

## Team Activity Reports – April

### Updates from the President

**ClubExpress** – No change

**LWVSMC Legal Status** – No change

**MC League Merger** – LWWNJ approved the proposed merger at its April 2 meeting and our application to LWWUS was submitted on April 3. Merger Steering Committee met weekly, beginning April 7.

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### Membership Team

*Team Co-Chairs – Wilma Pfeffer, Diane Hara*

#### **Members**

Current active members – 108

1 new member: Patti Russo, Toms River

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### LWV of Monmouth County (Interleague Organization – ILO)

*Board Members from SMC – Evelyn Murphy (Leadership Team), Peggy Dellinger (Secretary), Susan Sferas (Treasurer), Annette Scott, Sherri West*

**Next meeting Wednesday, May 4, 1:00 – 3:00.** Anyone interested in attending please contact Evelyn for the Zoom link.

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### LWWNJ State Board Report (SBR)

Report for March can be viewed at [State Board Report March 2022](#).

The member section of the LWWNJ website has been redesigned to make member resources easier to find at <https://www.lwvnj.org/members>

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### Re-Enter, Register, Vote (RRV)

*Team Chair – Annette Scott*

#### **Voter Education and Registration**

**Team scheduled 24 meetings and completed 23** – 10 in-person, 9 zoom, 4 teleconference.

Reached **189 citizens**. -- **registrations** completed at the in-person sessions; **9 added to text** line.

Now working with **4 partner corporations** – NJ Reentry Corp, GEO Parole, The Kintock Group, and NJ Association on Correction Equality (CRC Program).

**7 Counties Visited** – Atlantic, Bergen, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth

**9 Municipalities Visited** – Camden, Elizabeth, Hackensack, Hamilton, Jersey City, Neptune City, New Brunswick, Newark, Perth Amboy, Pleasantville, Trenton, Vineland  
**Volunteers** in addition to Annette were Dale Chant, Cordelia Golden, Donna Lembo, Eleanor Novek, Anne Ugrovics, and Vanessa Merhi (GRBA).

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## **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)**

*Team Co-Chairs – Diane Hara and Lois Kiley*

No meeting in March.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82936174419?pwd=uojvYOk-8CeBb7XTPtj7q\\_pXWzWfM.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82936174419?pwd=uojvYOk-8CeBb7XTPtj7q_pXWzWfM.1)

Next meeting – Saturday, May 21, 11:00am. In-person and virtual. Greens Natural Foods, 1119 Highway 35 Ocean, NJ 07712 (**formerly Deans**) Community Room. [Zoom Link Here](#)

Anyone interested in joining the DEI Team should contact Lois Kiley - [llkiely@aol.com](mailto:llkiely@aol.com)

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## **Observer Corps**

*Coordinator – Marie Curtis*

**MORE OBERVERS NEEDED !!!** Governing bodies, planning boards and boards of education are all areas of concern for League. If interested, contact Marie at [dandmcurt@optonline.net](mailto:dandmcurt@optonline.net)

### ***Ocean Twp Council – Observer: Wilma Pfeffer***

Primarily routine business: bills approved, and various road and other projects approved. Of note is the passage of a revised township tree ordinance that tightens requirements to cut down trees. League member Ken Lutz appeared to thank the council for that ordinance. Superstorm Sandy seriously damaged the tree canopy in town. Also of note, the court has denied the citizen group appeal on the construction at Rte 35 and Deal Road.

### ***Ocean County Board of Commissioners – Observers: Anne Ugrovics and Dale Chant***

Scheduled to begin in May

### ***Ocean County Board of Election - Observers: Anne Ugrovics and Dale Chant***

Scheduled to begin in May

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## **Facts & Issues**

*Host – Marie Curtis*

Two programs were recorded in April.

1. Jen Coffey of ANJEC on the plastic bag ban and
2. Dallas Grove on Hometown Histories.

### ***Future Programs:***

- Monmouth County Parks staff.
- NJ Audubon: Backyard habitats for birds
- Members with program ideas and/or volunteering to host should contact Marie - [dandmcurt@optonline.net](mailto:dandmcurt@optonline.net)

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## **Candidates' Forum Team**

*Voters Service Co-Chair for Forums – Nancy Sabino*

No activity in February.

No activity in March.

Primary Election Forums are in the works for elections that are competitive: All on zoom)

CD-6 Republican (LWVSMC lead, collaborating with GRBA and Greater New Brunswick) 5-26-22

CD-4 Republican (LWVGRBA lead) not scheduled

CD-3 Democratic and Republican (LWVWM lead, collaborating with Burlington County, East Windsor-Heightstown Area, and Lawrenceville Township) Media Sponsor – TAPinto. Dem 6-1-22, Rep not yet scheduled

Monmouth County Sheriff and Commissioners Republican (LWVWM lead) possibly 6-2-22

Red Bank Borough Mayoral Democratic (LWVSMC and LWVGRBA) 5-24-22

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## **Voter Engagement and Registration Team**

*Voter Engagement and Registration Team Leader – Cordelia Golden*

Voter Information and Registration Booths Scheduled:

- Ocean Grove Spring Fling. Sat, May 7, 10am – 4pm – Postponed due to Weather
- Jersey Pride Celebration. Asbury Park. Sun, June 5, noon to 7pm
- Juneteenth, Neptune and Asbury Park. Sat, June 18, 11am to 5pm
- Neptune Day. Sat, Sep. 10, noon to 5pm (Rain date, Sun, Sep 11)

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## **Public Relations, Social Media, and Website**

*Public Relations Chair – Dallas Grove, Public Relations Co-Chair – Nancy Sabino, Webmaster – Ted Dellinger, Social Media Team – Dallas Hlatky, Lisa Ianucci,*

**Website** – Continuing to update and prepare for transfer to ClubExpress.

**Public Relations** – The three Leagues of Monmouth Co. continue to coordinate press releases.

**Facebook** – 33 Posts Reached 4616 people with 345 Post Engagements, 40 Page Visits. 3 new Page Likes; Total 202 (est. 83% women); 4 new Followers; Total 229.

