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Calendar (League activities in bold)

September 2006

27 W 6:30 - 9 **LWVCC Kickoff**
Cherry Hill Library. See box to the right
Catch up with the League as we start our new
year.

October 2006

4 W 7 - 9 p.m. **LWVCC Board meeting**
Camden County Library, Voorhees (Vogelson)

15 Su 11 a.m. **LWVNJ Senate Debate**
Broadcast on Channel 6 (WPVI)

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

20 F 8:00 p.m. Capitol Steps Outing
This is a fun fundraiser for the LWVNJ. See
details on page 3.

25 W 7:00 p.m. **LWVCC public meeting**
Tax reform. Date tentative - 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 Sept. 2006 meeting the LWVCC board:

1. Agreed to approach members to establish tenure with the organization, with the goal of honoring long-term members.
2. Voted to give away the remaining "Vote" signs purchased years ago to anyone who will properly display them.
3. Appointed Annette Dorf-Hills, Marcia Luggier, Anne Maiese, Sally Thorne, and Joyce Alexander Walker to one year terms on the board.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:



In the two months leading up to the midterm elections, it is important that League members take the time to provide vital services to ensure that the voters of Camden County have the necessary information to cast their vote and be sure that that vote is counted.

The League nationwide is launching a voter education campaign, “5 Things You Need to Know on Election Day”, which is a part of the League’s Public Advocacy for Voter Protection project. The 2006 5 Things cards will be handed out at various voter registration sites by our voter service volunteers. The 5 Things card provides the voter with a checklist of information that will make voting simpler and will give the voter confidence that they can vote and walk away from the polling place knowing that their vote counts. Highlighted on the cards are helpful resources that will answer voter questions such as a voter hotline, including a national bilingual toll free number, and a new election information Web site (VOTE411) that is scheduled to launch in early October. This Web site is designed to give everyone a new, easy-to-use, nonpartisan source for election-related information. It will include a polling place locator that allows users to type in their address and retrieve their poll location. Knowing where to go to vote is among the most sought after pieces of information in the immediate days leading up to, and on, Election Day.

Since this is a National Campaign, The Camden County League will be handing out the 5 things cards along with Leagues across the country as a unified voice to speak out against any unusual activity that endangers the rights of the voter. The 5 Things voter card is a great tool for getting the message out as our voter service activities kick off this fall. Even registered voters can benefit from the tips that are listed on the card. Through voter education and awareness, the League will make a difference in this very important election year.

Ann Saunders, President

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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CAPITOL STEPS

**At the Count Basie Theatre
Monmouth St., Red Bank
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 – 8pm**

Join us again this year for a rollicking evening of political satire by the group that sheds light on the political antics in Washington.

We will have a pre-concert reception at 7:00 at the theater to meet LWVNJ President Macmillan.

Seats are limited, so respond early.

Send your checks to LWVNJ, c/o Michelle Bobrow, 51 Coolidge Road, Maplewood, NJ 07040 by Oct. 1.

Tickets: \$35 per person: # ___ x \$35 = ___

Tickets and reception: \$45: # ___ x \$45 = ___

Name: _____

Address: _____

City-State-Zip: _____

Phone: _____



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 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.

Voter Registration Help Needed

Reminders:

General Election - Held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. This year the general election is on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

October 17 is the **last day to register to vote** in the general election this year.

Want to help?

After September 18, check the LWVCC web-site for local registration sites in Camden County



e-mail [kip1118 @juno.com](mailto:kip1118@juno.com) or call (856) 228-2042 if you or members of your organization would like to assist the LWVCC with Voter Registration, 2006.

Contact person: Winnefred Rowell-Bullard, LWVCC board member.

Governor's Conference for Women

October 30, 2006

The 2006 Governor Jon S. Corzine Conference for Women will be held on October 30, 2006 at the Hilton East Brunswick. Over 1,500 women from all over New Jersey are expected to attend.

