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Calendar (League activities in bold)

March 2007: Women's History Month

27 Tu Last Day to register for Board of Education elections.

April 2007

- 4 W 7:00 p.m. **LWVCC Board Meeting**
Vogelson Library, Voorhees. Members invited.
- 17 Tu 6:00 p.m. County Freeholder Caucus
Courthouse 520 Market St, Camden, 16th floor
- 17 Tu Board of Education elections
Times vary. At least 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.
- 19 Th 7:00 p.m. County Freeholder meeting
Collingswood Senior Center

May 2007

- 1 Tu 10:00 a.m. **Voter Registration**
After the naturalization ceremony, Federal Courthouse, Camden. **Law Day** (See page 4)
- 2 W 7:00 p.m. **LWVCC Board Meeting**
Vogelson Library, Voorhees. Members invited.
- 4-6 Weekend **LWVNJ Annual Convention**

- 15 Tu 6:00 p.m. County Freeholder Caucus
Courthouse 520 Market St, Camden, 16th floor
- 15 Tu Last day to register for primary election
- 17 Th 7:00 p.m. County Freeholder meeting
Cold Springs School, Gloucester City
- 19 Sa 12-3 p.m. **LWVCC Annual Meeting**

At its Mar. 2007 meeting the LWVCC board:

1. Decided to recommend an increase in dues to \$55. It has been over 10 years since our local dues were raised. This increase only provides \$5 actual income per member after we pay \$23 (proposed) to LWVNJ and \$26.8 to LWVUS (\$49.8 total).
2. Approved the Regionalization consensus summary presented at the meeting. This will be sent to LWVNJ.

LWVCC April 4 Board Meeting Invitation

As usual, all members and prospective members are welcome to attend our board meetings. This one will be on April 4 (Wednesday) at 7 p.m., at the Vogelson Library in Voorhees.

Agenda (Summary):

1. Annual Meeting/Luncheon
2. Final report from nominating committees
3. Final report from the budget committee
4. Planning for a membership dues increase

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:



Dear League Members:

This has been a very busy month for the Camden County League. We have just completed two Running and Winning workshops that have been well received by the students of Haddonfield Memorial High School and Rowan University. In fact, Sarah Turrin, a student from Haddonfield Memorial High School was quoted by the Courier Post as saying "I was really inspired by how smart and empowered everyone was," of the female politicians she met at the event. Turrin noted that female students dominate leadership positions in high school, but gender roles change later on "and we don't really know why." The students were enthusiastic as they tackled the issue of immigration in a mock campaign for U S Senator. Kudos, to all those who participated as co-sponsors, facilitators and participants for a job well done at both of these sessions.

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We are even now preparing to participate in the biennial state League Convention that will be held in Monroe New Jersey on the weekend of May 5th and 6th, 2007. The state board plans to comment on the following program issues recommended by Camden County and other local leagues:

The results of the School Regionalization consensus will be announced at the Convention. The update of the Charter Schools position has yielded little evidence thus far to indicate any need to change our position, but we recommend continued review of how charter schools are performing using the interview and summary materials developed this past year as part of the update. Although the League board has not recommended a NJ study on the national No Child Left Behind legislation, the state Fiscal Policy/Education Committee expects to put on a program, probably a panel in the fall or winter of 2007-2008 addressing this legislation. We anticipate a workshop addressing issues of monetization of state assets (e.g., sale or lease of the Turnpike) in the fall of 2007.

In 2005, several Camden County members attended a workshop concerning the position of Lieutenant Governor. The state League board will proposing a reworded position for a vote at the convention that will address the issues raised by Leagues calling for an update and those calling for leagues to drop the position.

On a local level, the League of Women Voters of Camden County will also be preparing for its annual meeting that will be held on May 19th to elect officers and board members for 2007-2008. More information will be forth coming in the next voter.

