

## COMMITTEE AND PORTFOLIO REPORTS 2020-2021

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

*Molly Faust*

One of the initiatives that came out of the 2020-2022 National Convention was a determination that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) would be included in our league's mission. Our state league put together a committee to study the matter and to determine how to best incorporate it in our local leagues. All local leagues were invited to participate – presidents were asked to be involved as well as any interested league members. The monthly meetings began in January and are over the Zoom platform. I have attended all of the five sessions. The meeting begins with a reminder that we are inhabiting the land that had been settled before us by Native Americans. In these sessions, we have explored the history of systemic racism, tackled readings on diverse subjects and discussed the diversity in our own leagues. The end goal of these meetings is to prepare a report on the state of DEI in the Pennsylvania leagues which will be presented at the 2021 Convention in June.

### VOTERS SERVICES

*Barbara Connolly*

During 2020-2021 restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic required rethinking our approach to facilitating voter registration and sharing accurate voting information. We were able to focus our efforts on a number of alternatives to in-person events during an unprecedented election year.

The Parkland Community Library hosted two virtual events featuring the LWVLC prior to the 2020 election. The June 2020 event addressed changes in voting procedures related to Pennsylvania's Act 77. A second event in September, *The Importance of an Informed Voter*, considered voting security and how to make informed decisions. Fellowship Manor of Whitehall hosted a virtual voters information event in June that included many questions about mail-in voting procedures.

In addition, we partnered with a variety of organizations to provide voter registration materials and information. Through the cooperation of a number of Lehigh County Food Banks, we were able to distribute voter registration forms, mail-in ballot applications, and information regarding important dates for the November 2020 election. Meals on Wheels Lehigh Valley included flyers with client meals in September 2020 detailing how to apply for mail-in ballots either by phone or online. Approximately 700 voter information postcards were distributed to local libraries, senior communities, and organizations as part of the Making the Vote Project of LWV Pennsylvania.

A new initiative this spring was the High School Voter Information Program 2021. Public and private high schools in Lehigh County were contacted and directed to resources to facilitate youth voter registration and education. These resources are available on the LWVLC website in the Voter Services section.

Thanks to the following organizations for their efforts to register voters and assist in voter information and education during this past year.

Bethlehem Rose Garden Farmers Market  
Lehigh Valley Meeting of Quakers  
Power Lehigh Valley End Mass Incarceration Group  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Bethlehem  
Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua

Please contact Barbara Connolly with suggestions or ideas for expanding voter registration and education/information services as we move into resuming in-person events in the coming months.

## VOTERS GUIDE

*Michelle Graupner*

As usual, we intend to produce two printed Voters Guides kindly printed at no cost by The Morning Call. The first Voters Guide was released on April 29th, 2021, and made available to citizens for the primary election on May 18th, 2021. We, as well as most local Leagues in PA, are currently utilizing Vote411.org to gather candidate information, correspond with candidates, and have candidates upload answers to questionnaires. We were able to capture over candidate information for over 145 candidates running for various positions in this municipal election. I was able to contact most candidates with an emphasis on those running in contested races to encourage them to participate in the online questionnaire. We used email, Vote411, and phone to encourage the candidates or their affiliates to fill out the online questionnaire.

For both elections, Michelle edited the information to the newspaper's specifications, submitted it to the newspaper and later oversaw the distribution of 450 additional printed copies to many areas throughout Lehigh County. The copies for the primary election were distributed to local libraries, community organizations, members, and our Day of Action events. Any additional copies were to be given to the Lehigh County Voter Registration office to make available to polling places.

## VOTERS GUIDE DISTRIBUTION

*Donna & Charles Barker*

The Fall 2020 Voters Guide was distributed in October to 21 libraries, senior centers, government agencies, legislators, colleges, and cultural associations. Four hundred and fifty copies were delivered by League volunteers.

The Spring 2021 Voters Guide was delivered by League volunteers in May. Once again, in addition to the insert printed in The Morning Call, we had 450 copies to distribute. The committee decided to spread our copies out to 43 drop sites this time in order to reach a greater number of readers by covering more high-traffic areas. To this end, we added the Emmaus Post Office, the Islamic Educational Center, and the Hispanic Center to our list.