The keynote speakers will be Governor Corzine and TV Journalist and CNN co-anchor Soledad O'Brien. Workshops designed to empower and educate New Jersey's women are scheduled throughout the day,

Members of the LWVNJ State Board are planning to attend and would welcome additional participation by local League members. Tickets to the conference are \$85 on or before Sept. 8 and thereafter \$95. Tickets to the Networking Reception are \$25. Make sure you mention you are with the League of Women Voters when you register. Registration information is available on the Department of Community Affairs website below or from the LWVNJ state office.

For additional information contact Stacy Spera at 609-777-1534 or sspera@dca.state.nj.us or visit the Department of Community Affairs website at http://www.nj.gov/dca/2006_womens_conference.shtml.

US Senate Race

Read what the Two Major Party Candidates have to say!

The LWVNJ created a list of twelve questions (some with several parts) for the two senatorial candidates. They range from domestic to foreign, immigration, poverty, terrorism, education, and more!

The candidates answered all of the questions, and their answers are posted online at:

http://www.lwvnj.org/news/events/2006_NJ_US_Senate_Candidates_Questions.pdf

Or, just go to <http://www.lwvnj.org> and look for the bold red **Q & A of NJ US Senate Candidates** in the box on the right.

National League Denounces Passage of Voter ID Legislation

H.R. 4844 is a Means to Discriminate Against Voters

Washington, D.C. – National League President Mary G. Wilson today (September 21, 2006) strongly denounced yesterday's House passage of the so-called "Federal Election Integrity Act" (H.R. 4844). The legislation requires eligible citizens to present government-issued, current and valid photo identification at the polling place in 2008 and proof of citizenship by 2010. "This is a truly sad day for our nation. The House of Representatives voted in favor of legislation that masquerades as protection against voter identity fraud. In reality, this bill is a means to discriminate against legal, eligible voters," said Wilson.

Notes from the LWVUS



9-7-06

A MESSAGE FROM LWVUS PRESIDENT MARY G. WILSON:

Over the next few weeks I will be visiting six states to promote the League's *5 Things You Need to Know on Election Day* campaign -- Ohio, Wisconsin, Missouri, Florida, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. These are the states participating in the LWVEF Public Advocacy for Voter Protection project. You will be receiving information soon about how you and your League can participate in the *5 Things* campaign as well. You can now access the *5 Things* card [online](#), and the full materials will be mailed to state and local Leagues this week.

During my visits I will be meeting with League members, the media, and election officials in an effort to bring visibility to the importance of voter registration and voting. Since an objective of the project is to inform voters about what they can expect when they go to the polls this November, I will be focusing on getting information out through our Leagues and through the media with respect to what types of ballots and voting equipment will be used in the specific locales I will be visiting. I will also discuss the types of voter identification that voters will be required to show at the polls and how provisional balloting works. And I will be highlighting the *5 Things* as steps individual voters can take to protect their votes.

Since being elected in June, I have talked to numerous television, radio, and print reporters about obstacles that voters may face this election. I am sure when I visit the six states, similar questions will be asked about what problems the League expects to see during the voting process. As I have over the past three months when talking with reporters, during these upcoming visits I will take every available opportunity to discuss the LWVUS positions on such voter protection issues as the importance of a voter verifiable paper ballot/record, a random audit of paper ballots/records, and a well-constructed and easily used statewide voter database. I will also discuss the League's opposition to requiring voter identification as well as our opposition to oppressive restrictions on voter registration, and our position that HAVA requires provisional ballots be counted at least on a county level basis. Another topic that will be of importance to me is the importance of making sure that factual, nonpartisan information about candidates and ballot issues are available to the voters.

Although I will only be able to visit six states this election season, I encourage each of you to use the *5 Things You Need to Know On Election Day* campaign to spread the same League message in all of your locales. With all of us advocating for the rights of voters across the country, we can and will make a difference in the voting process and voter turnout.