We will testify further at Joint Finance Committee hearings in February when that Committee considers the Governor's budget that will be submitted to the General Assembly in January. See separate items on these testimonies below and watch for copies of the statements on our website later.

**Priorities for the 149<sup>th</sup> Session of Delaware's General Assembly.** We have "portfolio chairs" for each major topic we follow. These members, along with others who support the work the AC, are reviewing bills we supported that did not get enacted in the last Session and considering other issues that we expect to come up or would like to propose. They would welcome your thoughts – and especially your help in drafting fact sheets, position papers, testimony, letters to the editor or opinion pieces for publication. Please contact me by email and I will forward your message to the appropriate portfolio chair. Also, consider joining the AC to help us on a continuing basis. All help is welcome. Consider attending one of our meetings (see calendar) to work with us without making any major commitments up front. My mail is [sandyspence325@gmail.com](mailto:sandyspence325@gmail.com).

**Our Website.** Unfortunately, we have been working so hard on our advocacy work that we haven't kept our webmaster up to date with all our activities. We apologize for that but will work on updates and get them to her as soon as possible, so in a few weeks, look for more complete details on all that we've done during this past year at [http://www.lwvdelaware.org/about\\_action.html](http://www.lwvdelaware.org/about_action.html).

## ACTION REQUEST OF ALL MEMBERS



During budget preparation by all state agencies, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) required them to identify areas they could cut that would equal 1% of their budget request. It is clear to those of us who have attended departmental budget hearings with OMB that the agencies are proposing to carefully guard their fiefdoms by cutting funding from their own budgets for services provided by the non-profit community that are currently part of the departmental budget.

The Advocacy Corps needs your help. Here's what you can do:

Whatever your interest in state government is --- **submit a FOIA request for the "2018 budget presentation to OMB" for the agency or agencies relevant to your interests and concerns.** Go to <http://delaware.gov/topics/foia.shtml> where you can find a list of all the departments. Just click on the one that's responsible for services/programs that affect your concerns. Fill out the simple form which takes no more than two minutes.

When you get the presentation, take a look at it, with particular attention to Proposed 1% cuts. Then send me an email (to [sandyspence325@gmail.com](mailto:sandyspence325@gmail.com)) outlining your thoughts on what the Advocacy Corps should focus on when the Governor's budget, to be submitted in January, comes out and hearings are held in the Joint Finance Committee (on operating expenses) in February or the Bond Bill Committee (for capital expenditures) in March.

We have traditionally supported or opposed bills relevant to League positions. However, much of what happens in our state really depends on how money is budgeted, so we need to pay attention to budget proposals. We will do our best to stand strong against all cuts to services and programs that the League supports.

## FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE FUNDING REQUESTS BEGIN

When the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) held hearings in November on budget requests for funding Delaware's farmland and open space preservation, the League spoke in support of \$10 million for farmland and \$9 million for open space.

As League portfolio chair for land use and transportation, I pointed out the significant monetary loss which state and local governments incur when they allow farms and open space to be developed. For every tax dollar which the owner of a farm or open space pays to the state and local governments he receives only 35 cents in services—a notable gain for the government. On the other hand, for every tax dollar which the owner of a residential property pays to the state and local governments he receives \$1.16 in services—a clear loss for the government.

Because agriculture is Delaware's largest money maker, funds provided to the farm preservation program for the purchase of conservation rights is an important investment, and a low-cost one at that. Vetted farms are chosen for participation in the program based on the amount of discount they are willing to offer the state. In recent years the discounts have been so high that the state pays an average of only 35% of the value of the conservation rights.

The value of open space is most evidently of critical importance to Delaware's \$2.1 billion tourism industry. Less obvious is its value as passive open space, or land that we simply enjoy looking at. Open space is also of great value in water quality protection and flood prevention, for wildlife and native plant habitat, for air quality improvement, to serve as visual and noise screening, and even in preserving home values.

The Open Space Council's recent Protected Lands Map shows many holes and blank spaces where desirable open space has not yet been preserved. Delaware has lost more than 20,000 acres of forest land to development between 1986 and 1999. An estimated 8 acres of farmland is lost every workday. And once lost, this land will never return.

We hope that our League members will ask their state representatives and senators to support this important funding.