## 2021 GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

*Cheryl Winters-Tetreau & Jan Little*

We published a full directory for Lehigh County only. Jan Little and Cheryl followed the same procedure as last year. We learned that waiting until mid-January to contact staffers and double-checking the salaries worked well. We separated the Election Calendar into two sections for the first time: one for voters and the other for candidates. Trevor Little made the necessary changes to our online directory. Kaitlyn Moyer used those changes to update the digital version used for printing. Christmas City Printing in Bethlehem made three thousand copies available for pickup on March 3. Donna and Charles Barker delivered the majority of printed directories as described in their report.

We appreciated the following friends for again underwriting most of the printing costs: ACLU, Lehigh Valley Chapter, Barry Isett & Associates, Inc., County of Lehigh, Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. and Lehigh County Medical Society. These and the LWV Education Fund were listed as "area friends" on the back cover and on the online Government Directory. We are already encouraging members to help recruit new financial friends for next year's edition. We are promoting the public using the online directory as it can be updated year round.

This was Kaitlyn Moyer's fourth and last year updating the digital file used for printing copies so we needed to find a different way to accomplish this in 2022. Christmas City Printing conducted a successful test and is now set up to take over Kaitlyn's task. Jan and Trevor Little are willing to serve as consultants for the new chairs of this project.

## 2021 GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTION

*Donna & Charles Barker*

The 2021 Government Directory was delivered by League volunteers in March. Most offices had reopened, so our distribution numbers returned to pre-pandemic levels. Local school districts requested mail deliveries, but our League volunteers handed out the balance of the 2560 copies we distributed. Government agencies, colleges, legislators, libraries, schools, and municipalities received copies. We added four private secondary schools to our educational outreach list. One hundred and five recipients received Government Directories in 2021.

## THE VOTER

*Jan Little*

We produced six bimonthly issues at the start of the odd-numbered months. Jan Little continued serving as editor. Board members met the copy submission deadline – the Monday after the board meetings during the even-numbered months. Donna Barker and Jan Landis proofread the drafts. Debbie Galbraith, editor of the East Penn and Salisbury Press newspaper, did layout the first two issues of *The Voter*. Then, Molly Faust took over layout. Jan Little posted the final draft on the website in the Members section and emailed the URL to every member. (Past issues of the past three years are archived on this webpage.) She also forwarded the final draft to Minuteman Press to make fewer than thirty copies. Only three members prefer receiving printed copies even though they have access to the Internet. The rest of the copies go to our local legislators and officeholders. We no longer have any advertisers. The April May issue was the last issue Jan Little edited.

## WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

*Jan Little*

We continued to use the WordPress website: [www.lwvlehighcounty.org](http://www.lwvlehighcounty.org). The program allows more than one person to update the website; Jan Little and Trevor Little have been webmasters since 2017. Jan and Trevor started to train Terri Purdy in April to serve as webmaster during the next membership year.

We have been using “classic editor” to update the information on the website with the exception of using “block editor” to create Census 2020 > Special Interests section. By 2022, WordPress clients must use only “block editor.” Jan and Trevor will test using block editor for the online Government Directory and share the results with Terri. They also answered Terri’s questions about the board email program.

An email system called SquirrelMail email program was available through the website hosting company, SiteGround. Members and the public know it as: [email@lwvlehighcounty.org](mailto:email@lwvlehighcounty.org). SiteGround abruptly switched from SquirrelMail to roundcube in late 2020. We still have the same board email address. Jan Little continued to answer board members’ questions on how to use roundcube.

Jan Little and Mary Erdman posted important information in the “Posts” section of our Facebook account. Jan typically included in her post a link to information originally posted on the website. We used the Events section only once because we only held one live virtual event and no live events due to COVID. We held Hot Topics Events using Zoom for members only and recorded the presentations to share with members who missed the live event as well as the public. Jan posted the schedule of topics on the Hot Topics webpage > “Upcoming Events.” A day after a Hot Topics Event, Jan posted an embedded link in the title that took the reader to the Zoom recording posted in our YouTube channel, LWV of Lehigh County. We did use the Events section for January’s “Running for Local Office” Workshop. As usual, Jan included links leading to the appropriate page(s) on the website. She also boosted the post in December so more Facebook users were able to access it. She used Messenger to correspond with nearly thirty Facebook users who clicked on “Interested” and “Going” on the post.

