

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022

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The 9/12 Project of The Lehigh Valley, Inc.

(DBA: The Lehigh Valley Tea Party)

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Executive Summary

This report is provided to all current members (both regular and associate) in accordance with Article VIII of our Bylaws and can be found on our website – lvtp.org.

The Lehigh Valley Tea Party is the largest local grassroots conservative group in Pennsylvania and perhaps, the largest in the nation. We are a non-profit, non-partisan, pro-active organization, dedicated to the education of our members and citizens about constitutionally limited government and many of the important issues of the day, including taxes/spending/debt, second amendment, illegal immigration, energy policy and more.



Our goal, through community education and public activism, is to restore America through the preservation of unalienable Individual Rights as established by the Declaration of Independence, thereby returning government to the limits placed on it by the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

As part of the 9-12 Project, The Lehigh Valley Tea Party is rather unique in that we base our activities on the 9 Principles and 12 Values. Amongst these are a belief in God, the right to life, liberty and the pursuit (not guarantee) of happiness, the understanding that the government works for us, honesty, thrift, voluntary charity, hard work, and personal responsibility. Though belief in all of these principles is not required for membership, conviction in at least seven of them provides enough commonality for us to rally behind the cause.

Activity 2022

Fiscal year 2022- was a challenging year for the LVTP and all Americans. We entered into the 2nd year of the Biden Administration with supply chain issues, inflation, the beginning of the Ukraine War, the woke/cancel culture pushing ever harder to destroy America. Throughout 2022, the LVTP continued on with the Mission and Vision that had been established going into 2021:

- Reduce/Eliminate Election Fraud
- Reject Socialism including unlawful mandates
- Form a statewide organization that would represent a *unified voice of conservatism in Pennsylvania*

2022 was an important Election Year both in Pennsylvania and in the Nation. In Pennsylvania we had an elections for Governor, Lt. Governor, U.S. Senate, US House of Representatives, Pennsylvania General Assembly, both House and Senate. As such, the January meeting featured hearing from two candidates for Governor, John Ventre and Guy Ciarrocchi and for Lt. Governor, Clairce Schillinger. In addition, we heard from United Airlines Pilots and workers who were fired and lost all of their benefits because they refused the “Covid Jab” and how to help them in their fight. On the Election Integrity front we heard from Philadelphia Poll Worker Author Daryl Brooks. He discussed his experiences in Philadelphia in the 2020 Election and some insight as to how to fix the problem. Charlie Strange, Gold Star Father, who’s son was on the raid that killed Osama Bin Ladin and who established the Michael Strange Foundation talked about his book “Relentless. There was breaking news from the Chairman who brought Bill Bachenberg in to speak on the flights into ABE Airport with illegal aliens including pictures and videos.

In February the theme of the meeting was “America at the Crossroads” and we heard from US Senate Candidate Jeff Bartos and two candidates running for LT. Governor, James Jones and Rick Saccone. Education Committee Chair, Bethney Whitehill-Finch, introduced Jarett Coleman from the Parkland School District to discuss what is going on in our schools and how to get transparency. Sadly, in 2022 the nation and the Lehigh Valley were still dealing with the Covid -19 scamdemic and we heard LVTP Member, Barbara Thomas who told the tragic story of the death of her son at the hands of the health care system as a result of the Covid-19 “protocols”. Drs. Gregory and Chaminie Wheeler followed up with tremendous courage with their presentation about how they had been ostracized and threatened by the Medical Community for speaking out about the Covid-19 protocols and what to do about it.

March brought to the Membership additional candidates for office including Dave McCormick running for the US Senate and Jarrett Coleman a candidate for PA Senate 16 and Omy Maldonado a candidate for PA Senate 14. Dr. Gregory Wheeler returned to continue the story on the situation with the hospitals and discussed what to do if you need to go to the hospital in the ear of tyrannical protocols and mis-information.

Spring Into Action was the theme of the April Meeting. We heard from Carla Sands running for the US Senate and Teddy Daniels funning for Lt. Governor. Members were updated on Election Fraud Lawsuits filed in Pennsylvania by the Chairman of the LVTP and other cases throughout the country. In addition both the Education Committee and the Medical Freedom Committees provided updates. Former Secret Service agent, Gary Bryne wrapped up the meeting discussing his book “Crisis of Character” which outlined his years in the Clinton Whitehouse.

