



Dover Voter

The Price of Liberty Is Still Eternal Vigilance

League of Women Voters of Greater Dover, January 2004

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Calendar

January 8	Great Decisions. Global Struggle for Women's Rights, 9:45 am, venue to be determined (TBD)
January 21	Quiche and More – Planning and Policies. Our annual planning meeting, with quiche <i>a la</i> Teresa, 10:30 am, Jean Bauer's home. Please bring a dish.
February 18	Mid-Winter Luncheon, Privacy and the Internet in an Age of Global Terrorism. Dr. Andrew Zimmerman, venue TBD

Directions: Traveling west from Caesar Rodney High School on Old North Road, turn right at the first street beyond CRHS onto Vining Run. Vining Run is a U-shaped street, and #75 is a small, brick one-story house at the foot of the U.

*A few years ago, Teresa Whitaker brought delicious quiches to our January potluck planning session, and thus began a pleasant tradition!

Dues Due, so Do,

If it's slipped your mind, send your check for \$34.00, payable to LWV of Greater Dover, to Betty Wagner, Treasurer, LWVGD, 556 Buckson Drive, Dover 19901. For your convenience, a renewal form is furnished at the end of the Voter.

League Meetings

January Planning, Policy and Procedures Potluck Lunch

*10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 21
Jean Bauer's Home
75 Vining Run, Camden*

Program: Discussion and decisions concerning our general direction and upcoming programs, and a brisk review of policy and procedures decisions of the previous year.

Bring a dish to share. Quiche *a la* Teresa* and beverages will be provided. Please notify Jean, 698-1601, that you plan to attend.

Mid-Winter Luncheon

Program: Dr. Andrew Zimmerman, of Delaware Technical and Community College, presents "Privacy and the Internet in an Age of Global Terrorism." This is the second in our series of presentations co-sponsored by the Humanities Forum.

The meteoric rise of the Internet has made it a fixture in approximately half of all U.S. households. Is this a benign presence, empowering people by giving them a cornucopia of information about the world around them? Or is it a potentially hostile intruder, dominating people by taking information they may unwillingly furnish about themselves and using it to monitor their every move? Between these two scenarios lie enormous implications for people's privacy and other rights considered essential to a democratic society. This program is a "hands-on" workshop designed to heighten participants' awareness of the far-reaching power that the Internet and other modern information technologies have in our personal and collective lives.

Thank You

Thanks to all of you who have hosted meetings in your homes over the past year. Your hospitality and the generosity of your contributions are appreciated. *Ellen Wasfi*

!! Action Alert !!

OPPOSE THE ENERGY BILL

When the Senate reconvenes this month proponents of the deeply flawed energy bill will attempt to bring the bill up for a vote. The energy bill undermines existing environmental protections such as the Clean Air Act resulting in dirtier air for many communities. Please contact Senator Carper today and urge him to oppose the energy bill!

On November 18 the House approved passage of the conference report on the Energy Policy Act of 2003 (H.R. 6). After a great deal of grassroots opposition, final passage of the energy bill was successfully blocked in the Senate on November 21. Proponents of the energy bill have vowed to try to pass the bill again when Congress reconvenes in 2004. Both Senators Carper and Biden voted to block final passage of the energy bill. However, Senator Carper is being lobbied hard by proponents of the energy bill to vote in favor of the legislation. Senator Carper needs to hear much opposition to the energy bill from his constituents.

The final version of the energy bill that emerged after months of secret negotiations contains many provisions that are harmful to public health and the environment. Chief among these is a provision that guts Clean Air Act protections. According to a 2002 Environmental Protection Agency report, more than 130 million Americans live in areas that violate clean air safeguards. The energy bill will delay relief to those living with dirty air and will compromise the health of the elderly, people with lung disorders and children.

Senator Carper will likely be in the state until Congress reconvenes on January 20. Please contact him today in his district office today and urge him to oppose this dangerous energy legislation!

ACTION NEEDED:

1. Contact Senator Carper now, by phone and by e-mail, and urge him to oppose the energy bill. Thank him for his vote to block the energy bill in November. Urge him to vote against the energy bill when it is brought to the floor again because it guts the clean air act and will delay relief to those living with dirty air. Senator Carper's in district office numbers are: Dover: 302-674-3308, Wilmington: 302-573-6291. To e-mail Senator Carper click <http://carper.senate.gov/email-form.html>.
2. Forward this e-mail alert to other concerned citizens such as your friends and co-workers. Ask them to take action today oppose the energy bill because it harms public health and the environment.
3. Join the League's Grassroots Lobby Corps and receive e-mail action alerts from the League with quick, easy ways to take action. Sign up for to receive action alerts at <http://www.capwiz.com/lwv/mlm/>.

To read additional background about the energy bill, click <http://www.capwiz.com/lwv/issues/alert/?alertid=4159031&type=CO#background>.

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Energy Bill = Dirty Air

The final version of the Energy Policy Act (H.R. 6) that emerged after months of secret negotiations contains many provisions that are harmful to public health and the environment. Chief among these is a provision that guts Clean Air Act protections. According to a 2002 Environmental Protection Agency report, more than 130 million Americans live in areas that

violate clean air safeguards. The energy bill will delay relief to those living with dirty air and will compromise the health of the elderly, people with lung disorders and children.

In November, by a very narrow margin, the Senate blocked the energy bill. We applaud Senators Carper and Biden for standing up for the people of Delaware and voting to block the flawed bill. The energy bill is bad for our state because it allows communities with dirty air to postpone clean up efforts while allowing them to dodge additional safeguards to protect public health. The energy bill will result in dirtier air for Delaware for a longer period of time.

When the Senate reconvenes this month proponents of the energy bill will be pushing for a vote. We urge Senators Biden and Carper to continue to oppose this ill-conceived and dangerous legislation. Our natural environment and the health of millions of Americans, including children and the elderly, are at stake.

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- ? Voter service
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- ? Education
- ? Health Care
- ? Environment
- ? Study Circles on Racism
- ? Legislative Observer Corps
- ? Criminal Justice
- ? Other (please elaborate)

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