

# Empowering Voters... Defending Democracy

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.

- Individual membership is \$55.00 per year, due each January.
  - Family membership is \$55.00 for the first family member and \$27.50 for each additional family member.
  - Student membership is FREE. Just send your contact information to the Membership Chair at: [swhitson8@comcast.net](mailto:swhitson8@comcast.net).
- Joining the LWV of Indiana County also confers membership in LWV of Pennsylvania and LWV of the United States.

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Total dues enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**

Or, you may pay online at:  
[www.lwvindianacounty.org/membership-dues-and-donations/](http://www.lwvindianacounty.org/membership-dues-and-donations/)  
by clicking on the **DONATE** button.

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



*Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed —  
Let it be that great strong land of love  
Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme  
That any man be crushed by one above*

From "Let America Be America Again"  
Langston Hughes

**"Joining the League has reinforced to me that democracy has to be tended and nurtured like a garden. I get to work with a local, state, and national organization that feels the same way."**

*Joyce Rizzo, Board 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, 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, Past President*

*League of Women Voters of Indiana County*

### CONTACT US:

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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF INDIANA COUNTY

# INFORM ADVOCATE IMPACT

TRUSTED COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
SINCE 1974



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At the annual Family Fun Fest, our League offers activities that introduce youth to voting.



Our League goes everywhere to promote voting and good government – here, in White's Woods on Earth Day.

## 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. Keeping the original name honors 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 reminding 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.

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

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

League committees study issues, provide fact-based information to the public, and suggest ways to advocate for good government solutions.

- ★ **Child Advocacy Committee on Education** advocates for equitable public school funding, school safety, and children's well-being. It promotes civic and voter education for young people.
- ★ **Communications Committee** works with other committees to provide voter information through print and digital media, social media, and radio.
- ★ **Environmental Issues Committee** is focused on environmental sustainability, climate change, the effects of Marcellus Shale drilling, and the impact of plastics on the environment, among other issues.
- ★ **Equity Committee** works for voting rights for **all** eligible citizens of Pennsylvania and for accessibility of our League programs.
- ★ **Public Policy Committee** monitors legislation involving voting access and election reform, gerrymandering's negative effects and a fair redistricting process, reproductive health issues, and gun violence.
- ★ **Voter Services Committee** registers voters, supports the online voter guide [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org), sponsors public candidate forums, and encourages voters to make their voices heard.