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## **Vote411 Team**

*Webmaster – Ted Dellinger; Elections Information Coordinator – Nancy Clarke. Working with Anne Torre, GRBA.*

Ted and Anne created landing pages for the competitive races. Anne reached out to candidates and Ted uploaded the responses.

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## **Energizing Young Voters (EYV)**

*Director – Pat Supplee*

**Of note:** I will meet with Sen. Vin Gopal (NJ), head of the NJ legislative education committee, on 5/10/22. Sen. Gopal's office reached out to learn more about our organization. I will provide him with an overview and answer his questions. I also hope to:

1. Thank him for sponsoring student initiated S2304. allowing a day of excused absence for middle and high school students who participate in a civic action; ask if there is any bipartisan support for the bill? What are the prospects for moving the bill out of committee? How we might take action that would help move it out of committee.
2. *Thinking of equity issues for kids who don't go on to college, ask how young people learn about serving (e.g., internships) in legislative offices & activities (not campaigning, but the actual work of governing in NJ?)*
3. Encourage a bill to expand discrete civics education requirements to high school in an effort to increase students' intention to vote and engage in democracy with civility so education occurs when the need for those attitudes and skills is imminent – and for many students, is our last chance to influence them without partisanship.

### **Program notes:**

- The first Smithsonian exhibit, *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America*, is finishing its stay at RCBC. We organized the docent program and had a table at the entrance to make people aware of EYV. EYV is providing docent training for the exhibit at Mercer County Community College, 5/3 from 7-8:30 via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88950862773>) and in-person at the exhibit on 5/18. The Mercer exhibit opens on 5/19. The next event is at Atlantic Cape Community College. Upcoming venues over the rest of this year include Monmouth Museum during the summer, Union County CC and Middlesex County CC in the fall. Let me know if you would like to volunteer to be part of the events.
- The voting Simulation was held at Mercer Technical HS on 4/29/22. Students were trained to open, close and run the voting machines and serve as poll workers. The event was inspirational, to say the least, with several potential new members of EYV as presenters and board members. We will return next year.
- Webinar for the LWV NJ introduced over 30 new people to EYV. We took a deep dive into the Student Advocate Toolkit, helping participants modify the toolkit for their own county. Six modified toolkits now on our website.
- We will present at the LWV US national convention in Denver in late June an overview of EYV programs and leadership opportunities, and hope to engage participants in the organization as presenters and volunteers.
- *Across the Divide: Speak to be Understood* is waiting for student-created videos, then is ready to pilot. Two middle schools have been lined up. Looking for at least one high school and one college/community college class to pilot for those age groups. Can be clubs or classes. Please LMK if your school might participate.

### **Collaborations:**

- NJCDC Youth Outreach Committee in Paterson, NJ. We will likely be presenting all of our modules to the team of 30-50 high school students representing all Paterson public high schools, then engaging them as presenters in their own schools
- Art the Vote- ([www.artthevoter.org](http://www.artthevoter.org)), designed and developed by Jayne Mackta, one of our sponsors, asks young people to design nonpartisan postcards, posters, cartoon strips, tiktoks, etc. urging people to Get Out The Vote. Cash prizes and national exposure. Winning art will be mass produced as postcards to encourage potential voters for the 2022 and 2024 elections to get out the vote.
- NJ Score -( <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org1161011.jsp>) offers the help of retired experts to assist start-up organizations. Our match is with an attorney, Michael Pellegrino, who has provided helpful resources..

### **Development/Funding**

- We are continuing our effort to engage people as sustaining supporters (asking for tax-deductible donations of \$10/month (or more) We are asking for matching corporate donations as well. Donations can be made through our website. Please urge anyone you know who believes in our vision and mission to consider donating. Every little bit counts, and big bits or matching grants enable us to operate and expand.
- We need someone to spearhead this effort. It is not my strength but is essential to our existence and growth. Please think of your networks and let me know if you have someone you can recommend.

**Presentations:** To date during SY 2021-22, we have held 51 presentations that reached 1256 students and 416 adults.

### **Future sustainability of EYV**

- The Brookdale course, Board Development, with an eye towards moving EYV from a startup to a growth nonprofit entity was moderately helpful. We are in discussion with LWV NJ to try to determine the best way forward.

### **Internships**

- Katy (fall '21) has been appointed to the Governor's Youth Advisory Council. She and representatives from 14 other organizations focusing on young people, advise the governor and his staff on issues of importance to young voters. Watch for updates in our next newsletter and on Facebook and Instagram.
- Gina (spring '21) is developing our fourth edition of our quarterly newsletter.
- Sheil Shah (spring '22) is focused on 1) adding GOTV efforts to our repertoire and 2) improving our social media presence. He has also begun developing a handbook so that future interns will have a clear sense of the job responsibilities and an easy-to-follow manual for completing needed tasks.
- Unpaid internship: Charlotte Parauda from Middletown South HS chose to work with EYV. Her goal was to become a program director: She has identified schools/teachers/community organizations, etc. interested in our programs, scheduling those and handling the administrative details associated. She has presented The Timeline of Suffrage to a middle school in Middletown, is in planning stages with other middle schools, and is hoping to expand her

repertoire to other presentations. She also helped organize and participated in a student voter registration drive

### **Copyright issue**

All programs on our website have been scrubbed of potential copyright issues. Thanks to many volunteers who worked quickly to be sure we faced no issues.