## INSTAGRAM

*Michelle Graupner*

Board members introduced the idea of creating a business Instagram account for the League with the hope of increasing our online presence. The account was created on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and has roughly 700 followers. Our Instagram handle is lwvlehigh. Or, you can access it from Contact Us > our website. We post relevant voting information such as mail-in ballot instructions, deadlines, court rulings, and motivational voting quotes. Our intention is to emphasize our community involvement by promoting Vote411, Voters' Guide, Government Directory, and FDPA.

## TWITTER

*Mary Erdman*

to our social media tools. The Twitter account was created and named: *League of Women Voters Lehigh County*. Our address which is assigned by Twitter is: @LeagueLehigh. Or, you can access it from Contact Us > our website. We have followed 69 different entities at present which include: all of our local and Federal representatives and senators, local school districts, media sources as well as the state and national LWV and many other local Leagues who post interesting information. We are followed by 44 entities right now which include many of those who we follow as well. Twitter serves as a quick source of information from the state and national League of Women Voters which can be quickly retweeted for our members. It is also a source of voter education and reminders of voter registration deadlines, voting dates and ballots. Twitter is also a source of news and connection to what is happening in many Leagues across our state and the nation. Among our goals for the upcoming year is to invite more of our members to use our social media tools and visit our website. For example, for years, we have posted information Facebook including a link to more information posted on the website. These are all rich sources of information and communication at your fingertips. We are hoping to see you on: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

*Terri Purdy*

**Zoom:** Due to Covid-19, many of the LWVLC activities have been conducted via Zoom. The League has a Zoom Pro account that enables us to host meetings that are longer than the 40 minutes available on a Basic free account. During the past year our League has hosted 12 Board meetings, 8 Hot Topics Events, and 22 miscellaneous planning meetings on Zoom. In addition, we successfully conducted the Running for Local Office Workshop using the Zoom Webinar add-on. Registration for the event was managed online by integrating PayPal with the Zoom Webinar.

**YouTube:** The Zoom platform provides the capability to record meetings. The League has taken advantage of this capability by recording our Hot Topic Events and the "Running for Local Office" Workshop. We host the recordings of the Hot Topic Events on our YouTube channel so League members who were unable to attend the meetings have the opportunity to view the recordings at their leisure. The "Running for Local Office" Workshop is also hosted on our YouTube channel and the link for the recording was made available to all paid workshop registrants. To date we have had 238 views of our recordings. There are three ways you can go to our YouTube channel:

1. You can go to our YouTube channel by clicking the link below:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8zEgQAlFqj1ipNbUGI\\_rbA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8zEgQAlFqj1ipNbUGI_rbA)
2. You can find it by doing an Internet search for "LWV of Lehigh County."
3. You can go to our YouTube channel by scanning this QRcode below on your smartphone or tablet:



LEAGUE TELEPHONE: 610-432-1456

*Pat Swan*

We provide information, especially for those who do not have easy access to computers. Government directories, voters guides, registration, and absentee ballot forms are mailed on request. Many callers express appreciation for all we do. My thanks to Ann Bartholomew and Barb Williams for phone duty while we are away.

NATURALIZATION

*Caryn Shoenthal & Barbara Connolly*

Barbara and Caryn have communicated to make sure someone from our local League brings the materials to be distributed at the ceremonies to the Courthouse. These include printed copies of the latest edition of the Government Directory, as well as instructions for registering and voting, and a voter registration form. Jan Little has updated the dates of the naturalization ceremonies for 2021 on the Naturalization webpage > Special Interests. Those dates are June 30, September 22, November 10, and December 29. However, at this time, there are only 25 people being naturalized at each ceremony; our League members are not allowed to attend. We are only permitted to deliver our packets to the courthouse a day or so before the ceremony. Hopefully that will change at some point during the year. In a letter dated June 15, 2020 from Andrea E. Naugle, Recorder of Deeds, Lehigh County Courthouse Register of Wills, concerning the 2020 Naturalization Ceremonies, remained on the webpage as the courthouse is still following the policy described within. A link to the Lehigh County website will enable us to keep up with the current contact concerning the ceremonies. Links to articles written by Caryn and a former student member remain posted on the webpage.