On April 13th, the LVTP took on a Herculean task of putting on a candidate forum for the US Senate and Governor Races. All candidates for both positions were invited and we heard

from Lou Barletta, Charlie Gerow, Dr. Zama, Dave Shiel, Joe Gale and Melissa Hart all running for Governor and Jeff Bartos, Dave McCormick, Carla Sands and Sean Gale, all running for the U.S. Senate. We also heard from Congressional Candidate, Lisa Scheller who ran for PA-7. We introduced Lehigh Valley Tea Party Members running for the State House and Senate: Omy Maldonado – PA Senate – 14; Jarret Coleman – PA Senate – 16; Beth Whitehill-Finch – PA House 132 and Robert Smith, JR. – PA House 22. This Forum was at South Mountain Grove and was broadcast live on PCN.

On April 30th, the Chairman of the LVTP hosted a meeting of leaders from 40+ grass roots organizations. This meeting was the beginning of a state-wide Patriot Coalition with approximately 100 conservative, Patriot and Tea Party groups which is being run by Sam Faddis.

In May, the 2022 Primary was rapidly approaching and we continued to hear from candidates for both State and Federal Office including Kathy Barnette for U.S. Senate, Dave White for Governor, Lisa Scheller for US Congress and Chris Frye running for Lt. Governor. LVTP Members running in local races Omy Maldonado (PA-14); Jarret Coleman – (PA-16), Beth Whitehill Finch (PA 132); and Robert E. Smith, Jr. (PA-22) addressed the membership to outline their agenda, if elected and to seek support and volunteers for their campaigns.

June saw a return of Dr. Chaminie Wheeler to discuss restoring the Physician-Patient Covenant of Trusts and Pediatrics. Wyatt Paden had been appointed as the LVTP Young Conservative Outreach Committee Chair and presented on Young Americans for Liberty and their attempts to advance liberty on campus and in American politics. Sam Faddis wrapped up the June Meeting by discussing the Election Integrity Declaration developed in April here at the April 30th meeting at the Fearless Firehall and a call to Action for a statewide push to have the elected representatives sign the Declaration.

On July 4th, the LVTP Chairman put on the 12th Annual Public Reading of the Declaration in Bethlehem.

The July Membership Meeting focused on Education with our Education Chair and Congresswoman Kat Cammack from Florida focused on Parental Rights in Education and the Florida Parental Rights Law.

In August, Dr. Justin Graf, the Chairman of the LVTP Medical Freedom Committee discussed what to do about our eroding rights to medical freedom and what to do about it. Former Board Member, Bryan Eichfield presented on behalf of “National Write Your Congressman” in an effort to get a boarder base of our membership involved in the fight for Liberty. PA State Senator Cris Dush (PA-25) updated the membership on the PA Senate Election Investigation

In late August we had our 13th Annual Pig Roast. It was well attended and entertainment was provided. We lowered the price to encourage attendance and took a small financial loss on this event.

September was an exciting meeting for the Board, as Former Chairman Tom Campione was able to return to us after recovering from a stroke in late 2021. Tom worked diligently over the summer to update our Membership System and he came back to show us the features of it. We are truly blessed to have had Tom Campione so dedicated to the LVTP over many years and his contributions to the organization are too long to list but truly appreciated. Sam Faddis returned in September along with Tabitha Valleau (co-founder of FreePA) and Doug McLinko, Chairman of the Bradford County Board of Commissions. All three spoke about the political realities of the attacks on our freedom from the left and what to do about it.

In October, as we approached the General Election we heard from a panel of Speakers on the effort to ensure Election Integrity Toni Shuppe founder of CEO of Audit the Vote PA, Stefanie Lambert, Esquire, an attorney working on Election cases across the county and with the LVTP Chairman on the Pennsylvania Election Cases out of Delaware County, Fulton County and Allegheny County to name a few. Attorney Michael J. Gableman and former Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The panel discussed “Double-Checked.Org”, an effort to get hand-counts in various jurisdictions in Pennsylvania and across the nation after the Election. This effort had mixed results but there are currently (at the time of the presentation and publication of this Report in March of 2023) several cases still pending in Pennsylvania because of this effort.

November brought our focus back to Education with Speakers Jennifer Gould-Simon and Aly Warner from Moms For Liberty showing us some examples of what is being taught in our school and talking about parental rights.

