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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	June 1	W	7 p.m.	Vogelson Library
Primary Election Day	June 7	Tu	6 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Your local polling place -- VOTE!
<b>LWVCC Annual Meeting</b>	June 11	Sa	Lunchtime	Lamberti's

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### Board Report

At its Apr 6, 2011 meeting, the LWVCC board:

1. Decided to hold the board pot-luck in August.
2. Appointed Ed to run the silent auction for the Annual Meeting
3. Tentatively picked Sept 17 for the fall Kickoff. The topic will be redistricting.
4. Finalized plans for the Annual Meeting on June 11. Ed will send out a "hold the date" reminder.
5. Decided to put together a wine basket for auction at the state convention.

**League of Women Voters of Camden County**

## Co-Presidents' Message:



Dear League Members,

As we move closer to the end of the year, the Annual Meeting/Luncheon is next on the agenda. The program committee is diligently planning an educational and an enjoyable event that you will not want to miss, so remember to mark Saturday, June 11, 2011 on your calendar!

Come out and let your “voice” be heard as we conduct the business meeting for our program of study and action, the budget, and the officers and directors for 2011-12.

Our Speaker, Mrs. Riletta L. Cream, the renowned, innovative, and dynamic former South Jersey educator and former Camden County Freeholder, will be the guest speaker. She will address some of the problems facing education in these difficult economic times and also will focus on the highlights of her career as an educator and as a freeholder.

Lastly, you will not want to miss one of the BEST SILENT AUCTIONS in South Jersey! Member Ed Gracely will “auction” items to the “highest bidder.” Come early, place your auction item(s) on the table, write down your bids, and leave the auctioning to Ed.

We congratulate Karen Avenick and the Running & Winning committee on a workshop well done!

The young women at Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees, NJ, showed so much enthusiasm as they met and learned from some of the women who hold public office. Equally important was the manner in which the girls presented their candidate speeches in the mock election: Running For A School Board Position In Your School District. What Is Your Campaign Platform to Stop Bullying?

Additionally, we congratulate League Moderators: Joyce Alexander Walker, Bill Skinner, Donna Lawrence, Harriet Snyder, and Winnefred Rowell-Bullard and timekeepers Barbara Sielaff and Sally Thorne for providing the framework for informative and interesting debates, which provided the candidates equal opportunities to present their positions on their school district’s school board issues. The five BOE forums were held at Cherry Hill, Collingswood, Winslow, Pennsauken, and Monroe Township.

The 59th Biennial LWNJ Convention was held on April 30 at the Verizon Headquarters, Basking Ridge, NJ. See pictures below! Our next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 7 PM at the Vogelsson Library, Voorhees, NJ. The meeting is open to all members.

In League,  
Winnefred Rowell-Bullard, Harriet Snyder, Co-Presidents

Co-presidents (Winne-L, Harriet-R) at LWNJ Convention



Winne presenting the LWVCC's accomplishments over the biennium



Transition: Outgoing LWNJ President Anne Maiese (seated) listens as incoming President Toni Zimmer speaks to the delegates. As you know, Anne is a member of the LWVCC. She will stay on the state board, as Membership VP.

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.*

**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: Eastern Regional High School** (1401 Laurel Oak Road). On Route 561 southbound, Laurel Oak is 1.3 miles below Evesham Road. Turn left at the light, see the school in 0.5 miles.

**Voorhees: Vogelson Regional Library:** Driving south on 30, turn left onto Somerdale Road (gas station with red horizontal stripes on your left, Cunningham's Cleaners on the right), just above the Echelon Mall. Go under the train bridge in about a half mile, then turn right onto Burnt Mill (at the light). Soon turn left onto Laurel Road at a light. (There is a kind of small park with grass and trees on your left just before the turn and a flower-decorated median on Laurel itself). The library is on your right as you pass the mall. 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!

## Silent Auction at our Annual Meeting!

What are you bringing? Hope it's something really cool! Please let Ed know ([gracely@dca.net](mailto:gracely@dca.net) or 856-629-2869) so he can do a bit of advance planning.

This is an important fund-raiser for the LWVCC and we depend on your wonderful donations. Be creative! (If you have any unused items you don't want, here's a chance to give them a new home...)

## From the LWVUS

### DOJ Decision Allowing Georgia to Block Voter Registration Undermines Voting Rights

Washington, DC - The League of Women Voters is dismayed by the U.S. Department of Justice's recent decision to allow the state of Georgia to implement a discriminatory requirement that new voters provide a Passport or other proof of citizenship in order to register to vote.

This requirement will disenfranchise thousands of citizens who do not have or cannot afford to acquire the needed documentation to prove their citizenship due to disability, age, illness, transportation, or financial issues. The greatest impact is expected to fall on the elderly and on racial and ethnic minorities.

The Voting Rights Act (VRA) bans racial discrimination in voting practices, but the U.S. Department of Justice recently approved the Georgia law. This decision undermines effective enforcement of the VRA.

The burden of the new law will be greatest for citizens for whom it is most cost prohibitive or inconvenient to take off work, get transportation, stand in line, and apply for documentation. Thus, this requirement would disenfranchise the very people who currently must work the hardest to vote. The vast majority of Americans do not have a Passport and obtaining copies of birth certificates can be difficult and costly.

The League of Women Voters strongly supports the voting rights of all citizens and is working throughout the country to block restrictive legislation.

## LWVNJ Convention

The LWVNJ Convention took place on Saturday April 30, 2011. Co-Presidents Winne Rowell-Bullard and Harriet Snyder represented the LWVCC. Other LWVCC members present were Anne Maiese (outgoing LWVNJ president) Ann Saunders (LWVNJ board), Ed Gracely (LWVNJ board), Donna Lawrence (attending lunch and workshops), and Renee Robbins (50-year member).

A one day convention is fast moving and organized! It's hard to believe that convention used to take all day Saturday, and Sunday morning. But the new format lets members attend without giving up two days of the weekend or staying overnight if they live hours away.

During convention, delegates voted to retain all the current positions of the LWVNJ (see the LWVCC Directory for a summary of state and national positions). We also voted to authorize a study of electronic voting devices in New Jersey -- if you're interested in participating, contact the LWVNJ office.

The most discussion centered around several motions asking the state government to take strong action against human trafficking. One passed. The other was referred to the board to discuss the individual bills contained in it. The board will probably agree to support many of them after study.

Conventions are always interesting and invigorating, albeit sometimes intense!

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**

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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