



LECTURES TO SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY

THE POLITICIZING OF OUR JUDICIARY

- **DATE: Saturday, May 18, 2019**
- **TIME: 1:00 – 3:00**
- **PLACE: Easttown Library 720 First Ave. Berwyn, PA 19301**
- **Topic: “ Politicizing of our Judiciary” by Jerry Henige**

Jerry is currently teaching adult education classes, is a popular guest speaker and is on the board of Main Line School Night. He hosts a Monday evening monthly current events forum at the Tredyffrin Library. Retired from Burroughs/Unisys as software engineer. Lived and worked in California and Australia. Graduated from Michigan State University. Born in Flint, Michigan.

FUTURE TOPICS

- **Gerrymandering 6/29/19 Carol Kuniholm
PA state chair of Fair Districts**
- **Canvassing techniques & role playing class**
- **Climate Change**
- **Access Matters**

No need to register---If last minute decision ---just come!

Concerns to be explored and how we can move forward:

Fair and impartial courts are the guarantor of equal justice in American constitutional Democracy. The very legitimacy of the courts depends on the public belief that judges will treat every party without bias or favor, and that any party, regardless of wealth or connections, can have a fair day in court. But public confidence in the courts is at a crisis point. Americans are increasingly concerned about the influence of politics and money on the courts. Three in every four Americans believe campaign cash affects courtroom decisions ---and , alarmingly, nearly half of state court judges believe the same.

There has also been a quieter political push targeting state courts ---which hear more than 95% of all cases nationwide. In state legislatures across the country, a wave of bills in recent years has sought to limit courts' power or politically manipulate the judiciary.