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**Calendar (League activities in bold)**

**April 2007**

- 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
- 25 W 7:00 p.m. LWVCC Board Meeting  
Vogelson Library, Voorhees (Call to confirm  
- may change). Members invited. **New date!**

**May 2007**

- 1 Tu 10:00 a.m. **Voter Registration**  
After the naturalization ceremony, Federal  
Courthouse, Camden. **Law Day** (See page 3)
- 2 W 7:00 p.m. ~~LWVCC Board Meeting~~  
**Changed to April 25.**
- 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~~  
**Changed to June 2.**

**June 2007**

- 2 Sa 12-3 **LWVCC Annual Meeting**  
Mark your calendars! **New date.**

**At its April 2007 meeting the LWVCC board:**

1. Moved both the May board meeting (now in late April) and the Annual Meeting (now in June) to allow time to find a location and speaker, and to ensure that all materials were reviewed by the board and sent to members in a timely fashion.
2. Voted to propose to the Annual Meeting that dues be \$55. Without the increase, our local dues would barely or not at all cover the cost of state and national League per member payments.
3. Accepted the Nominating Committee report.

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**



By the time you receive The Voter you may already have filed your tax returns or an extension to file your return. For the tax year 2006 the League is urging taxpayers to “check the box” in the first question and designate three dollars of your tax payment to the Presidential Election Fund.

Already, we see big money and special interests pouring into the 2008 presidential election. It’s amazing that in the first quarter of 2007 some candidates have raised up to 25 million dollars and the campaign year has not officially begun. It’s quickly becoming apparent that as the campaign continues to heat up, we run the risk of electing our first billion-dollar president. That kind of spending is not only irresponsible—it harms the very integrity of our democracy.

If you didn’t check the box on your tax return this year please remember for 2007 that “checking the box” helps reverse the big money trend and allows Americans, not special interests, to elect the President. Our citizens deserve an election system that is healthy – and public campaign financing is an essential element of a fair election.

The League believes democracy is better served if every candidate is on the level playing field provided by the Presidential Election Fund. The national organization has worked in recent years to fix the presidential public financing system. In addition to [asking candidates to commit](#) to using the presidential public financing system for the general election, the League and other national groups recently urged lawmakers to co-sponsor or publicly endorse legislation to reform the system.

It is important that as taxpayers that we know how the Fund works. Checking the box will not increase the taxes you pay or reduce your refund, It simply puts three dollars of the tax you’ve already paid into the Presidential Election Fund. The size of the Fund and the strength of our democracy depend entirely on the number of people who choose to check the box. If you didn’t do it this year, remember our presidential candidates should not have to depend on special interest groups to fund the presidency.

Ann Saunders, President

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**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 NEW DATE!

**When:** Saturday June 2, 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!

## Notes from the LWVUS



### **Check the Box" for Public Election Financing!**

As you hurry to file your 2006 federal income taxes, remember to [check the box](#) to designate \$3 to the Presidential Election Fund. This easy step helps support the integrity of our democracy--and keeps big money out of our elections. [Read how](#) the League recently urged the 2008 presidential candidates to commit to public financing, or [get involved in our campaign finance reform efforts here](#).

### **Seventh Immigration Study Background Paper Available**

The seventh Immigration Study Background Paper, "[What Motivates Immigration to America](#)", is now available online. Thank you for your continued interest in the Immigration Study! All of the immigration background papers are available at the following link (copy/paste it into your browser)

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Immigration&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=112&ContentID=7407>

### **Have you seen the League Storybank?**

The LWV Storybank houses wonderful stories from League members just like you – exceptional women with exceptional stories! [Take a moment and read](#) some of inspirational, educational, and sometimes-funny stories submitted. [Then submit your story](#) to the League Storybank. For more information, email [storybank@lwv.org](mailto:storybank@lwv.org).

## **Local News - Pay to Play Reform Effort in Cherry Hill**

The Cherry Hill Pay-to-Play Reform Committee has launched a petition drive to put on the municipal ballot of Cherry Hill a question to enact a stringent "Pay-to-Play" reform ordinance. This ordinance will limit to annual campaign contributions to local candidates and local and county political parties by individuals and firms who are eligible for no bid and professional services contracts in Cherry Hill. The Committee estimates that it will require the signatures of approximately 2,400 Cherry Hill registered voters to get the question on the ballot.

**The Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in this effort.** The next Committee meeting will take place Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Cherry Hill Public Library. For additional information or a petition to circulate please call Joyce Walker at 856/667-4974.

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The 2007 edition of the *New Jersey Citizens Guide to Government* is now ready for delivery. As an information resource this guidebook is invaluable.

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