*Peggy Schultz, Portfolio Chair for Land Use/Transportation*

## ACTION ON HEALTH

Testimony, Governor's Budget Hearing, Dept of Health and Social Services, 2016. Joann Hasse, Linda Barnett  
From Joann's testimony: "We in the League were dismayed when we learned the DIMER/DIDER programs were eliminated in the JFC budget deliberations in the spring but heartened when the value of these programs was recognized and funds to continue them for the current year were made available. Now we have learned that because of technicalities in the budget process, these programs which have existed for many, many years—with all of us benefiting because of their multiple connections with Delaware's health care delivery system—would be considered **"new" programs and therefore could not even be considered for funding in the proposed budget.**"

The DIMER program was created in 1969 to address a problem: Delaware's lack of a medical school because we are simply not big enough to support one. The program has served us well for nearly 50 years and the benefits extend far beyond ensuring 25 slots for Delawareans at 2 Philadelphia medical schools. It is intertwined with our robust hospital residency programs and also has been the funding tool for bringing medical and dental providers to our underserved areas by helping them with their student loans. The Health Care Commission's long term mission to "promote accessible, affordable, quality healthcare for all Delawareans" as well as the efforts of the new Delaware Center for Health Innovation on workforce development will be severely undercut if these programs are not restored promptly. To imagine that they can just be re-created in a few years when finances improve seems to us to be a fantasy. Why would the schools involved want to get re-involved with the vagaries of Delaware government funding after this sudden disruption in a long working relationship? They have no shortage of applicants.

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We understand that there are budget constraints but restoring these programs seems to us to be much more important, and immediate, to Delaware's wellbeing and economic development than the same amount of funds appropriated for efforts to entice new business to the state. We urge you to re-instate these vital programs.

**Excerpts from Linda's testimony:** "... I call your attention to the need to add a service to the Medicaid Program – namely, dental services for Adult recipients. (Children, as you know, are already covered.)

**~~Health Impact:** The need for dental care has been well documented, but its cost often means it is treated as discretionary. Adults with limited resources may regard it as an option they must do without. Such neglect can pave the way for serious – and expensive – health problems.

**~~Economic and Social Impact:** As a practical matter, preventive care for the teeth and gums makes good sense for tax payers. It could keep more serious – and costly – diseases from developing or progressing more rapidly, thereby saving Medicaid dollars in the long run.

It also makes sense for the individual. Good oral health can make all the difference in a person's ability to get and keep a job. First, it can affect the ability to speak clearly – and poor communication can close the doors to many jobs. The complications associated with untreated dental caries and periodontal disease can also result in an unsightly appearance, which is often cause for the failure to be hired. But, even for those who do find a job, dental pain can make for poor performance, stemming from difficulty concentrating on daily tasks and, once serious health problems develop excessive absenteeism..."

*Joann Hasse, Health Care Chair*

### Join the Conversation!

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Twitter provides a quick digest of the nation's leading headlines, while Facebook gives us an open forum where we discuss the important issues of the day. All posts and points-of-view are welcome as long as our nonpartisan and inclusive policies are being respected.

To join Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and follow the instructions. Once you join, search for the League of Women Voters of Delaware and send us a "friend request." To join Twitter, go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and follow the instructions. Once you join, search for @lwvde and "follow" us!

### DC VOTING RIGHTS

#### Statehood News and December 8 Webinar

On November 8, the citizens of the District of Columbia overwhelmingly passed an advisory referendum supporting statehood for DC. The LWV of the District of Columbia is meeting with selected state and local Leagues over the next few weeks, but all League members can support this effort by signing up for the December 8, 7pm EST webinar by the LWVDC and the LWVEF to learn how to "Fix the Hole in Our Democracy." [Register for the Webinar now](#) and hear how you and your League can educate your communities on the need for full representation and statehood for DC. Additional materials on the project can be found on the League management site: <http://forum.lwv.org/search/node/DC%20statehood>. For questions or assistance on signing up for the webinar contact Betsy Lawson at [blawson@lwv.org](mailto:blawson@lwv.org).

# League of Women Voters of Delaware

## Price on Carbon Study

### 2015-2016

### Summary of Findings

Putting a price on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions – called “a price on carbon” – will reduce demand for fossil fuels and is a positive step toward reducing those emissions. Pricing carbon can be done using either a carbon tax/fee or a system of cap and trade. The LWV of Delaware “Price on Carbon” (DEPOC) study is not adequate to determine a preference. Both pricing mechanisms have been tried in many parts of the world; both can be successful.

Revenue will accrue from either system, and how that revenue is used is critical. Our work has shown that improving energy efficiency, investing in research, improving land use and transportation practices, and improving standards (such as mileage standards for vehicles) are all important. And all can be advanced more rapidly if revenue is invested in them.

