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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	Apr 7	W	7 p.m.	Gloucester Township Library. <b>Note location change</b>
<a href="#">Alternative Energy Conference</a>	April 10	Sa	Day	NJ Hospital Association Conference Center, Princeton
Board of Education Forum - Pennsauken	Apr 13	Tu	7 p.m.	Pennsauken High School Room # 327, Pennsauken, NJ
Board of Education Forum - Haddonfield	Apr 13	Tu	7:30 p.m.	Haddonfield Middle School auditorium, Haddonfield, NJ
<b>Running &amp; Winning</b>	Apr 22	Th	Morning	Lindenwold High School
<b>LWVCC Annual Meeting</b>	Apr 24	Sa	Afternoon	Camden Mayor Dana Redd as guest speaker.
<b>Voter registration</b>	May 3	M	10 a.m.	After the naturalization ceremony, 401 Market St., Camden.

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### Running & Winning

If you'd like to help with this wonderful political education program for high school girls, contact the League by email (LWVCC@hotmail.com) or call our voice mail number (856 795-7878) and someone will get back to you. We'd love to have more members involved.

**League of Women Voters of Camden County**

## Co-Presidents' Message:

Hello Members,

First, we want to thank all of you who responded to our Callathon. We appreciate your pledges.

April is going to be an unusually busy month for our League.

On April 13th, we will be moderating two school board election forums, one in Haddonfield and one in Pennsauken. (Don't forget to vote in your school district on April 20th.)

Our Running & Winning committee's months-long planning will culminate in our tenth Running & Winning workshop for high school girls at Lindenwold High School on April 22nd.

And we are very excited that the speaker for our annual meeting and luncheon on Saturday, April 24th, will be Camden's new mayor, Dana Redd. (See invitation to luncheon included elsewhere in this Voter.) In order to make this annual meeting a success, we urge you to attend our April 7th meeting to plan for the luncheon and silent auction. To show our League at its best, we need your help. Please join us on April 7th at the Gloucester Township Library on the Black Horse Pike in Blackwood, at 7 p.m. (directions in this Voter). Light refreshments will be served. (And if you'd like to contribute an item for the silent auction, please bring it along.)

Our April activities are just one month's example of how the League is fulfilling its mission to educate and inform. Please join us in our work.

Winnfred Rowell-Bullard  
Harriet Snyder  
Co-Presidents




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## Board Report

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### At its Mar 2 meeting, the LWVCC board:

1. Agreed to several minor bylaws changes that will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
2. Decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Aldo Lamberti's , Rte. 70 & Grove St, and to charge \$35 for each attendee.
3. Discussed ideas for other events and activities, including a member breakfast in June and a Census activity in March.



## 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: Lamberti's:** On route 70 E (from Pennsauken), the restaurant on your right is a little bit more than a mile east of the Cuthbert Boulevard, opposite the old racetrack, just before Haddonfield/Grove Street. If you come via 295 go west on 70, pass King's Highway, and Haddonfield/Grove Road and turn around in a few blocks to get to the restaurant going east.

**Lindenwold High School:** 801 Egg Harbor Rd. Take Route 30 (WHP) south past the Echelon Mall area to Gibbsboro Road. Turn left at that intersection (with traffic light). In a bit less than a mile, cross Egg Harbor Road and see the school on your right.

**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!

## LWVCC Annual Meeting

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### Special Guest speaker -- Camden Mayor Dana Redd!

Please join us for this annual event, to be held this year on April 24 at Lamberti's (Route 70 and Grove, Cherry Hill NJ).

The President's message has the details, there are directions on page 3, and all are welcome for only \$35 each. Our guest speaker, the Honorable Dana Redd has been a state Senator and now Mayor of Camden. She will share her perspective with us.

Good food, good company, and an interesting speaker. Be there! A flier announcing the meeting and providing League details such as the Budget and Nominating Committee reports, will be in the mail soon.

At the annual meeting we will do important League business, such as:

1. Elect the new board members.
2. Adopt an annual budget.
3. Approve bylaws changes.
4. Approve our local program.

Have you noticed our **local program** in the Directory? It is:

1. **Government:** Financing Political Campaigns. Propose and support improved methods of financing political campaigns, including contribution and expenditure disclosure and limits, and a system of public and private funding for campaigns.
2. **Voter Participation and Education:** Encourage voter participation and education through activities such as voter registration, candidate forums, public meetings, and publications.
3. **Natural Resources:** Open Space. Support county and municipal efforts to preserve open space.
4. **County Government:** Continue to actively monitor county government, which may include attending regular and caucus Freeholder meetings. Make statements on League positions when appropriate.