Ann Saunders, President

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization of men and women, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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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.*

Collingswood (Senior) Community Center: 30 West Collings Ave. Collings Avenue intersects Route 30 (White Horse Pike) about 2 miles north of Kings Highway. Going north on 30, turn right. The center is about .8 miles further, just before Haddon Ave. Collings also intersects route 168 (Black HP) a few miles above Kings Highway, but further west. Turn right onto Collings, pass Route 30 and keep going, as above. From Cherry Hill take 38 or 70 to Lexington/ Cuthbert Blvd. Flow south to Haddon Avenue, and turn right there. Collings Ave. is about .7 miles up. Turn left. *The Center is also about 0.2 miles from the Collingswood PATCO station.*

Gloucester City: Cold Springs School. Take 295 S to 676 N. After a brief ride, take the Gloucester/Mt. Ephraim exit. At the top of the ramp, turn left onto Market Street. Pass 130 (Crescent), staying on Market, and in about 0.3 miles, turn left onto Baynes at a light. The school is there.

Pine Hill Borough Courtroom: On 7th Street in Pine Hill. Traveling east on Blackwood-Clementon Road (534) in Clementon, turn right onto Erial Road. In about 1.3 miles, turn right onto 7th. The courtroom is a half block down 7th.

Voorhees: Vogelson Regional Library: Driving south on 30, turn left onto Somerdale Road, just above the Echelon Mall. Go under the train bridge in

about a half mile, then turn right onto Burnt Mill. Soon turn left onto Laurel Road. The library is on your right. Burnt Mill Road also crosses 544 (Evesham Road) north of the library and White Horse Road (an extension of Springdale) south of it. If you know where the Echelon Mall is, you're home!

Voter Registration Opportunity May 1, Law Day

Your best opportunity (and maybe the only one) this year to help register new citizens after the Naturalization Ceremony will be on Tuesday, May 1 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 Bobbie Porter at 856-429-1415

SAVE THE DATE!

When: Saturday May 19, 2007, 12:00-3
What: The LWVCC Annual Meeting
Where: TBA

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!

Forums:

Currently-scheduled forums include:

- Apr 2: Pennsauken Board of Ed
- Apr 3: Collingswood Board of Ed.
- Apr 3: Winslow Board of Ed
- Apr 11: Cherry Hill Board of Ed
- Apr 22: Haddon Township Municipal

Call the town for details.

Notes from the LWWUS



League Applauds Bipartisan Vote for DC Voting Rights Act *Fate of DC Representation Now in the Hands of Full House*

Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters today praised the committee passage of the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act, which would grant citizens of our nation’s capital voting representation in the House of Representatives. Today, the House Judiciary Committee passed the measure by a vote of 21 to 13. On Tuesday, the bill passed in the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform by a vote of 24 to 5. The bill will now go to the House floor for a vote before the end of March.

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Mary G. Wilson, President
RE: Lobbying Reform Legislation

The League of Women Voters strongly urges you to support effective legislation to reform the lobbying process and to help rebuild public confidence in Congress. We believe that lobbying reform legislation must:

- Require disclosure of campaign contributions “bundled” by lobbyists and lobbying organizations;
- Require disclosure by lobbying firms of campaigns to lobby the general public; and
- Strengthen “revolving door” limitations on lobbying by former members of Congress, senior executive branch officials and senior congressional staff.

The House earlier this year adopted important new ethics rules. However, the House needs also to reform the lobbying process and establish an independent ethics enforcement process to address the problems exposed by recent scandals.

Sixth Immigration Study Background Paper Available (NEW)

The sixth Immigration Study Background Paper, "[Federal Immigration Policy: Enforcement Issues](#),” is now available online. Thank you for your continued interest in the Immigration Study!
<http://lists.lwv.org/t/308448/1995156/62/0/>

DRAFT LWVCC Nominating Committee Report

The following are proposed for election to the board of the LWVCC:

President: Ann Saunders	Directors: Karen Avenick
Vice Pres: Lisa Castellani	Lisa Timmerman
Secretary: Deborah Deiter	Harriet Snyder
	Winne Rowell-Bullard

Nom C Chair: Marcia Lugger

The committee recommends appointment of Barbara Sielaff, Sally Thorne, Joyce Alexander Walker, and Annette Dorf-Hills to the board for one-year terms.

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