The November mid-term election was devastating for conservatives and all Americans who believe in our founding principles with the results across the nation and in Pennsylvania where we now have radical leftists in the US Senate and in Harrisburg and the Democrats now controlling the State House. The December meeting consisted of a Medical Freedom Committee Update from Dr. Justin Graff and an update on the Voter Fraud cases. We took the opportunity of this meeting to share food and desserts and to hear from our members about their concerns and frustrations and recommendations as to the direction and future of the LVTP in light of the devastating losses in Elections over the last two years and the resulting economic collapse of our county and the loss of our freedoms.

Planned Activity for 2023

On December 4th, the LVTP Board and Committee Chairs had a strategy and planning meeting to review the concerns of the membership addressed at the December meeting and to develop a plan for 2023 and 2024. Focus 2024 developed as a result of that meeting and you can find out more about that effort by going to LVTP.org. We talked in great detail about lowering attendance from mid-2022 until early 2023 and lower revenues. Our goal is to be realistic about the challenges we face as a Nation just to name a few: supply chain being crippled, refineries and food processing plants burning, infrastructure crumbling, trains derailling, open borders resulting in millions upon millions coming to our county requiring cradle to grave welfare, drugs killing tens of thousands of Americans. The results of the Covid lockdowns are still being felt not to mention the “unexplained deaths” of young people because of the “jab”. The War in the Ukraine, the administration shutting down our own energy production, inflation, a US Senator who can’t even speak representing us in PA.

Where do we go from here was the question of the day at the Strategy and Planning Session. The ultimate decision is that in spite of what looks like overwhelming odds, we continue to stay in the fight. We looked back to get some answers as to why attendance at our meetings dropped and revenue was lower. It started after a very ugly Primary and continued through the summer and fall as we all deal with the many issues discussed above. Lower revenues, in part, can be explained by hosting a Candidate Forum in which we did not raise money, lower attendance at meetings due to the burn out factor and the impact of inflation on the level of donations received. In 2021 we made over \$5,000 in profit on the Pig Roast and in 2002 lost almost \$600.00. Due to the growth of the organization going into 2021 both with numbers and increased revenues, for the first time in our history we had to file a full tax return and hire an attorney to do so.

We will continue to address the issues that have been our focus over the last several years involving Medical Freedom, Education and most importantly Election Fraud. Impactful and exiting speakers who can bring excitement to our meetings and help educate us on these issues and bring a call to action to every meeting will be key. To that end, a Speaker Committee was formed and will be responsible to better manage obtaining speakers.

Like all our Members, the LVTP Board is in many ways tired and burned out. However, we have faith in God and believe that God put us in this place and this time for a reason and the LVTP Board will move into 2023 and 2024 having learned from our past mistakes and success with a firm grip on reality that it won’t be easy but that we will continue our Mission and to bring change to the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania and our Nation.

Membership Report

2022 Year End	2021 Year End
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total membership: 7,247 Associate Members: 6,285 Regular Members: 962 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total membership: 6,463 Associate Members: 5,296 Regular Members: 1167

Financial Report

Fiscal year 2022 provided many challenges as we dealt with moving venues, increased cost for the Pig Roast Venue, paying accountant services, lower meeting attendance which resulted in lower donation levels.

	Checking	Savings	Total
2022 opening balance	\$13,202.81	\$60,796.57	\$73,999.38
2022 closing balance	\$2,650.19	\$53,808.56	\$56,458.75

<i>Accounts that make up the total bank balance</i>	
General Account	\$41,100.94
2nd Amendment Committee	\$4,291.82
Election Fraud Fund	\$10,223.24
Right to Life	\$697.75
Young Conservatives	\$145.00
SFA Building	\$0
Total	\$56,458.75

<i>Major Revenue Categories</i>	<i>Total</i>
Raffles	\$10,008.00
Donations	\$9,503.20
Membership	\$15,058.01

<i>Major Expense Categories</i>	
Insurance	(-\$1,321.00)
Supplies, Equipment & Printing	(-\$12,244.37)
Meeting Hall Rental	(-\$8,514.68)
Professional Services	(-\$18,507.27)
Travel, Lodging & Food	(-\$5,854.81)
Robo-Call & Text Messaging	(-\$609.94)
PO box rental & postage	<u>(-\$543.85)</u>
Pig Roast	(-570.06)
Merchandise	(-210.89)

Notes:

- On January 22, 2023 our Finance Committee conducted an accounting audit for fiscal year 2022 and found no issues.
- Our budget for 2023 is based on 2022 totals.
- The Professional Services category includes Meeting Production and Accounting Services