

Activity Report – December 2022

The Activity Report is compiled from information and reports submitted each month by members responsible for the volunteer work we do. Our objective is to keep the Board informed of work completed and ongoing and to have a permanent record of our work. It is shared with the Board and then posted on our website for members to access.

From the Co-Presidents

- Our Holiday Party was a great success, with 37 members in attendance!
- Excited to highlight four project opportunities for January/February
 - State Lobby Corps Legislative District Captains – to conduct legislative interviews and serve as contacts for action initiated throughout the year. We cover four districts – 10,11,12, and 13.
 - Program Planning Input to LWVNJ – shapes statewide program for coming two years. Kickoff zoom 6pm, Tuesday, January 17
 - Organizing Town Teams and Monmouth County Team – kickoff zoom 6:30 pm, Thursday, February 9
 - 103rd Birthday Celebration and Day of Action – Tuesday, February 14.

Merger Progress

- Awaiting clearance by the State of NJ to officially name our merged league using the name of the dissolved Interleague Organization (ILO) – *League of Women of Monmouth County*

Membership

- 287 members (at 12-31)
- Dues renewals are underway. Awaiting renewals from about 15 percent.

Fundraising

- Awarded two grants from LWVUS
 - 2023 Youth Voter Registration - \$500 to be spent by June 15, 2023
 - 2023 People who are Formerly or Currently Incarcerated Voter Registration Project - \$1,000 to be spent by October 31, 2023
- September 2022 Garage Sale - \$40 additional received from Ebay sale
- Broadway Bus Trip to see Funny Girl April 27. Member Kay Jannarone has conducted trips like this each spring for decades as a member of LWVSMC. It is a great social activity and provides a small donation (~\$150) to our league. Interested members can contact Co-President Evelyn M.

DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) Team

- Next Meeting will be via zoom – Wednesday, January 18, 2023, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Members and Guests are welcome
- People interested in joining the Team should email Lois Kiely. lkiely@aol.com

Running & Winning

- Program scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2023.
- Members interested in working on the program can contact Barb Chaudhery. bjchaudhery@gmail.com

Voter Girl

Mary Anne De Varti is setting up a meeting with the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. Members interested in working on this program can contact Mary Anne or Barbara C

Book Club

Lois Kiley and Sharon Steinhorn are organizing a book club for interested members.

- Organizing meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, February 15, 7:00pm
- Interested members can contact Sharon or Lois

Hot Topics

The Green Amendment – First Quarter 2023.

- Featuring Maya van Rossum, leader of Delaware Riverkeeper
- JJ Mistretta and Phyllis Garr organizing with input from Melissa Marks at LWV NJ
- Awaiting information regarding Maya's availability. Targeting a Sunday afternoon.

Reenter-Register-Vote (RRV)

- Scheduled 18 Information and Registration Sessions; conducted 8
- Reached 43 Citizens; Registered 3 and added to text list.

Full Report Appended

Communications – Press Activity

Letter to the Editor: *League of Women Voters seeking support for 'Dreamers'*, 12-8.

Published by centraljersey.com and by Two River Times

Profile of Annette Scott written by Pat McDonald, NJ Patch, based on November press release and followup information provided by Communications Team.

Full Report Appended

Communications – Social Media

- Posts related to Yearend Holidays, League successes created for Facebook and Instagram.
- Facebook statistics show;
 - 4 posts – reach 235, engagement 26, post interactions 5
 - 291 Likes
 - 322 Followers

Communications to Members

- MailChimp E-Blasts
 - Holiday Party Invitation to members not yet responding
 - Holiday Party Invitation to potential members on our list
 - Membership Renewal to those with renewals due (1)
- Regular Email
 - Message from Your Co-Presidents, with board list 12/12
 - Year-end Message from Your Co-Presidents, LWV NJ Annual Appeal 12/29

Communications – Website

- Work underway to develop ClubExpress-hosted website

Observer Corps

Currently, we have members serving as observers for the following:

- Monmouth County Board of Elections
- Ocean Township Council
- Ocean County Commissioners
- Ocean County Board of Elections

We are in need of a volunteer to receive and compile the reports
Report on Monmouth County BoE Appended

Natural Resources – Program

- Monitored activity related to the Colts Neck Manor development.
- Prepared to attend meetings of the Monmouth County Planning Board's Development Review Committee on December 12. Application pulled from the agenda. December 26 meeting cancelled.

Board Member Louise Usechak leads this work and is ***looking for member volunteers who want to focus on any aspect of natural resources protection.***

Energizing Young Voters

- EYV now has a presence in 14 of the 21 counties in NJ
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Full December report Appended.

