

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023

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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 2023

Fiscal year 2023 started off after devastating losses in the November 2022 Election for Conservatives and all Americans who believe in our founding principles as the much-anticipated Red Wave did not materialize. The results meant that in Pennsylvania we were left with a radical left U.S. Senator along with Susan Wild getting another two years to continue to damage to the residents of the 7th Congressional District with her support of the Biden agenda and a loss of the majority in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives that meant there would be no progress on such vital election integrity issues of Voter ID.

In December of 2022, the LVTP Board had a strategy and planning session with lengthy discussions about what both the long-term and short-term goals of the organization should be based on the political, social and cultural realities and the fact that there would be important local municipal and county wide races in 2023 and the 2024 Presidential election would be the most important election since the Civil War in America. The discussion focused on such factors as the amount of money in the treasury and a realistic assessment of how the LVTP could be in the fight in an impactful manner to stop Socialism and promote our limited government Constitutional values.

The great news for 2023, was LVTP upgraded to a state-of-the-art sound system, a large projector screen and new high-end projector. These investments have made are general meetings much more appealing and effective presentations for our audiences.

2023 Month to Month General Meeting Recap

The **January** General Membership was in large part dedicated to updating the membership as to the results of the December Planning and Strategy session and to survey our members and discuss and

ultimately implement our goals for 2023 through 2024. Former Chairman Tom Campione presented an interactive segment in which members could use their cell phones to answer survey questions.

The second half of the meeting saw a return of Andrew Bernstein in which he discussed his new book, “Why Johnny Still Can’t Read, or Write, or Understand Math, and What We Can Do About it”.

In **February**, Bill Brown, Former Navy Seal, Iraq War Veteran and Attorney was introduced by Mary and Charlie Strange. Charlie Strange spoke briefly about his son Michael Strange and the Michael Strange Foundation and introduced Bill Brown who as an advocate for freedom of speech and the right of self-protection spoke on recent infringements of our rights, freedoms and civil liberties.

There was an Election Law Update and a report from the Right to Life Committee.

The featured speaker was Hogan Gidley who served as White House Deputy Press Secretary from 2019 to 2020 in the Donald Trump Administration. He spoke on what it was like to work in the White House for President Trump and Election Integrity issues.

March -The Education Committee did a report with Ally Warner from Moms for Liberty and Jamie Walsh, President of Citizens Advisory PA. The presentation focused on holding school boards accountable by pursuing full transparency in all fiscal, policy and curriculum decisions in the region’s schools.

The featured speaker was Ken Matthews. Ken Matthews describes himself as unvaccinated, unsyndicated and uncensored. He was a guest host for Rush Limbaugh from 2017 through 2021. He hosted the last open-line Friday on the EIB Network. His presentation was energized as he challenged LVTP members to stand up and fight back against the woke left.

April – The featured speaker was Sabin Howard. He was selected to create the World War I Memorial. The design, a Soldier’s Journey, shows the story of a soldier who leaves his family for war, sees combat and loss of comrades, and returns to his family after receiving medical care. A 5-foot-long bronze memorial was on display during the meeting. Sabin Howard talked about his patriotic quest to keep history alive through his art.

The fight to preserve our values and stand up against the left hit home hard in the Lehigh Valley when a Satanic Club was being formed at the Saucon Valley Middle School. Board member, Mary Ann Morales gave an Update on the Saucon Valley Satan Club Petition being circulated by the LVTP.

During the second hour, a vital presentation entitled “Surveillance Capitalism is Destroying Our Freedom and Personal Liberty: How can I fight back?” Cybersecurity experts provided an interactive discussion for the LVTP members to learn what they can do to get “Off the grid” in order to protect their Freedoms, their families and children and their American Dream.

May – The Primary Election was on May 16th, 2023. The LVTP Board put a presentation to answer questions about the election process such as what does “Cross-filing” mean and presented candidates running for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court and County level offices such as County Commissioner and Court of Common Pleas Judge and the very important School Board races.

The Cyber Security Experts returned from the April meeting to answer more questions from LVTP members.

An Update on the LVTP Satan Club Petition and “Drag Queens/Sex Toys “Family” Events coming to the Lehigh Valley was also provided to the membership.

June – Christopher Pushaw, Esquire was the featured speaker. Christopher serves as the Executive Director and General Counsel for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. His presentation was entitled “Life in a Post-Roe World.” His message was that we must support women and families in crisis to obviate the need for abortion as well as to counter the belief that to be “pro-life” is to be “anti-woman”. An Election Integrity Update was once again presented to the membership. It’s been a long process but various cases and investigation across the country and here in Pennsylvania are slowly revealing the truth about the 2020 election. “You can’t make this sh*t up” was the theme of the presentation.

July – State Senator Jarrett Coleman presented a Legislative Update which we entitled “What the H*LL is going on in Harrisburg.

In April of 2022, leaders of over 45 grass roots conservative, tea party and patriot groups came together at the invitation of the then Chairman of Lehigh Valley Tea Party, Tom Carroll and met at the Fearless Fire Hall. Over the course of the next year, the group grew to include 100 groups. The Coalition formed and was named The Patriot Coalition. Sam Faddis provided an update as to the progress of the Coalition.

The LVTP Website was updated and a presentation of Navigating the Website, Membership Renewal and Coffee Sponsorship was presented by Board Member and Business Director Andrew Azan.

