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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

### June 2007

- 2 Sa 12-3 **LWVCC Annual Meeting**  
Mark your calendars!
- 6 W 7:00 p.m. LWVCC Board Meeting  
Vogelson Library, Voorhees
- 19 Tu 6:00 p.m. County Freeholder Caucus  
Courthouse 520 Market St, Camden, 16th  
floor
- 21 Th 7:00 p.m. County Freeholder meeting  
Brooklawn Community Center, Second and  
Center Streets

### July 2007

- 4 M All Day Happy Birthday USA!  
Independence Day. Put out your flag...
- 17 Tu 6:00 p.m. County Freeholder Caucus  
16th floor, Camden Co. Courthouse, Camden
- 19 Th 7:00 p.m. County Freeholder Meeting  
South County Regional Library, Winslow

### At its April 25 2007 meeting the LWVCC board:

1. Approved final details for the Annual Meeting, to be held June 2 at Vitelli Ristorante on Main Street in Voorhees
2. Authorized the budget committee to make any final changes in the budget after the board reviews a copy sent by e-mail over the upcoming weekend.
3. Obtained volunteers to monitor a Camden Housing Authority election on May 26.

### **It's time to renew your membership!**

Renewal notices will soon be going out. Please renew promptly. We need you and we value you, whether you are active, or you just like reading the *Voter!* The lifeblood of the League is its membership. Thanks to all who renew early... Tell your friends about the League! We'd love to have your neighbours join too. And your spouse!

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**



The LWVCC is preparing for the annual meeting/luncheon that will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Catelli Ristorante in Voorhees. We are especially pleased to have Chad Tolman, an expert on global warming, as our guest speaker for this year’s luncheon. I had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Tolman at the LWV convention in Minneapolis in June of 2006. Mr. Tolman has followed energy and global warming issues since 1988, and has written and spoken extensively on the subject. Everyday we are hearing more and more about global warming in the mainstream media. Many of us believe it is one of the most serious threats to our environment, health and economy. The most recent study, released in Feb. 2007 with over 1500 scientists participating, proved that global warming is here and is already causing environmental changes that will have significant economic and social impact.

According to many scientists, the good news is that if we act now, we can stop the worst effects of global warming. This of course means making a myriad of changes that many of us know very little about.

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Chad Tolman, through his visual presentation, will help us to understand how small changes can make a huge difference in slowing down this global problem. Mr. Tolman leads an interdenominational group, the Coalition of Climate Change Study and Action, and is working to form the Delaware Alliance for a Clean Energy Future to educate the public and initiate support actions to avert the worst impacts of climate change. He will also introduce solutions that the League can support politically. Scientists agree that we must begin to significantly reduce our emissions over the next 10 years, and by 60 – 80% by 2050 if we are to avert the worst consequences of global warming.

I encourage all members to bring their friends and neighbors to this important event so that we can collectively learn how to make small changes that will save our planet. Look for your invitations in the mail along with next year’s budget and the slate of candidates that have been nominated for 2007-2008. A silent auction is also being planned to help support League programs for the next year.

Ann Saunders, President

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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.*

**Catelli Ristorante:** Plaza 1000, Main Street Complex, Voorhees. Take Springdale Road south to Kresson. Turn left there. After 1.5 miles on Kresson, pass the light at Evesham, then turn right through the flagpoles into the complex. The restaurant is directly ahead of you. // From the south, take 73 to Kresson for 1.3 miles. Just after the light at Centennial, turn left into the complex.

**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.

**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!

**Winslow - South County Regional Library:** Take Route 73 South into Winslow. Pass Route 30 (White Horse Pike). A bit over 2 miles below there, see sign to Cooper Folly Road. This is a mini-jug handle and you can't turn from 73, so follow the sign and flow to your right. Cross back over 73 and enter Cooper Folly Rd. Pass the high school and junior high (on your right), soon you'll see the library on your left.

## SAVE THE NEW DATE!

**When:** Saturday June 2, 2007, 12:00-3

**What:** The LWVCC Annual Meeting

**Where:** Catelli Ristorante in Voorhees

We have a very interesting speaker (see the President's message for details), 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!

## NEW MEMBERS!

**I haven't listed new members in the Voter in a while. Everyone, please welcome these new members:**

- 8/06 Pat Brooks (national member)
- 9/06 Frances Calzaretto
- 10/06 Inge Bass
- 10/06 Pamela Horovitz
- 10/06 Dana Redd (honorary member)
- 10/06 Diane Strauss (national member)
- 12/06 Harriet Snyder
- 3/07 Lois Downey
- 3/07 Charlene Etheridge
- 4/07 Barry Zimmerman
- 5/07 Judith Stahl

I hope you all plan to attend the annual meeting!

Ed

## Notes from the LWVUS



### Watch Powerful Women in Action

[Click here](#) to view a snapshot video highlighting the successful *Women in Americas: Paths to Political Power* event, including an interview with LWVUS President Mary G. Wilson at the U.S. Library of Congress!

### Immigration Study: Resource Available

In addition to the eight LWVUS Immigration Study Committee background papers [available online](#), Leagues are encouraged to utilize the plethora of immigration information available in news magazines and newspapers. The Immigration Study Committee continues to work diligently to provide balanced materials that address the pros and cons of the issues. One such example is the [testimony presented](#) to the House Judiciary Committee by Wade Henderson, President and CEO of the League partner, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR). In this testimony, Henderson discusses immigration reform as it relates to civil and human rights.

### League Urges Senators to Support DC Voting Rights (NEW)

The League sent a letter to Senators this week, urging them to support S. 1257, the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007, recently introduced by Senators Lieberman and Hatch.

“...Over the last 200 years, the principle that all citizens are entitled to a vote in their national government has emerged as a cornerstone of American democracy and a fundamental tenet of our Constitution. Although relatively few Americans were entitled to vote in the early days of the Republic, virtually all restrictions on the franchise have since been eliminated, including those based on race, sex, wealth, property ownership and marital status. Americans living in the nation’s capital deserve to have voting representation in the body that makes their laws, taxes them and can call them to war. ...” Read the letter here: [DC Voting rights letter](#)

### League Urges Pelosi to Establish Independent House Ethics Entity (NEW)

The League of Women Voters joined groups in sending a letter to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, urging her to establish an independent Office of Public Integrity (OPI) in the House of Representatives.

“...First, the OPI must have the authority to investigate allegations of ethics violations on its own initiative or on the basis of outside complaints filed with the OPI. ...

Second, the OPI must have access to subpoena power in order to be able to conduct investigations and must have adequate staff resources to fulfill its responsibilities. ...

Third, the OPI must be able to make recommendations to the Ethics Committee that the Committee undertake proceedings on matters that the OPI has investigated.

Fourth, the Ethics Committee must be required to issue a report to the public on its findings and conclusions with regard to any matter the OPI sends to the Committee for further proceedings....”

Read the letter here: [Letter on Office of Public Integrity](#)

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