Our local program needs to be reviewed and re-approved each year. We can also amend or add to it. The basic program is discussed for submission to the Annual Meeting at our program planning meeting in December. But that group can merely recommend. It is the attendees at the Annual Meeting who approve or disapprove.

**From the LWVUS**

## **House Finally Passes Comprehensive Health Care Reform**

### ***"Monumental, Historic and Transforming," Says League***

**Washington, D.C.** – Statement from Mary G. Wilson, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States:

"Today's votes by the U.S. House of Representatives mark an historic milestone in American political history. The path that began with Social Security and continued with Medicare is reaching fruition with this health care legislation. Comprehensive health care reform will begin to undo decades of neglect and inaction that has left millions of Americans uninsured and at risk.

"This legislation is a monumental step in the fight for social justice.

"Too many citizens lack adequate health insurance coverage and rising costs threaten everyone. Passage of comprehensive health care legislation greatly expands coverage to include millions more Americans; protects the coverage that currently delivers care to most; reduces costs over the long term; and accomplishes these goals at a reasonable cost.

"It would be difficult to overstate the importance of today's actions, and we commend our elected representatives for standing up for Americans and having the courage to do what needs to be done to confront the health care crisis in our country. The League congratulates the House leadership on a closely-fought victory.

"We can expect transformational reform from these bills. Access to health care will be extended to all Americans. Mechanisms to control rising costs will be put in place. And the marketplace will be expanded and safeguards put in place to protect consumers.

"Truly, this legislation is monumental, historic and transforming.

"Today we took the critical step in dealing with the current health care crisis. Tomorrow, many Americans will wake up to a new week and a new future that looks a great deal more promising."

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Of course, now the Senate has followed suit, and this historic bill has been enacted into law.

# 2010 Edition of *NJ CITIZENS GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT*

is **HERE**

## Place your Order Now!

The 2010 edition of the *New Jersey Citizens Guide to Government* is now ready for delivery. As an information resource this guidebook is invaluable.

The *Guide* is filled with information about registration and voting procedures, political parties, county, state, and local government, the New Jersey courts, and legislative districts. It lists state administrators and the names, addresses, and telephone and fax numbers of the New Jersey congressional delegation and all state legislators. The *Citizens Guide* explains how to address elected officials and provides tips on communicating with them. It also lists resources to contact about legislation and provides an election/registration calendar

The price for League members is \$3.00, and shipping and handling are free! Sales tax included too. League members can use the simple form below.

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To place your order, **League members** please **send the form below** to League of Women Voters of New Jersey, 204 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608. Non-League members please visit the web site above.

Make your check payable to **LWVNJ**.

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## From the LWVNJ

# Alternative Energy Conference

**Date:** Saturday, April 10, 2010

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** NJ Hospital Association Conference Center 760 Alexander Road Princeton, NJ  
The LWVCC will have several members going (including several from the state board). Let us know if you are interested.

**Cost:** \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members, if postmarked by 3-19-10  
\$40 and \$50 respectively, after that. Register early!

With many options for alternative energy sources on the market today, it has become more complicated to weigh the pros and cons of energy choices. This full-day event, which includes both breakfast and lunch, will closely examine alternative energy sources, energy policies, and energy efficiency.

Over the last year, members of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, led by the LWVNJ Natural Resources Committee, have conducted in-depth studies of five different sources of alternative energy—biomass, solar, geothermal, nuclear, and wind. Groups will present the findings of their studies at this conference.

After these reports energy experts will speak on energy policy, efficiency, and the “smarter grid”.

**Keynote Speaker:** Governor James J. Florio

**Other speakers:**

Scott Minos, Senior Policy & Communications Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy

Arjun Makhijani, President, The Institute for Energy and Environmental Research

Register by downloading the pdf registration file at [http://www.lwvnj.org/pubs/AEC\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.lwvnj.org/pubs/AEC_Brochure.pdf)

Please let the LWVCC know if your are going from Camden County!

If You Are Interested In:

- *Learning about government and the political process.*
- *Getting involved in the political process in nonpartisan ways.*
- *Meeting and working with other citizens who care about good government.*



**Join the League Of Women Voters of Camden County**

**Call 856-795-7878 or send this form to: PO Box 245, Voorhees, NJ 08043**

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Annual membership is \$60 (plus \$30 for each additional household membership). To join, or for more information, send this form or call the number above.

I want to become a member of the LWV of Camden County: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check enclosed for \$\_\_\_\_\_)

Please send me information on membership in the LWV of Camden County \_\_\_\_\_

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