#### **Carbon Pricing and Revenue Use**

Putting a price on greenhouse gas emissions – particularly those formed by burning fossil fuels – is a simple way to reduce demand and lower emissions. Most economists [agree](#) that carbon pricing is an effective way to reduce emissions, whether the [pricing mechanism](#) is via cap and trade or carbon tax – and it is [cheaper](#) than many other alternatives. [Most emissions](#) are from power plants, transportation, and industry. [Emissions have decreased](#) where carbon pricing is in effect, especially from power plants and industry, although it is difficult to determine how much of the decrease is due to carbon pricing alone.

**Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI):** Delaware is a founding member of [RGGI](#), a cooperative cap and trade system of nine Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the power sector. Emissions have decreased by nearly 50% since 2009, partly because of decreased demand, but mostly because of investments of the revenue by the states in [improving energy efficiency](#). Currently RGGI calls for decreasing the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cap for the region by 2.5% per year from its 2014 value from 2015 through 2020, and is discussing how to reduce the cap beyond 2020.

**Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI):** Delaware is a member of [TCI](#), a group of eleven Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states that “seeks to develop the clean energy economy and reduce oil dependence and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.” Transportation is the sector of Delaware’s economy that produces the largest amount of GHG emissions. Would carbon pricing work in this sector? Economists show that an increased price on gasoline and diesel would have little effect on demand because the market for transportation fuels is [not very elastic](#) – meaning that when prices go up, demand doesn’t go down by a commensurate amount. However, all of TCI’s efforts need funds. Use of revenue from a price on transportation fuels would increase the effectiveness of its work.

**Other Revenue Use:** In addition to investing in energy efficiency and augmenting transportation options described above, improving land use practices, basic research, and adaptation strategies such as reducing losses from sea level rise and coastal storms will increasingly need funds. Some revenue can also be returned to residents via a dividend or reductions in other taxes, which [has been shown](#) to create jobs and increase GDP. However, increasingly, more and more revenue will be needed in the struggle to directly reduce GHG emissions to mitigate climate change. Currently Delaware’s Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) has a program to promote clean energy vehicles by providing rebates of \$3500 for each new all-electric vehicle (EV) and \$1500 for each new plug-in hybrid vehicle purchased, as well as financial incentives for vehicle battery charging stations. The money now comes from pricing carbon emissions from electricity generation in RGGI. More could be done if there were an increasing price on the carbon in transportation fuels – especially if it could be done on a regional basis to prevent people from driving out of state to buy their gas and diesel fuel.

#### **Other Policy Options**

Other policy options that can assist carbon pricing in making the transition to a sustainable clean-energy economy are Renewable Portfolio Standards, Climate Action Plans, and Public Education and Outreach.

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### **Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPSs)**

An RPS requires that an increasing percentage of the electricity sold in a state come from renewable energy sources, such as wind power and solar – either photovoltaics (PV) or thermal solar. Delaware’s RPS requires that 25% of the electricity sold come from renewable sources by 2025, with 3.5% of that from solar PV and solid state fuel cells that use methane as a fuel – even though the methane may be produced by fracking. California and New York have each set the RPS target of 50% renewables for electricity generation by 2050, and Rhode Island has an RPS target of 40% by 2035. Delaware can do better.

### **Climate Action Plans (CAPs)**

A CAP is a plan by a state (or other governmental body) to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases of all types (principally carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and fluoro-chemicals) within its jurisdiction by a certain percentage and by a certain year, relative to a baseline year. In Delaware various government agencies in the [Climate Framework for Delaware](#) report urged that GHG emissions be reduced by 30% by 2030, relative to a 2008 baseline year, with no targets for later dates. The target for 2030 could be strengthened and targets set for later years, as other states have done.

### **Public Education and Outreach**

For the state of Delaware to survive in the face of sea level rise and more powerful coastal storms brought on by climate change, it will be necessary for global greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced to near zero within a few decades. That will require big increases in energy efficiency and a transition away from fossil fuels to non-carbon-emitting energy sources. While Delaware’s contribution to global emissions is small, it is larger than it needs to be, and Delaware could become a leader in showing that a transition to a clean energy economy is not only possible, but it can be done while improving people’s health and bringing new jobs and industries to Delaware. [California’s efforts](#) have shown GHG reduction can be done while still growing GDP. For that to happen will require energy and climate-literate citizens and public officials who understand both the great risks and great opportunities that we face.

For those who want to learn the basic science of climate change there is a useful overview published jointly by the British Royal Society and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences titled, [Climate Change: Evidence and Causes](#).

