

October 2026 Voter - President's Message

Restoring Democracy the LWV Way

Why it Matters

On April 17, 2025 the [League of Women Voters declared that the USA is in a constitutional crisis](#) and defined the crisis as including:

- Failure or significant risk of failure of the executive, legislative, or judicial branches to adequately protect the U.S. Constitution.
- Explicit attempts to dismantle democratic institutions through governmental actions, laws, or policies.
- Federal government actions that threaten democratic institutions or the intent and purpose of the Constitution.

What We Have Done

The League of Women Voters established the [Unite & Rise initiative](#) under the "Democracy Under Siege" framework to shine a spotlight on the characteristics associated with authoritarian systems including:

- Centralization of governmental power.
- Restrictions on political freedoms.
- Limits on political pluralism.
- Control or manipulation of information.
- Surveillance and repression.
- Weakening of the rule of law and checks and balances.
- Restrictions on political participation.
- Nationalism and economic control.

What We Are Doing

Under the Unite & Rise 8.5 Million Campaign the [League of Women Voters mobilized grassroots action through democratic activities](#) that included:

- Civic engagement and organizing.
- Sharing trusted and accurate election information.
- Forming partnerships with organizations and communities outside the League's usual networks.
- Participating in community events to share voting information and the LWV mission to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy.
- Encouraging members to become Poll workers or volunteer as an election monitor.
- Working to Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV)

What Can You Do

As a League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County you help to support the work of our League by:

- Joining a [Committee](#).
- Helping during voting information community [events](#).
- Getting involved in the election process as a [poll worker](#) or [volunteer](#).
- Sharing accurate and trusted voting and civic information.
- Encouraging family and friends to [make a plan to vote](#).
- Being part of the Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) efforts.
- Visiting and sharing [VOTE411.org](#) to get voter information you need.

NOTE: Some of the points of this President's Message came from a presentation by Toni Monette, LWVUS Board of Directors during the September 2026 meeting of the LWVPA Voter Services Committee. Presentation Slides [CLICK HERE](#).