

How to Get Involved

To join the Greater Lehigh Valley chapter

Email us: lehighvalleychapter@aclupa.org

Call us: 215-592-1513

Attend a meeting:

Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter meetings are held every month on the fourth Thursday at 6:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley (UUCLV)
424 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA

More information on the LV chapter can be found at www.aclupa.org/lehighvalley

Because Freedom Can't Protect Itself

A Legacy of Liberty

The ACLU has a long history of fighting to protect the rights and freedoms of people throughout the country.

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- 1920s the ACLU acted on behalf of newly arrived immigrants victimized by the Palmer Raids;
- 1930s the ACLU advocated for workers protesting deplorable labor conditions;
- 1940s the ACLU protested the forcing of Japanese-Americans into internment camps;
- 1950s the ACLU supported those who fought the witch hunts of the McCarthy era;
- 1960s & 1970s the ACLU defended those who spoke out for equality and civil rights.

Today the ACLU continues its defense of individual rights on many fronts. Some of these are recurring battles, such as fighting racial and gender-based discrimination and securing reproductive freedom. Others are newer groundbreaking battles like freedom of speech on the Internet.

For more information about the Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter:

American Civil Liberties Union
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What is the ACLU

Founded in 1920, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is the nation's foremost guardian of liberty. We are a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to defending and protecting our individual rights and personal freedoms.

Through advocacy, education and litigation, our attorneys, advocates and volunteers work to preserve and promote civil liberties including the freedom of speech, the right to privacy, reproductive freedom, and equal treatment under the law. We stand in defense of the rights of women and minorities, workers, students, immigrants, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, and others who have seen bias and bigotry threaten the rights afforded to all of us in this country by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The LV Chapter

The ACLU-Lehigh Valley Chapter is the local chapter of the ACLU of Pennsylvania (ACLU-PA). The chapter is active in the region to defend and preserve civil liberties right here in the Lehigh Valley. The chapter consists of local volunteers committed to civil liberties. Our chapter is looking for individuals with a variety of skills, the amount of time you want to expend is up to you.

What You Can Do

- Join the listserv to keep current on all activities (email lehighvalleychapter@aclupa.org to join).



- Lobby your legislators on ACLU issues
- Volunteer. We need writers, graphic designers, public speakers, and people to table at events
- Educate friends and neighbors about the constitution
- Write letters to the Editor
- Participate, by helping to plan chapter events
- Publicize LV meetings and events via facebook, email and twitter
- Order copies of the Student Rights manual and distribute to local schools
- Attend a meeting!

What Does the LV Chapter Do?

Since its founding the LV chapter has been involved in a multitude of local activities, including but not limited to:

- Participated in phone banking, attending and making statements at the Bethlehem City Council meetings in support of the passage of the Anti-discrimination ordinance
- Hosted an event at Muhlenberg College where ACLUPA staff attorney spoke on the past and current issues with the Patriot Act
- Supported "Welcome Neighbor" in Allentown and Easton, a collection of portraits and stories of Lehigh Valley immigrants
- Provided literature by tabling at the Easton Heritage Days, displayed panels of the "Welcome Neighbor" project and hosted plaintiffs from the "I heart Boobies" case
- Hosted a breakfast forum at the Unitarian Universalist Church featuring Andy Hoover, Legislative Director of the ACLUPA
- Tabled the Lehigh Valley Pride Fest, providing literature and supporting LGBT rights
- Presented "Know Your Rights, A handbook for Public School Students in Pennsylvania" to HAVEN Youth Group
- Spoke to the Gay Straight Alliance –Quest and their allies at Lafayette College