Appendix – Miscellaneous Reports

Re-Enter, Register, Vote – December Report

Date	Location	Partner	# Citizens	# Reg	# Texts	Format	Volunteers
12/1/22	New Brunswick	Reentry	cancelled				
12/1/22	Newark	Reentry	8			zoom	
12/5/22	Toms River	Reentry	3			in-person	Dale C
12/5/22	Hackensack	Reentry	cancelled				
12/5/22	Jersey City	Reentry	8			zoom	
12/5/22	New Brunswick	Reentry	cancelled				
12/7/22	Neptune City	Reentry	1	1	1	in-person	Donna L
12/8/22	Newark	Reentry	cancelled				
12/13/22	Jersey City	Reentry	cancelled				Volunteer Cancelled
12/13/22	Bergen	Reentry	cancelled				Volunteer Cancelled
12/13/22	New Brunswick	Reentry	cancelled				Volunteer Cancelled
12/14/22	Neptune City	Reentry	4			in-person	Donna L
12/15/22	Newark	Reentry	cancelled				
12/20/22	Bergen	Reentry	2			zoom	
12/20/22	Jersey City	Reentry	15			zoom	
12/20/22	New Brunswick	Reentry	cancelled				
12/21/22	Neptune City	Reentry	2	2	2	in-person	Donna L
		Totals	43	3	3		

**Communications Report – December Activity
Submitted by Mary Donnelly**

League of Women Voters seeking support for ‘Dreamers’

Letter to the Editor 12/8/22

(sent 12/8/22, 7:30 am; published the same day. Atlantic Hub)

<https://centraljersey.com/2022/12/08/lwv-letter/>

Neptune Woman Helps Formerly Incarcerated Register To Vote

Pat McDaniel, Patch reporter, 12/13/2022

Annette Scott profile

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/asbury-park/neptune-woman-helps-formerly-incarcerated-register-vote>

DACA letter to the Editor

Two River Times, 12/16/22

Woman’s Club Showcases Historic Red Bank Photographs

December 21, 2022

Two River Times

<https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://tworivertimes.com/womans-club-showcases-historic-red-bank->

[photographs/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE1ODQxNTAyNjk4ODY5MjY0ODgyGjgwMGQ3MTJkNmEzMDdhY2M6Y29tOmVuOIVT&usg=AOvVaw1IzeDRKTVPdQYHnmHsCRKF](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://tworivertimes.com/womans-club-showcases-historic-red-bank-photographs/&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoUMTE1ODQxNTAyNjk4ODY5MjY0ODgyGjgwMGQ3MTJkNmEzMDdhY2M6Y29tOmVuOIVT&usg=AOvVaw1IzeDRKTVPdQYHnmHsCRKF)

feature article about Woman’s Club photography exhibit with a photo of, “the League of Women Voters asking people to vote on Broad Street from the mid-1900s...”

OBSERVER CORPS REPORT: Board of Elections Dec. 13, 2022

By Sharon Steinhorn

- There will be a special Brd of Education bond election in Manasquan on Jan. 25th. The Election Commissioners discussed that the Executive Order that was issued during Covid to put all elections in November has expired and now many schools are going back to April. Towns determine their elections, not the legislature so that there is no way to consolidate/limit the number of them. In 2020 there were 11 elections held. This year an election can cost a town's taxpayers \$50,000-\$60, 000. The Board considered contacting the state Assoc. of Education as well as Sen. Gopal to discuss this concern.
- The board is awaiting budget approval for new equipment and hopes it will be done in time for the equipment to be available for the Primary Election in June.
- Review of Nov. election. Consensus is that most went well
- Discussion was over a clerical error made by the Clerk's office that resulted in Commissioner Roth signing off on a Certificate of Election for a candidate in the Neptune Bd of Education Election that had to be revoked. Apparently, the provisional ballots had not been added into the final count. The whole Board was concerned over this mistake and had a lengthy discussion on if and how to prevent this from ever happening again.
- There are still vacancies in the Board office. Hard to find personnel. Salaries at \$35,000.

