

## Team Activity Reports – March 2022

### Updates from the President

**ClubExpress** – No change

**LWVSMC Legal Status** – No change

**MC League Merger** – 25 members from the three Monmouth County Leagues (11 from LWVSMC) attended the *Imagining Our New League* brainstorming session on March 15. The meeting was facilitated Peggy and Anne Torre. The county-wide Merger Steering Team (formerly Merger Exploration Team) met on March 24 to compile and organize the brainstorming results. The team agreed to meet weekly beginning April 7.

LWVNJ approved the proposed merger at its April 2 meeting and our application to LWVUS was submitted on April 3.

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### Membership Team

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

#### **Members**

Current active members – 107

1 new member: Bridget Devane, Bradley Beach

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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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### LWVNJ State Board Report (SBR)

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

The member section of the LWVNJ website has been redesigned to make member resources easier to find. Take a look, 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 30 meetings and completed 26** – 13 in-person, 9 zoom, 4 teleconference.

Reached **199 citizens. 33 registrations** completed at the in-person sessions; **12 added to text** line.

Now working with **3 partner corporations** – NJ Reentry Corp, GEO Parole, and The Kintock Group.  
**7 Counties Visited** – Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic, Union  
**9 Municipalities Visited** – Elizabeth, Hackensack, Jersey City, Kearny, Neptune City, New Brunswick, Newark, Paterson, Perth Amboy  
**Volunteers** in addition to Annette were Eleanor Novek, Donna Lembo, Dale Chant, and Vanessa Merhi (GRBA). Outside of Monmouth County – Ethel Reid, Edwin Ortiz, Teresa DeSousa, Bernice Crawford, Ronessa Johnson, Peter Braley, Maureen Grant, Louise Easton, Kathe Kennedy

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

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

No meeting in March.

The next DEI meeting will be scheduled in May New Jersey.  
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 – Observer: Anne Ugrovics***

Anne is working with Marie to get started.

Juliet Cozzi is in discussions with Marie about taking on an assignment in Middletown

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## **Facts & Issues**

*Host – Marie Curtis*

Two programs were recorded in March.

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.

Upcoming Elections with Possible Forums: Various Primaries, June 7

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## **2022 Legislative Interviews**

LWVSMC conducted interviews with legislators from LD 30 and LD11 on behalf the LWVNJ for the purpose of learning their legislative priorities and their thoughts on the League's legislative agenda. Peggy Dellinger coordinated and oversaw the effort for LD 30; Marie Curtis, for LD11.

For LD 30, Rosemary Venter led a team of members residing in the district on interviews via the League's Zoom account with three legislators:

- Assemblyman Sean Kean on March 23 (Bridget Devane, Peggy Dellinger, Sharon Miggins, Rona Parker, and Rosemary Venter);
- Assemblyman Edward Thomson on March 25 (Bridget Devane, Sharon Miggins, Evelyn Murphy, Rona Parker, and Rosemary Venter); and
- Senator Robert Singer on April 5 (Bridget Devane, Peggy Dellinger, Rona Parker, and Rosemary Venter).

Reports of the LD30 interviews have been submitted to LWVNJ.

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## **Call-a-thon Team**

*Call-a-thon Team Co-Chairs – Marie Curtis and Wilma Pfeffer*

*Additional Volunteers for Calls to Montclair Area League – Nancy Sabino, Harriet Bernstein, Luisa Paster, Susan Sferas, Evelyn Murphy*

Calls completed on schedule so LWVSMC will receive a percentage of contributions.

### **Confirmed Pledges:**

LWVSMC members approximately \$3,000

Montclair Area members approximately \$900

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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
- Jersey Pride Celebration. Asbury Park. Sun, June 5, noon to 7pm

- 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. Press Release regarding Harvard Business School program presentation published in The Coaster as well as some online media.

**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.*

No activity in March

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

*Director – Pat Supplee*

**Data:** Not only did NJ have the greatest increase among states across the nation in young voter turnout in the 2020 election – but Monmouth Co, where we have done most of our work, had the greatest increase of all counties in NJ. This is a correlation, not a cause/effect finding, but it is certainly intriguing and worth researching whether EYV has the impact we hope.

### **Programs:**

- Smithsonian exhibit, *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America*, touring NJ
  - RCBC: opens on 4/1. Six docents trained; EYV tabling of ArtTheVote, Student Advocate Toolkit, and voter registration. Exhibit runs 4/5/22 to 5/5/22. ([www.rcbc.edu/Smithsonian](http://www.rcbc.edu/Smithsonian).)
  - Mercer County CC: EYV provides docent training for the exhibit, tabling, and module presentation.
  - Other venues to come over the rest of 2022 (Brookdale, Atlantic Cape, Middlesex and Union CC.)
- www.ArtTheVote.org - is underway, co-sponsored by EYV, Vote by Design and Jayne Mackta. Cash prizes at different age levels; winning entries will be mass produced as postcards for mailing to friends and families for the 2022 and 2024 elections; also used as models for “make-your-own GOTV postcard” at future Smithsonian exhibits.

**Materials updates:**

- *Across the Divide: Speak to be Understood* is waiting for student-created videos, then is ready to pilot. Two middle schools are lined up. Need one high school and one college/community college class to pilot for those age groups. Can be clubs or classes.
- Copyright challenge modifications: All programs accessible from the cloud except the teacher version (underway) of SATK have been reviewed and revised as needed.

**Collaborations:** NJ Council for Humanities

- Providing supplementary programming for the Smithsonian exhibits in NJ

**Development/Funding:**

- We are looking for sustaining supporters (tax-deductible donations of \$10/month or more) and asking for matching corporate donations as well. Donations can be made via check or through our [website](#).

**Presentations:** To date

- We have reached 1,025 students during SY 21-22 and 451 adults.
- We now have 8 student presenters, two of whom have planned and carried out every aspect of programming
- Upcoming presentations for adult groups - focus is "You Can Do It, Too."
  - Webinar for LWV NJ
  - LWV Lawrence
  - Application made to present at NJEA Convention in November 2022
  - Application made to present a caucus session at the LWVUS Convention in June 2022 - acknowledgement received, but decision still to come

**Internships**

- Katy Timari (fall '21) serves as the EYV rep on the Governor's Youth Advisory Council. Hosted [recent youth forum](#) with the Governor's Office
- Gina Viola (spring '21) produced the [third edition of our quarterly newsletter](#).
- Sheil Shah (spring '22) - data collection/analysis; GOTV outreach - south Asian community; video for FV/Instagram & PR: overview of Timeline of Suffrage and the Student Advocate Toolkit
- Charlotte Parauda (Middletown-S HS) program facilitator: 1) identified schools/teachers/community organizations interested in our programs; 2) scheduled and handling the administrative details associated; 3) presented Timeline of Suffrage (Thompson Middle School in Middletown was highly successful;) 4) planning underway for additional middle schools in the district.