MEMBERSHIP

*Margie Dunn*

As of May we have 79 active members in our League. This year we had 11 new members join our League. That is a remarkable number considering we have not seen anyone in person all year. Our new members are Julie Ambrose, Megan Baste, Mary Eleanor Brennan, Heather Harter, Becky Hite, Cathy Layland, Rachel Lower, Ashleigh Strange, Joan Stong, Victoria Thompson, and Sayra Tineo. Our presence on Facebook, Instagram and our web site has really made a difference!

The national League keeps a database of all present and past members. When you have a change of address, phone number or email, please contact me so I can enter it into our national database.

We are a strong League because of the many members who volunteer their time and ideas for every debate, project or event that the League provides to our community. Please remember to invite new people to attend Hot Topic Luncheons in the fall and other League events or to review our web page so that they can see what the League is all about.

HOT TOPICS! LUNCHEONS

*Mary Erdman*

This year, unfortunately, while we were planning for the 2020-2021 Hot Topic Luncheons, Covid-19 was at a critical level and shutdown restrictions prevented us from holding our regular luncheons. After much discussion, we decided to go to a Zoom format and rename these monthly meetings as Hot Topic Events. A few of the Board members became educated about Zoom and held two training sessions for our members. Unfortunately, not all members were able to participate for various reasons; but we did manage to maintain an interest with approximately 20 members per event. We did not open these events to the public this year or attendance most likely would have been higher. We decided for security reasons that we would keep the events simple for this first year. However, the public was able to view the recordings of the events on our YouTube channel almost immediately.

We did have a robust lineup and we were very happy with our guest speakers and their topics. Here is a rundown of our Hot Topic Events by month: September 2020, Bill White spoke about the decline of print media

and full-time reporters entitled: “You’ll Miss Us When We’re Gone.” October, Mary Erdman, our FDPA liaison, gave a presentation on the work of FDPA entitled: “Can We END Gerrymandering - What is Next for Pennsylvania?” November brought Vicky Kistler, Director of the Allentown Bureau of Health who gave us a detailed explanation of the work of the Allentown Health Bureau entitled: “The Allentown Health Department- from Environmental Health Services to Covid-19.”

December saw the return of Professor Chris Borick of Muhlenberg College with his yearly “Election Trends” presentation. We began 2021 with a yearly visit by our County Executive, Phillips Armstrong, whose presentation, “Update on the State of the County,” informed us about the major issues and accomplishments of the past year. Our February Hot Topic Event was probably one of the most moving and impressive presentations we have seen. Nani Quadrado, a Physicians Assistant at Valley Health Partners, enlightened us about the “Support and Care of the Homeless Population.” Many members followed this presentation by donating gift cards to Lehigh Valley Health Partners Street Medicine Program. In March, we saw Professor Chris Borick return to give a presentation on “Climate Change and Public Policies,” which is a result of his long-time career commitment to research on this topic. Our final topic for the year was an interesting presentation by Maame Mensah of TerraCycle, entitled “TerraCycle-Eliminating the Idea of Waste®,” which described the involvement of major corporations to recycling and smarter packaging. Each of these presentations have been recorded and are available by going to our website. Thanks to Terri Purdy for her great work on Zoom that made these events successful and Jan Little for posting.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Jan Little*

The goal of the public relations team was to increase social media presence and increase attendance at our events by members and the public. Jan sent press releases about the Government Directory 2021, both Voters Guides, recordings of the Hot Topics events, the Day of Action, and the “Running for Local Office” Workshop 2021. The latter yielded a press interview in the East Penn Press and an interview on WDIY radio. Members Ashleigh Strange and Ken Mohr shared many contacts in the Spanish-speaking media and blogs that enabled Jan to expand our reach. Jan emailed the flyer developed by Terri Purdy with the staffers of the offices included in the Government Directory to post or forward as they saw fit. It was also a way to touch base about the upcoming edition.

Reaching our members and the public through these many means continue to be a reliable way to communicate information about our local League.

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS

*Jan Little*

Members can appreciate our local League’s many interests by pulling down the submenu for that section of our website. Census 2020 was our newest and biggest special interest this membership year. We intended to distribute copies of materials produced by the United States Census of 2020 and Pennsylvania to the public at tabling events but those plans were scuttled by COVID. We posted Census 2020 materials available for downloading and general information in a subsection of the Special Interests section of our website. Rochelle Kaplan wrote an article about Census 2020 for the newsletter during the early part of the membership year.

