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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

### March 2006: Women's History Month

14 Tu 6 p.m. County Freeholder Caucus  
16th floor, Camden Co. Courthouse, Camden

16 Th 7:00 p.m. County Freeholder Meeting  
Cold Spring School, Gloucester City

26 Su 3:30 - 5:30 Regional Equity Meeting  
All welcome. Come and learn! See box on page 3.

28 Tu All day Last day to register  
to vote in the Board of Education election.  
Note that this is now 21 days before the election, not the old 29 days.

### April 2006

5 W 7 p.m. **LWVCC Board Meeting**  
Haddon Township, Rohrer Library

7 F 8 - 2:30 pm **Running & Winning**  
Cherry Hill High School West

17 M All day Last day to change party  
for the primary election in June.

18 Tu 6 p.m. County Freeholder Caucus  
16th floor, Camden Co. Courthouse, Camden

18 Tu afternoon Board of Education Elections  
Polls open at least 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. (state law)

20 Th 7:00 p.m. County Freeholder Meeting  
Lions Lake Banquet Facility: 101 Dutchtown Road, Voorhees

### May 2006

3 W 10 a.m. **Voter Registration**  
After the naturalization ceremony, Federal Courthouse, Camden.

3 W 7 p.m. **LWVCC Board Meeting**  
Haddon Township, Rohrer Library

16 Tu 6 p.m. County Freeholder Caucus  
16th floor, Camden Co. Courthouse, Camden

18 Th 7:00 p.m. County Freeholder Meeting  
Barrington Municipal Bldg.

20 Sa 12:30-3 **LWVCC Annual Meeting**  
Cherry Hill -- Clarion Hotel

### At its March 2006 meeting the LWVCC board:

1. Decided to hold a silent auction at the Annual Meeting.
2. Appointed Marcy Susman to the Budget Committee.
3. Appointed Anne Maiese and Ed Gracely to the Nominating Committee.
4. Agreed to hire a media consultant to promote Running & Winning.

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

New Jersey is struggling to close a 4 billion dollar hole in its budget. According to an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer, New Jersey stands alone, because the state chose to borrow its way out of hard times. As a result we are confronted with a fiscal crisis that can no longer be sustained without some major tax reforms.

Even though we are not elected officials who are authorized to address this problem, the LWVCC in planning its annual Running and Winning workshop has chosen "Property Tax Reform in New Jersey" as this year's theme for mock discussion. See Phyllis Black's article on page 5.

Over the last six years, LWVCC has hosted over 300 high school junior and senior girls from high schools all over Camden County. This year we are planning to conduct an all day workshop for 65 female students from Cherry Hill West on April 7<sup>th</sup>. As the result of a much publicized budget crisis, we anticipate a lively discussion and debate among these young women, which may bring about a set of mock solutions that can be shared with others. This year's running and Winning also provides a forum for female politicians, who are in attendance, to share experiences and provide resources and leadership guidance to these young women.

Each year the young women impress us with their cooperative efforts, self-assurance and enthusiasm. Their feedback about the workshop expresses changed ideas about politics and politicians and a new perception of their own talents and possibilities.

I want to especially thank The Cherry Hill Chapter of the American Association of University Women, the South Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Chinese Women's Association of New Jersey, all of whom participate each year in the Running and Winning workshops.

Sincerely,

Ann Saunders

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## Getting there - Directions!

**Barrington, Municipal Building: 229 Trenton Ave.** Take 295 to Route 130 (White Horse Pike). This is a complex intersection that puts you onto Route 30 a bit south of Route 41/273, Clements-Bridge Road. So, go north on 30 for a short distance, look for the left turn to 41 and go there. Trenton Ave is on your right in a few blocks.

**Blackwood: St. Agnes church**

Take 295 to 42 south. Take the exit to 168 south, but after a few tenths of a mile turn left from 168 onto Coles Road. St. Agnes church is in about 3/4 of a mile from there.

**Camden County Courthouse:** Take 676 north to Mickle Blvd. Flow right at the fork (don't go on Campbell Place), then turn right onto 5th street in a few blocks. The courthouse is at 5th and Federal, a block up from Mickle.