Former Chairman Tom Carroll did an Election Integrity Update providing information about the vital cases he is involved with from the Delaware County Whistleblower case to the Fulton County Pennsylvania case in which the Commissioners sued Dominion for Breach of Contract after having discovered that their voting machines connected internationally and had a malicious python script.

August - We were honored to have two local immigrants who have local businesses that shared with our members how they made their business successful and spoke of their love for America. Dean Browning spoke on getting out the “Low Propensity” vote out. The Convention of States shared with their view on government.

September – As we approached the 2023 Elections in Pennsylvania, the LVTP continued its mission to educate its members on the importance of local municipal elections and the critical issues on the ballot. For the first time since the March 2020 meeting of Scott Pressler. Scott Pressler gave a compelling presentation on how important it is to work hard to register new voters. He discussed how Pennsylvania is key to the 2024 Presidential election.

New Jersey State Senator Edward Durr came to provide the LVTP with encouragement on how conservatives can win in “blue” areas. In 2021, he was a truck driver who defeated a very powerful Democrat in the New Jersey State Senate.

The third speaker of the night was Ethel Hermenau. She is the Project Director for LIFENET and she spoke on parental rights.

October - State Representative Dave Zimmerman who represents the 99th Legislative District was the only State Representative to vote No on Act 77. He provided an update as to what is going on in Harrisburg and discussed the issues for the 2023 Election.

Reverend Gregory Quinlan who is the founder of the Pro-Family Network, President of PFO (Parents and families of Ex-Gays) and the President of Equality and Justice for All did a presentation addressing Education and School issues.

November – Election Integrity was once again front and center for the LVTP members to understand what is at stake for the 2024 Election and how to fix the issues before another election is stolen. State Senator Jarrett Coleman provided a Legislative Update from Harrisburg and focused his talk on his efforts to get Pennsylvania out of ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center).

Heather Honey provided a perfect transition on the Election of Election Integrity. Heather is the Founder of Verity Vote and she exposed the secret connection in which ERIC, a taxpayer-funded entity, is a primary obstacle to cleaning up America’s votes rolls and having a free and fair election.

LVTP Member, John Gallagher, Esquire, discussed his Class Action Lawsuit which he filed to reform or eliminate the property tax system that funds the schools in Pennsylvania and often ends up with homeowners losing their homes.

December – The theme of the Meeting was “It’s a Wonderful Life” and Christopher Pushaw returned to continue the conversation on how to better communicate a Right-to-Life Message in light of the success of the left and Democrats at the ballot box on this issue since the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

The Weaponization of Government is perhaps the biggest threat to Freedom. Mark Houck was arrested at his home in the presence of his wife and 7 children following a feral indictment alleging two violations of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances, commonly known as the FACE Act. His story was featured in

the **Police State** Movie by Dinesh D'Souza and is running to primary Brian Fitzpatrick in the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Planned Activity for 2024

At February 2024 LVTP Board Meeting followed by General Meeting BOTH groups overwhelming endorsed President Donald Trump. We realize Donald Trump persona does not sit well with everyone, but we look to his past term and accomplishments.

At February 2024 Board Meeting and General Meeting BOTH groups overwhelming Endorsed Donald Trump. Although at times President Trump demeanor does not set well with some people, he has a proven record of putting America First by providing a strong economy, secure borders, a strong military, establishing respect from other nations and leaders by peace by strength, a Pro Life Stance and a supporter of The Second Amendment.

So, what can The Lehigh Valley Tea Party do to support re-election of President Donald Trump? Folks this a war of freedom vs government take over. Our borders are being invaded. The Lehigh Valley Tea Party will continue to strive to provide education, outstanding general meetings with inspirational guest speakers and call for action plans. We will increase our member base and fill our coffers to provide us the resources to Get Out The Vote, register voters, and train volunteers.

Membership Report

2023 Year End	2022 Year End
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total membership: 7,262 Associate Members: 6261 Regular Members: 1001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total membership: 7,247 Associate Members: 6,285 Regular Members: 962

Financial Report

Fiscal year 2023 we conducted profitable mailing raffles which rejuvenated our assets.

Year	Checking	Savings	Total
2023 opening balance	\$2,650.19	\$53,808.56	\$56,458.75
2023 closing balance	\$19,332.09	\$42,318.04	\$61,650.13

Profit / Loss (**GAIN** OF \$5,191.38)

<i>Accounts that make up the total bank balance</i>	
General Account	\$58,049.98
2nd Amendment Committee	\$2,382.40
Election Fraud Fund	\$0.00
Right to Life	1,072.75
Young Conservatives	\$145.00
SFA Building	\$0
Total	\$61,650.13

<i>Major Revenue Categories</i>	<i>Total</i>
Raffles	\$7,155.04
Donations	\$13,529.45
Membership	\$14,649.70

<i>Major Expense Categories</i>	
Insurance	(-\$160.00)
Supplies, Equipment & Printing	(-\$11,398.43)
Meeting Hall Rental	(-\$4,138.88)
Professional Services	(-\$7,727.79)
Travel, Lodging & Food	(-\$5,366.83)
Robo-Call & Text Messaging	(-\$2,579.21)
PO box rental & postage	<u>(-\$4,721.78)</u>
Pig Roast	(-\$0.00)
Merchandise	(-\$1,147.19)

Notes:

- In January 2024 our Finance Committee conducted an accounting audit for fiscal year 2023. Additionally, we had an outside auditor review our spreadsheet and concluded that everything in our LVTP Ledger was in order.