Heather Harr, Chair of the Shale and Public Health Committee, “Straight Scoop on Shale, helped us find the speaker for the Hot Topic on April 12, 2021: Maame Mensah, US Account Director, Brand Partnerships, TerraCycle US, LLC. Heather joined her presentation: “TerraCycle – Eliminating the Idea of Waste®.”

We promoted the Eighth Annual Shale & Public Health Conference offered via Zoom over two days in November 2020. The focus of the conference was on impacts of unconventional oil and gas (UOG) development on water and air pollution, health, and climate. Jan, Rochelle, and Terri Purdy attended at least part of the

conference. You can read Terri Purdy's report about the online conference in The Voter for February and March. You can find the URL to the recording of the conference on our Shale webpage > Special Interests. Information about how to order the latest edition of the Resource Guide appears on the same page as the recording.

We still support environmental causes. The exiting news that the Delaware River Basin Commission passed a new regulation in early March prohibiting high volume hydraulic fracturing in the Delaware River Basin was included in the latest issue of The Voter. Please see the report about the environmental topics given as the "Hot Topic" for March and April.

#### FAIR DISTRICTS PA

*Mary Erdman*

This past year was one of disappointments and ultimate regrouping in an effort to end gerrymandering and create a more fair process by taking the legislators out of the process of drawing the new districts, and entrusting that job to an *independent citizens redistricting commission*. Not only did these bills not obtain a vote; but they were totally ignored by the chairmen of the House and Senate State Government Committees. HB 2638 and SB 1242 represented two bills which again, garnered the highest number of cosponsors for the second consecutive session. Surveys showed that 70% or more of Pennsylvania citizens wanted this change. This was a clear example of how the system is ineffective the voice of the electorate is not heard, and power sits with roughly four to five people to get legislation passed.

FDPA and a number of legislators (past and present from both parties) regrouped and rewrote these bills in a form which could be enacted before redistricting begins to take place in the fall of 2021. HB 22, introduced by Rep. Wendi Thomas (R-178, Bucks) and SB 222, introduced by Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-18, Northampton) are now, again, waiting for the chairmen of the House and Senate State Government Committees to hold hearings, debates, and votes on these bills. These bills are referred to as the LACRA Bill - Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act. There is no longer time to create a necessary constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission; therefore we are placing an emphasis on creating a much more open and transparent process and adding criteria to help prevent either party from overly protecting incumbents or harming incumbents and new candidates running for office, and, for prohibiting the creation of unnecessary splits in counties and municipalities. These bills would require that all meetings be public meetings, civic engagement would be permitted, a new and a more user friendly website be created as well as a review of maps by citizens before adoption. Most of our local legislators have been visited about these bills. We are now waiting for a response from the State Government Committee chairs in each body.

Also on our radar has been the passage this past session of HB 196 which calls for the creation of "judicial districts" for statewide judicial seats. This passed once and was reintroduced this session as HB 38 and the opposition was great: from the LWV, FDPA, to almost every Bar Association across the state, to trial lawyers and many statewide unions. There is still time to call for a vote on this bill which would essentially give the state legislature more power over the judicial branch by changing the manner in which we elect state-wide judges to the appellate courts. This bill would not allow *all* citizens to vote for *all* state-wide seats and citizens would be limited by the district in which you live. This is viewed as an unnecessary usurpation of legislative power as well as a form of voter suppression. This bill is not in alignment with our mission of "Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy," and we will continue our work to bring fairness in redistricting and voter opportunities.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

