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**Calendar (League activities in bold)**

**September 2006**

- 6 W 7 - 9 p.m. **LWVCC Board meeting**  
Haddon Township (Rohrer) Library
- 13 W 10 a.m. **Voter Registration**  
After the naturalization ceremony, Federal  
Courthouse, 401 Market Street, Camden.
- 16 Sa 9:30 - 2 **LWVNJ Fall Workshops**  
See box on page 3. All welcome.
- 27 W 6:30 - 9 **LWVCC Kickoff**  
Cherry Hill Library. See box on page 3.  
Catch up with the League as we start our new  
year.

**October 2006**

- 4 W 7 - 9 p.m. **LWVCC Board meeting**  
Location TBA
- 17 Tu 6 p.m. County Freeholder Caucus  
16th floor, Camden Co. Courthouse, Camden
- 19 Th 7:00 p.m. County Freeholder Meeting  
Homestead Youth Association, Pennsauken
- 25 W 7:00 p.m. **LWVCC public meeting**  
Tax reform. Hold the date!

**LWVCC Annual Kickoff!**

Wednesday September 27  
Reception at 6:30 p.m.  
Speaker Dana Redd,  
Camden Councilwoman, at 7 p.m.

Cherry Hill Library  
All welcome!

Free!  
See directions on page 3.

**At its August 2006 meeting the LWVCC board:**

1. Discussed and approved the program committee report.
2. Tentatively picked Wednesday, September 27 in the evening, for the annual Kickoff meeting.
3. Decided to have speakers at some board meetings, on board topics like fundraising.

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**



I hope you have all had a great summer relaxing on the beach; in your backyard or patio, like so many of us do. As we embark on a new year with enthusiasm and energy, the Camden County League of Women Voters plans to address some of the critical problems that are facing us this year, through a series of program events that is designed to inform and provide the tools to educate Camden County residents on vital issues that are impacting us all.

We begin this exciting year with a **kickoff program** on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Cherry Hill library. Dana Redd, Councilperson and Vice President of Camden City Council will be our keynote speaker and special guest for the evening. (See details on page 1).

Following our kickoff event, our first program series, which is planned for October 25<sup>th</sup> will address the proposed tax changes and its effect on Camden county residents. As New Jersey citizens, trying to live our best life, the LWVCC believes that we have a certain responsibility to demand and ensure that we have a tax system that is fair and supports our efforts to live a quality of life that provides economic security. As we are all aware, the present system of taxation is forcing many residents to either leave the state or live below their desired standard of living. To live in a community in which we have pride means that we must take the responsibility to lobby for a tax system that will reduce property taxes, and retain the quality of life which we as citizens have worked so hard produce. The LWVCC, through the Voter, will keep you informed of the dates, places and times for these programs.

Ann Saunders, President

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**The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization of men and women that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.**

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**LWVNJ Workshops September 16, 2006**

We hope that many League members are planning to attend. The plenary session will be on eminent domain, a hot topic to be sure! There will be sessions on civil liberties, government issues, voters service, and more.

When? Saturday Sept 16, 2006, 9:30-2.

Where? Tillet Hall, Livingston Campus, Rutgers University

The LWVCC will probably carpool. Call 856-795-7878 for more information.

\$25 without lunch if you register before September 10, \$30 afterwards. Bring lunch or pre-order it for \$10.

Full details at <http://www.lwvnj.org/members/> Click on "Fall Workshops" for a brochure in pdf format.

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.

**Pennsauken: Homestead Youth Association:** Route 38 west, exit onto Cuthbert toward Merchantville. Pass Courier-Post on Cuthbert (also called Magnolia), then take next little road left. In a block, turn left onto Clayton. Watch for signs.

**Regional Equity Update**

The Regional Equity organizations (three of them, one each for north, central, and southern New Jersey) have continued to actively pursue objectives consistent with League views (although not always things on which we have a specific position). In early August, representatives from all three regions met to determine our future course as a statewide coordinated effort.

Three basic areas of focus and specific goals were tentatively identified:

1. Tax reform: The attendees agreed that our key broad goal is tax reform that reduces disparities. The specific focus will be on promoting regional tax base sharing. This is an approach that shares some of the revenue from new tax-generating construction among the towns in the region. This serves to encourage collaboration, reduce competition, and repay other towns for the increased traffic generated within a specific area.
2. Housing: Again, we want to see adequate housing for all, especially low-income people, preferably in areas of growth with jobs and good schools. The specific focus will be on banning so called "regional contribution agreements" whereby wealthy towns avoid building any low-income housing by paying cash to poorer town.
3. Immigration: This has not been studied by our south Jersey group. The tentative focus is fairly simple -- ensuring that children of undocumented immigrants who graduated from high school in New Jersey will be entitled to in-state tuition in college.