*For Additional Detail see:* [Delaware Energy, Climate Plans and Current Climate Status](#)

[Carbon Pricing – Methods and Results](#)   [Glossary](#)   [LWVUS Climate Change Position](#)

## **2016 Elected Officials Reception**

***The Delaware Coalition for Open Government, Delaware Press Association, The League of Women Voters and many other cosponsors***

**invite you to attend the . . . *2016 Elected Officials Reception***  
**Ed Oliver Golf Club, 800 North DuPont Road, Wilmington, Delaware.**  
**Monday, December 5, 2016**  
**5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

***All State, County and Municipal officials have been invited to attend this “meet and greet” with the public.***

***Presentation of the DelCOG Distinguished Service Award to Senator Karen E. Peterson in recognition of her support of and dedication to Open Government in Delaware***

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**For more information or to register: John Flaherty • [jdf0000@aol.com](mailto:jdf0000@aol.com)**

## Constitution Day Highlights

The League held its annual Constitution Day event on September 17 at the Dover Public Library, with approximately 20 people in attendance. The meeting began with presentations by Ellen Wasfi and Beverly Jackson [pictured at left] LWV members from the Dover League, summarizing the LWVUS positions on amending the federal Constitution and dealing with the issue of money in politics. These positions stemmed from Consensus events held in the local leagues here in Delaware (and around the country) this past Fall.



The second part of the program consisted of a presentation by Dean Rod Smolla, Professor and Dean of the Delaware Law School (pictured at right). He provided an historical overview of decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court that affected the rights of woman, revealing how constitutionally-granted protections for women have waxed and waned over time. Current decisions by the Court suggest that the protections offered by an Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution are already being granted, because of improvements in the status of women in society. Nonetheless, such an amendment would make clear that these protections must continue to be provided, no matter what the composition of the Supreme Court is. As a way to make the program more widely available, it was

live streamed on FacebookLive and had over 200 viewers. That video is now available on the Facebook page of LWVDE and has been shared by others, so the total “reach” is well over those 200.

Check out local League websites for reports on candidate forums and voter registrations drives that took place throughout the state.

## The 2016 Presidential Election WAS Rigged

11/23/2016 | by Sarah Courtney, LWVUS

### *Voter Suppression Can Impact Outcomes*

Washington, DC – This year, and for several years, there has been a concerted effort in many states to stop some voters from voting, or to make it much harder for them to participate. Since the Supreme Court rolled back key provisions of the Voting Rights Act in 2013, elected officials have purged existing voters from the rolls, made cuts to early voting, reduced polling places, put in place strict voter photo ID laws and levied onerous voter registration restrictions.

“We recognize the importance of a peaceful transfer of power as a hallmark of a functioning democracy, and we recognize that we have one of the best election systems and democracies in the world, but we also need to say it out loud: [This election was rigged. And it needs to stop.](#)” said **Chris Carson**, president of the [League of Women Voters of the United States](#).

“It is clear that this kind of voter suppression could impact the outcome of elections,” Carson continued. “We may never know whether the efforts to block voter participation changed the outcome in any particular race – but we must be on guard for the future.”

Tight margins in some key elections show that suppression may play a role.

In Wisconsin, President-elect Trump beat Secretary Clinton by roughly 27,000 votes, however [according to federal court, 300,000 registered voters lacked the proper photo ID](#). In North Carolina, the closest governor’s race the country has seen in more than a decade is still unresolved, [with fewer than 8,000 votes separating the current governor from his challenger](#).

“We are not talking about vigilante voter intimidation,” said Carson. “We are talking about official, legal voter suppression by state legislatures and election officials.”

Carson pointed especially to the work of Kris Kobach, the Secretary of State of Kansas, who engaged in a multi-year effort to stop eligible Kansans from voting. Laws drafted by Kobach required restrictive documentary proof of citizenship to register by mail and at the DMV. Despite defeats in federal and state courts, Kobach still pushed to keep eligible citizens from voting.

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“Some try to justify voter suppression as just politics as usual – trying to ensure their candidates will win,” Carson said. “There is no excuse for erecting unnecessary barriers to voting. It is not the American way.”

In 2016, the League worked to make sure voters impacted by new laws were aware of these restrictions. In Ohio, the League made thousands of phone calls to inform voters about that state’s purge. In Virginia, the League conducted outreach so voters knew about the new ID law. In Kansas, the League worked to register voters and provide them information. Across the country League members volunteered as non-partisan poll observers.

“Every eligible citizen should vote and the election system should help them participate rather than standing in the way,” said Carson. “The League of Women Voters will continue our work to expand participation in the election process and work to give a voice to all Americans,” she concluded.

The League is gearing up to take a stand in statehouses and courtrooms nationwide to ensure no voters are left behind.