*Mary Erdman*

There were two special events held this year which displayed the commitment of our members to our mission, and illustrated an emphasis on our League traits of collaboration and dedication. The first was our "Running for Local Office" Workshop which was held on Saturday, January 31, 2021. This was quite a pivotal year as

members Ann Bartholomew, Doris Glaessmann, and Ken Mohr handed over the reigns after twenty years of excellent and successful workshops. Stepping in to help continue this fine tradition were: Jan Little who handled our organizational meetings and PR; Terri Purdy, who learned all about Zoom Webinars and registration and payment online; Barb Williams, who obtained our PayPal Account; Michelle Graupner, who took over the updating and distribution of our Workshop Handbook and Mary Erdman, who took over the emcee duties under the mentoring of Ken Mohr. All of these actions were under the guidance of our president, Molly Faust. Appreciation was shown for college student Aidan Levinson, who co-hosted the event with Terri Purdy. The workshop needed to be virtual and we were not sure how that would work. But with a great deal of discussion and collaboration, we can say that it was a success and a follow-up survey illustrated that we hit our mark in dispensing necessary information, having excellent and informative speakers, being relevant and holding a panel discussion that also answered a number of questions. The Zoom program went off without a hitch and the quality was excellent. And our attendance was very close to what it had been in recent years in person. Jan did a great job on PR which resulted in a local front page interview of Mary and Ken in the East Penn Press and an interview that NPR/WDIY 88.1 reporter Marcie Lightwood conducted with Mary and workshop attendee and attorney, Zach Cohen.

The second event was our *National LWV Day of Action* that took place on April 29<sup>th</sup>. It focused on “People Powered Fair Maps,” since this is the year in which reapportionment and redistricting will set the tone for the next ten years. We teamed up with our sister organization, Fair Districts PA, to hold two events to shine a spotlight on the hard work that has been happening these last, almost five years, on creating legislation that would insure an end to gerrymandering and the drawing of fair maps for our Congressional, state house, and state senate districts. The morning event was a symbolic visit to the Liberty Bell Museum where our members and FDPA members rang the Liberty Bell 22 times reminding everyone that we are still working and hoping for an adoption of the provisions guaranteed by HB 22 (and SB 222). Rep. Mike Schlossberg gave a very meaningful speech about the importance of fair redistricting and the effects of that on better legislating possibilities. Member and FDPA director, Carla Colangelo, and President Molly Faust spoke for FDPA and the LWV respectively. Mary Erdman emceed. The afternoon event was held at the ArtsQuest building where we gathered again that day to honor two legislators who have been working on redistricting reform for over 15 years each: Sen. Lisa Boscola and Rep. Steve Samuelson. Each of these legislators have worked tirelessly on reforming the process of drawing districts in a more fair way and, have successfully reached across the aisle to get impressive support from both parties. The bills that both have sponsored have seen some of the highest number of co-sponsors in two consecutive sessions in Harrisburg. These bills were not given the attention that each deserved, but that has not stopped these two dedicated legislators. Each was given an award from the League of Women Voters of Lehigh County and from Fair Districts PA, Lehigh-Northampton Counties. Again, Molly Faust and Carla Colangelo spoke and awarded each legislator with their respective awards. We had 11 members attend in the morning and nine in the afternoon. Mary Erdman emceed the event.

#### LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

*Mary Erdman*

This year was a difficult year to complete our legislative interviews. FDPA was interviewing the same legislators at the same time, and the number of members who felt comfortable enough to step up and interview our legislators virtually was limited. However two interviews were completed. Rochelle Kaplan and Julie Ambrose interviewed State Representative Michael Schlossberg, D-132, and filed their comprehensive report which included the FDPA concerns as well as answers to our League set of questions. Barbara Williams and Mary Erdman interviewed Rep. Peter Schweyer, D-22, and completed reports for both the Fair Districts PA and the state League. Rep. Schweyer gave additional views on what he considers a “community of interest” (COI.) In his case, he feels as though the Allentown School District should comprise his district’s COI, as well as hopes for a third representative from Allentown going forward. (Bethlehem and Salisbury SDs each have more than two and are smaller than the Allentown SD.) However, successfully recruiting members and scheduling interviews

via Zoom proved to be elusive. Rep. Gary Day, R-187, at this time, has refused to schedule an interview. No member lives in house district 183 represented by Zachary Mako, R, and no non-constituent volunteered to schedule and participate in an interview. No member volunteered to meet with Ryan MacKenzie, R-134, or Senator Boscola, D-18. There was no response from the office of Milou Mackenzie, R-131, after numerous attempts. Senator Pat Browne, R-16, did not meet with us as he is largely responsible for the state budget this year. His staff indicates that the budget may not be completed until later in June. Next year, we will review our process for completing these interviews and getting our member involved.