**Getting there - Directions!**

**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.*

**Cherry Hill Library:** On King's Highway, coming from Haddonfield, cross Route 70. The library is a half mile or so ahead, on your left. Before Chapel Ave.

**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

**CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY AT PAULSDALE**

MT. LAUREL, NJ - - The Equal Rights Amendment: Unfinished Business for the Constitution, a Women's Equality Day celebration, takes place Monday, Aug. 28, at 6 p.m. on the lawn at Paulsdale, 128 Hooton Road, Mt. Laurel. Paulsdale is the birthplace of Quaker suffragist Alice Paul.

The program focuses on the intellectual philosophy of the women's rights movement and in particular Alice Paul's emphasis on legal equality as the key to equal citizenship, said Rhonda Carboni, president of the Alice Paul Institute.

The three-part program begins with a performance of the one-act play, "The ERA That's Yet to Come" by the Alice Paul Institute Girls Advisory Council, which includes girls age 13-16.

In addition, the program includes a panel presentation on the history and current status of the ERA by Roberta Francis, a gender equity consultant, Linda Wharton, associate professor of political science at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and Kristina Myers, program associate at the Alice Paul Institute. Preceding the panel will be a short video, "The Equal Rights Amendment: Unfinished Business for the Constitution."

The program is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Light refreshments will be served. For reservations or more information, contact the Alice Paul Institute at 856-231-1885 or [info@alicepaul.org](mailto:info@alicepaul.org) as soon as possible.

The Women's Equality Day program is a joint venture by several statewide women's organizations. Co-sponsors are the Alice Paul Institute, Business & Professional Women of New Jersey, League of Women Voters of New Jersey, the ERA Campaign Network and the New Jersey Women's Political Caucus.

This program is supported by the "We the People" initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities through a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations in this program do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. NEH's "We the People" initiative supports projects that advance the study, teaching and understanding of American history and culture.

The Alice Paul Institute was created in 1985 to enhance public awareness of the life and work of Alice Paul. The Institute acquired Paulsdale in 1990 and has worked to develop it as a women's history and leadership center. Paulsdale, a National Historic Landmark, was recently restored to appear as it did when Paul lived there, from 1885 to 1920.

*(From the LWVNJ e-Voter)*

## Notes from the LWVUS



**Join the Net Neutrality Task Force!** The LWVUS is pleased to announce the formation of a Net Neutrality Taskforce. The Taskforce will provide information and guidance to the LWVUS Board and staff on the topic of Net Neutrality, an issue addressed by a resolution at the 2006 National Convention. If you are interested in participating, please contact LWVUS board member Donna Lauffer at [dlauffer@kc.rr.com](mailto:dlauffer@kc.rr.com) with questions or fill out an application form by visiting [http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Net\\_Neutrality](http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Net_Neutrality). **Applications are due September 12, 2006.**

**Update: 2006 Russian Civic Hosting:** The first group of Russian visitors will arrive in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The rest of the Russian delegations will arrive as follows: On **September 29<sup>th</sup>** the visitors will arrive at the Leagues of **Montclair, NJ**, and Tyler, TX. On October 6<sup>th</sup> the League of Minneapolis will host a group of Russian physicians, and on **October 7<sup>th</sup>** the League of Lane County, OR, will host the final group. All the host Leagues are currently preparing their program agendas, which will include meetings with elected officials and community organizations, job-shadowing sessions, volunteer activities, public speaking, visiting museums, sampling a variety of foods, and attending a rodeo!

**Coming Soon – VOTE411 and Updated 5 Things Cards:** The League will be launching a new one-stop election Web site - VOTE411 - in September 2006. Also in September, we will have new “5 Things You Need to Know on Election Day” cards available for the 2006 elections. Stay tuned for additional details on both projects.

**Upcoming National Conference on the Public Financing of Elections:** On **September 8-10 in Washington, DC** the LWVUS will cosponsor *Seize the Moment: a National Conference on the Public Financing of Elections* with Public Campaign and other coalition partners. The three-day conference will allow participants to explore new opportunities, refine strategy, hone their advocacy skills, learn new organizing techniques, share experiences with peers—and learn from those who have made change happen where they live. Make your plans to attend today – the deadline for receiving discounted accommodations was **August 14**. Download the registration form by going to the LWVUS web site ([www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)) and searching for “Seize the moment”. For more information contact LWVUS Grassroots Lobbyist [Angela Canterbury](mailto:Angela.Canterbury@lwv.org) ([acanterbury@lwv.org](mailto:acanterbury@lwv.org)).