**What states rigged their elections?** Here’s the list of 13 states with new voting restrictions in effect in the 2016 election:

1. **Alabama** saw a new restrictive photo ID requirement in 2016. There is ongoing litigation that could require voters to provide more burdensome documentary proof of citizenship when registering to vote.
2. **Arizona** for the first time had limitations on mail-in ballot collection. This law made it a felony to turn in another voter’s completed ballot. This practice is popular for rural and Native American communities that do not have access to reliable transportation or postal offices.
3. **Indiana** now permits election officers to demand voters provide proof of identification. This law subjects voters to an additional and duplicative voter identification requirement that did not exist before the law was enacted.
4. **Kansas** continued attempts to require documentary proof of citizenship in order to register to vote by mail and at the DMV. Courts overturned these requirements but many voters who tried to register were put on a suspense list.
5. **Mississippi** passed a restrictive photo ID requirement that was allowed to go into effect after the U.S Supreme Court gutted Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act in 2013.
6. **New Hampshire** enacted a new photo ID law, requiring voters without acceptable ID to be photographed at the polls, and the photograph to be affixed to an affidavit.
7. **Ohio** made cuts to early voting and changed absentee and provisional ballot rules. The Buckeye State also eliminated the period known as “Golden Week”, when voters can register and cast a ballot on the same day. The Secretary of State also purged more than 1 million Ohio voters from the registration rolls.
8. **Rhode Island** voters needed to provide a valid photo ID to vote this year. Voters without ID could only cast provisional ballots.
9. **South Carolina** for the first time required voters who have photo IDs to produce them in order to vote in this presidential election. Voters without ID needed to sign an affidavit at the polls and could only cast a provisional ballot.
10. **Tennessee** lawmakers made the photo ID law already in place more restrictive by limiting acceptable IDs to only those issued by the state or federal government. The state conducted an illegal purge of voters who hadn’t recently voted.
11. **Texas** instituted one of the most restrictive photo ID laws in the nation, but was blocked in the courts. The state then required voters with ID to produce it, and individuals lacking the official ID could vote only after showing a different form of identification and signing a declaration. *(Continued on page 10 Voter Suppression Can Impact Outcomes)*

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12. **Virginia** limited voter registration by civic organizations and required restrictive photo ID for the first time.

13. **Wisconsin** reduced early voting hours on weekdays and eliminated them entirely on weekends. Voters also were required to show photo IDs for the first time. the restrictions to early voting and the ID law.

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## CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 30, 2016 9:30 am - 12 pm	Legislative Hall <a href="#">411 Legislative Ave.</a> <a href="#">Dover, DE 19901</a>	<b>LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS MEETING.</b> Contact Committee Chair Sandy Spence for details (302-841-2882). Agenda items include planning for the 2017-18 session of the General Assembly, testifying at budget hearings and League Day in Dover in 2017.
Monday, December 5, 2016, 5:30-8 pm	Ed Oliver Golf Club, <a href="#">800 N. DuPont Rd.</a> <a href="#">Wilmington, DE</a> <a href="#">19807</a>	<b>RECEPTION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.</b> This event offers the public an opportunity to meet new and previously elected public officials. It is co-sponsored by the Delaware Coalition for Open Government and many organization and civic associations, as well as LWVDE and LWVNCC.  Further details and how to register are on the "What's New?" page. Find the page on the list on the upper left of this page, and click on it.
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 8:30 am - 3:00 pm	The Duncan Center, 500 Loockerman St, Dover, DE 19904	League Day in Dover 2017. The morning program will address League issues related to Poverty, specifically: Education, Health Care and Housing.  We will also be commemorating Equal Pay Day, which happens to be April 4 in 2017. This day is designated annually to reflect how far into the new year women must work to achieve the same amount of pay as men in the previous year. Our primary co-sponsor, the American Association of University Women is arranging the luncheon talk on Equal Pay.  After lunch attendees will head over to Legislative Hall to be present while the General Assembly adopts a resolution commemorating Equal Pay Day. And we will distribute packets with Position Papers on legislative issues pending at that time to all legislators.  Attendees are encouraged to wear red.
Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 6-8:30 pm	Location to be determined	<b>LWVDE BOARD &amp; EDUCATION FUND MEETINGS.</b>
Wednesday, January 4, 2016 9:30 am - 12 pm	Location to be determined	<b>LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS MEETING.</b> Contact Committee Chair Sandy Spence for details (302-841-2882) or <a href="mailto:sandyspence325@gmail.com">sandyspence325@gmail.com</a> .

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