Energizing Young Voters (EYV) – December Report
(December 11 Meeting)

Agenda item	Discussion
<p>S2304 passed full NJ Senate A1271 still not taken up in State and Local Government committee</p> <p>Provides 1 excused absence annually for MS and HS for day of civic engagement; Assembly referred to the Local and State Government committee; Assembly reconvened 9/15/22 and has hundreds of bills to consider. What should EYV do to promote?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Voted on by the full Senate: Passed! Letter of thanks to Vin Gopal for his efforts to get this passed in the Senate - Needs to get through assembly - NJ CD 15; Carlos, who is a constituent, reports that Verlina Reynolds Jackson (committee chair) never got back to him - What can we do? <u>Please do one</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cat: Email legislatures, get in contact (letters, phone calls) - Sara: gathering quotes from students/recently graduated students that demo the importance to students in their own words - Zach: putting it out there that our generation cares and this is how to get students more directly involved - Sanjana: send things we do to the state and national level of LWV as a follow-up to passage, if it happens
<p>EYV Legislative committee - Report from meeting this morning: report - any input from other members about direction this committee should take?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cat reported. The committee is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - learning how to track bills going through the NJ Senate re K-12 education, - each member is tracking and keeping us updated on one of 6 bills; - Members decide whether to support or oppose a bill and suggest what to do about it
<p>EYV Grant writing - Agnes (needs to be absent today; Pat will report)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pat and Agnes are meeting biweekly to write the concept paper for one potential funder - If anyone else is interested in grant writing, let us know and we'll include you; Zach asked to join - Another potential funder will respond to us after the holidays
<p>Curriculum update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should we try to get someone representative of each ethnic group that had to struggle beyond the 19th amendment to create a video for that slide; consensus was yes - How would this work in FFTV: Suffrage? (i.e., use Spanish language to increase impact of need for this change in the two slides about the SW Voter Registration Project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have the video and wording on the slide in Spanish

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With English speaking groups, the presenter's notes would let the presenter explain what it meant, making the point of the difficulty those citizens who spoke only Spanish faced when trying to vote in English - Cat: we should be trying to get all presentations translated into Spanish? Consensus: yes - Media Literacy presentation: Sanjana and Sara are creating. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timeline of media influence - Steps to identify accurate information, - Explanations on biases and practice IDing them - S&S will produce a rough draft, then distribute it to the board for their feedback
	How to run our own board meetings
Note taking/minutes system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision: Have the intern taking notes at board meetings
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have a board member running the meeting alongside Pat - Need job description for this role - <i>**asking board members to think about how these roles would look, when we get together next time discuss fully how this would look</i>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Not discussed</i> - Update: we were awarded a \$750 grant by LWVUS for youth voter registration
Committee structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Not discussed</i> - Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have two LWV Monmouth members who have volunteered to work together to increase our voter registration efforts following our classroom presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need an EYV volunteer to work with them - \$750 national grant will be used to support the plans for this team

<p>Communication</p>	<p>With our partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Art the Vote cookie post gained a lot of traction discussed the importance of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Art the Vote–(reach artistically inclined young people who may not be academically inclined) what’s your why video– - All Vote No Play (reach athletically inclined young people who may not be academically inclined) - We will help popularize these organizations/ programming; added them to our Linktree - Anjali is our liaison with <i>Art the Vote</i> - We should have one of us connecting with <i>All Vote No Play</i> as a liaison: Sanjana volunteered for this role!! (Update: sent email to Lisa Kay Solomon; no response as yet.) <p>On social media:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Twitter: we have very little traffic; platform problems (will see in 3 months where it stands) - If anyone has posts for Instagram, they can post it if they have the account information or send it to Sara!
<p><u>General membership</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What kind of structure should we have for membership for those who are not Board members but interested in being part of EYV - Zach: making possibility of membership/ ambassadorship clear in presentations - Cat: have a slide specific to student ambassadors; use QR code on slide so they can contact us right away - EYV ambassadors (brainstormed ideas about role these would play) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanjana: discussing with students on social issues (maybe like an interview? Modeled after LWV ambassadors?) - Draft copy has been sent to board members - Please comment on the document & ID yourself in your comment - Sara will create invitational slides re: membership for each presentation and then a bigger position (ambassadorship) for those that watch multiple presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>**start small by improving the slide to make it more invitational and clear that students can become an ambassador in EYV</i> - <i>**Everyone think of one person to ask and get an opinion on regarding student ambassador</i>

<p>Our growth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- EYV now has a presence in 14 of the 21 counties in NJ- EYV is live in WA (3 leagues,) OR (1 league,) Maricopa County, AZ (1 league but the largest in the state) and CO (1 league partnering with the University of Colorado at Boulder)- On the verge of being able to talk with a major foundation that has a civics portfolio and is interested in what we do<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expanding the organization creates more work for Director- Adding on a paid director allows for continuity- We need more efficient, effective follow-up for the outcomes we hope to achieve (more registrations, higher GOTV, participation in leadership opportunities other than EYV Board, more membership in LWVNJ)
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Next "live" EYV Board Meeting: Sunday, March 12, 2023 · 4:00 – 5:00pm