

The League of Women Voters opened its membership to men during the 1970s and invites all persons age 16 and over to join us.

We do not support or oppose political parties or any candidates for office. We want everyone to vote so that our elected leaders represent our entire community. We are a voice for all, working to connect people directly with government. We provide and work from facts. We educate.

We advocate for change.

## Join Us!

#### Membership is open to anyone age 16 and over.

Please make your check payable to LWVIC.

Complete this form and mail it with your check to:
Ellen Chinn, 156 Wine Avenue
Indiana, PA 15701

Membership dues and contributions to the League of Women Voters are not deductible as a personal or business expense for tax purposes.

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS\* OF INDIANA COUNTY OUR MISSION

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

"Since I've joined the League,
I've actually been able to make a real difference in
my community. Everyone deserves to live in a thriving
democracy, and the League helps me to do my part
to make ours thrive."

Member, League of Women Voters of Indiana County

"Since joining the League, I have learned a lot about building and sustaining a movement that fights for our democracy. The League has cemented my belief in the power of democracy and the power of the people who make it strong."

Laurie LaFontaine, Board Member League of Women Voters of Indiana County

"To me, the League is not only an organization but a set of principles; it is a group of people working together to take our country, our state, and our county to a place where all people have a voice in a democratic community that works for all of us."

Vicki Stelma, President League of Women Voters of Indiana County

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## EDUCATE ADVOCATE IMPACT

## League of Women Voters of Indiana County

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### The League of Women Voters is the nation's most effective grassroots organization.

Established in 1920 after women were enfranchised, the League is now one of the nation's most respected community-based organizations. Membership has been open to men since the 1970s; we keep the original name to honor the women who struggled to win the right to vote. Our volunteers work to strengthen our democracy and our communities by:

- ★ Empowering millions of voters to exercise their right to vote by holding voter registration drives, sponsoring candidate forums and debates, and educating the public about their rights on Election Day.
- ★ Protecting the right to vote and ensuring that every vote is counted by fighting for and implementing voting systems that are free, fair, and accessible.
- ★ Advocating for positive change at the local, state, and national levels on issues such as education, government accountability, and money in politics.
- ★ Fostering civil dialogue about issues important to the community such as government spending, climate change, immigration, and civil liberties.

Clockwise from top left: LWVIC educational event about Lyme Disease prevention. Dedicating the White Township Rain Garden. Inset, planting the Rain Garden. LWVIC members at the 2018 Shale and Public Health Conference, sponsored by LWV of Pennsylvania. LWVIC members visiting the Indiana County Recycling Center

## Here in Indiana County, League members work to strengthen our communities.

The League of Women Voters of Indiana County has several committees focused on issues of importance to our communities. For more information about each program, visit <a href="https://www.palwv.org/indiana">www.facebook.com/PowertoCitizens/</a>

- ★ Child Advocacy Committee on Education advocates for children's well-being, reflected in issues such as taxation and school funding, school safety, and public health. The committee presents family-oriented, public educational events.
- ★ Environmental Issues Committee studies and educates the public about environmental sustainability, the effects of Marcellus Shale drilling, and the impact of plastics on the environment, among other issues.
- ★ Voter Services Committee conducts ongoing voter registration events throughout the county, publishes voter guides, sponsors public candidate forums before elections, and educates the public on the negative effects of gerrymandering while working toward a fair redistricting process.

League members enjoy opportunities to learn, lead, and engage with other citizens to influence public policies of local and national importance.