**Camden, Federal Courthouse:** 4th and Cooper, but we generally car pool. Call 856-795-7878 if you're interested. *About 3-4 blocks from the City Hall PATCO station.*

**Haddon Township: Rohrer Library:** Take 295 to Route 30 north. On 30, pass King's Highway. In about a mile after King's Highway, just after Nicholson Road on the left, you'll see Cuthbert Road on the right. Turn right onto Cuthbert from 30. Stay on Cuthbert for about half a mile. Just past Hopkins, turn right onto MacArthur. The library is at that corner. // This is the same Cuthbert Road that becomes Cuthbert Blvd further north at routes 70 and 38, so you could take it south from there. MacArthur is about 0.8 miles south of Haddon Avenue on Cuthbert Blvd.

**Voorhees: Lion's Lake Banquet Facility.** Take Route 73 south from Cherry Hill. About a half mile below Kresson Road you'll see Dutchtown Road on your right. Turn and look for the facility not far. North on 73, Dutchtown Road is 1.7 miles north of Cooper, on your left.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**When:** Saturday May 20, 2006, 12:30-3

**What:** The LWVCC Annual Meeting

**Where:** Clarion Hotel, Cherry Hill

We expect to have an interesting and informative speaker, in addition to the opportunity to meet old friends, catch up on what the League is doing, and enjoy a nice meal that you don't have to cook! Bring the family!

### Regional Equity Rescheduled

The South Jersey Regional Equity Organizing Project has rescheduled the meeting cancelled due to the snowstorm in February. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the work of the organization, educate yourself on some of the issues, and support the League by being part of our contingent.

The SJREOP is working to solve problems that affect us all, notably the affordable housing shortage, high property taxes, inequitable school funding, and issues with access to health care.

If interested, please let me know, so I can tally the number expected. I'd like to get as many League members there as possible.

Sunday, March 26, 2006, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, Blackwood. Directions are on this page in the first column of the *Voter*.

Ed Gracely (856-629-2869, gracely@dca.net)

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Place your Order Now!**

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**The price is \$4.25 each if purchased directly from a League member, or \$5.00 to have it mailed. For orders of 10 or more, the price per copy is \$4.00, and we will arrange for delivery.**

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## Running and Winning 2006

Our League will hold its seventh annual *Running & Winning* Workshop on Friday, April 7th from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm in the Library of Cherry Hill High School West. Breakfast and lunch are free for all of the participants and will be set up in the Tech Room across from the library. The issue that the teenage girls will address is Property Tax Reform in New Jersey. We have been in touch with Allison Staffin, Vice Principal and Social Studies Coordinator at Cherry Hill High School West, who will register 60 to 65 of their sophomore, junior, and senior girls.

We have contacted a large number of female elected officials from local, county, and state levels of government to participate on the 7th. These officials will be interviewed by the student participants, who can ask any questions they like. In this way the teenage girls will be able to learn about the officials' experiences in seeking and holding public office.

Following the interviews, the students will work in groups of four with a facilitator to plan their campaign as a Senator or Assemblywoman in the state legislature. They will analyze the facts and information on possibilities for Property Tax Reform in New Jersey, and then they will write down their own ideas and deliver a campaign speech.

We are fortunate to work together with the Camden County American Association of University Women, the South Jersey Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Chinese Women's Association of New Jersey on this project.

If you are interested in helping us with this workshop as a volunteer to assist with registration, facilitating the small group experience, or observing, please call me at (856) 428-1247. You will find this workshop a rewarding and extraordinary experience.

Phyllis Black, Chairperson

## Voter Registration Opportunity May 3, Law Day

Your only opportunity this year to help register new citizens after the Naturalization Ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 3 at 10 a.m., Federal Courthouse, Camden. Everyone who participates finds this an inspirational event. The ceremony lasts about an hour. Voter registrars often go out to lunch afterwards.

If you'd like to participate in this interesting and very League-like activity, contact Joan Wells at 663-2864.

# \$\$ CALLATHON 2006 \$\$

**is here!**

**Please respond generously when  
called**

The LWVNJ depends on contributions from members. And the LWVCC board calls anyone who hasn't contributed in response to the mailing. If you haven't contributed, please expect a call. Remember that board members are doing this to help the League -- they don't like calling (none of us joined the League to be telemarketers), but Callathon is vital to the LWVNJ's work. Make their day -- offer a big donation (more than last year) or a first time donation!

Remember that the LWVCC gets a percentage of the donations, so you also help your local League by contributing.