

**League of Women Voters of Delaware invites all members to its biennial CONVENTION, SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017
Dover Downs Hotel, the Delaware Room, 1131 N. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901**

No experience required to become a delegate! Join us for an informative and productive day.

Convention and Registration at 8:30 – 9 am with Continental Breakfast Bar

**Business meeting 9:00 am • speakers 11:00 – 12:15 pm • Luncheon at 12:30 pm with Speaker
• Business meeting 2:00 pm • Adjourn 3 pm**

THEME: *Come together to make a difference: Be part of the solution*"

At our LWVDE conventions every two years, we come together to take care of the business of the League. We elect state board members and officers, pass a budget, adopt policy positions, and amend bylaws. It's also a time to reflect on how we can become better citizens . . . how we can engage in the process of government. So join us on June 10th to take care of business, to listen to our presenters and our keynote speaker, and to bring meaning to our theme: ***"Come together to make a difference: Be part of the solution.***

Presenters and Keynote Speakers



Keynote speaker at lunch: US Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester

Lisa began her professional career as a problem-solver and an advocate. A caseworker for then-Congressman Tom Carper, Lisa helped people during challenging times with their Social Security benefits, disability insurance claims, IRS disputes and housing needs. She served in the cabinets of two Delaware governors as the first female African-American Secretary of Labor and the first African-American Deputy Secretary of Health and Social Services and State Personnel Director.

She also served as the CEO of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League – an action-oriented, public policy research think-tank focused on the inclusion of people of color.

Lisa grew up in Wilmington, graduated from Padua Academy, and worked her first job at the McDonald's on Market Street. She majored in International Relations as an undergraduate at Fairleigh Dickinson University and later earned a Master's in Urban Affairs and Public Policy from the University of Delaware. Lisa once again made history in 2016 when she was elected to Congress. She was the first woman and the first person of color to represent The First State in such a role. She serves on the House Committee on Education and Workforce as well as the House Committee on Agriculture.

Amy Hjerstedt, LWVUS Board Director, and liaison to the LWV of Delaware



Amy will speak about engaging the public and league members by using the new action kits on Money in Politics and Redistricting. She will update us on LWVUS activities as time allows. The League is deeply committed to reforming our nation's campaign finance system to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process. Reform the redistricting process and voter protection is high on its priorities.

Amy activities include LWVUS Shur Fellow (2014-2016), diversity advisor (2015-2016), Young People's Task Force co-chair (2012-2014); LWV Arlington, VA: Board member, Social Media administrator (2015-2016); LWV Eastern Upper Peninsula (MI state unit): founder, president (2013-2015); LWV San Diego: co-chair Voter Service (2009-2012); LWV California Initiative Study Committee (2010-2012); LWV Portland, OR: Board member (2007-2009); U.S. Coast Guard veteran.

Personal Statement: *"am truly honored to be a member of the LWV, as I am continually humbled by the commitment, enthusiasm and pride of our volunteers. As a LWVUS Board member, I will strive every day to promote the LWV as an all-inclusive organization that helps its members grow professionally and personally as we serve a cause greater than ourselves: democracy."*



Eugene Young, Delaware Center for Justice Advocacy Director

Eugene is the Delaware Center for Justice (DCJ) Advocacy Director. He coordinates the agency's Stand Up for what's Right and Just (SURJ) at DCJ policy programming and legislative advocacy. He is the founder of Network Delaware. Network Delaware's mission is to leverage citizen-led community empowerment, research analysis, and leadership development to enact lasting socioeconomic change. It kicked off in January 2017. The organization was born from the mayoral campaign of Eugene Young, who

narrowly lost the 2016 Democratic primary.

Prior to joining DCJ, Young served as Project Specialist & Aide to Senator Cory Booker, and has also served as a Legislative Aide in the Delaware House of Representatives. Eugene has extensive experience working on state and federal policy, and is also the Co-Founder of Delaware Elite, a nonprofit that focused on youth leadership development in Wilmington. Young received his bachelor's degree from University of Maryland Baltimore County, and also holds a Masters of Public Administration from Wilmington University, and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Delaware.

The Business of Convention 2015 includes:

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, PROPOSED PROGRAM 2017-2019, PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES, PROPOSED BUDGET(S) for 2017-18 AND 2018-19

Registration Information - RSVP by June 5, 2017

Registration: \$40.00. Send your check to LWVDE 2400 W 17th Street, Clash Wing, Room 1, Lower Level, Wilmington, DE 19806 or go to lwvdelware.org and scroll down to LWV Delaware donation button to make payment.

Call or email your local League president (listed below) and let her know that you will be a delegate or visitor. Send your name, contact information and the League you are representing to the [office \[lwvde@comcast.net\]\(mailto:office_lwvde@comcast.net\)](mailto:office_lwvde@comcast.net) or call the office at 302- 571-8948.

If you are a nominee not currently serving on a board, you are encouraged to represent your local League as a delegate.

Visitors are welcome and pay \$40.