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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
LWVCC board meeting	Apr 4	W	7 - 9 p.m.	Vogelson Library, Voorhees
Last day to change parties	Apr 11	W	All day	Now 55 days before the Primary Election
LWVCC Meeting -- Health Care and the Constitution	Apr 18	W	7 p.m.	Haddon Township Library
Voter Registration	May 1	Tu	10 a.m.	After the naturalization ceremony, 401 Market St., Camden.

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Board Report

At its Mar 7, 2012 meeting, the LWVCC board:

1. Made plans for the Annual Meeting and our April forum on constitutional issues in health care.
2. Decided on the amount of stationery to order.
3. Appointed sally Thorne to the budget committee.
4. Discussed issues with Running & Winning.
5. Discussed LWVCC speakers and a recent request.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message:

Myrna Schlanger



The League of Women Voters is good for America. Its mission is to improve government, engage citizens in the decisions that impact their lives, to educate and help make democracy work.

Our Camden County chapter does a fine job of carrying out those goals.

We "kicked off" this year learning about congressional redistricting. In December we worked with issues that National League of Women Voters is working on . We talked, listened , and reported back.

Sometimes we work with other organizations on their projects .Sometimes other organizations work with us, as they will with Running and Winning. Running and Winning is our program to encourage girls to go into politics. We will soon have a program telling us about national healthcare and the law.

We go to naturalization ceremonies and register new citizens to vote.

The League of Woman Voters has helped us to become better citizens. We are informed. We participate. We encourage others to learn and to vote. We are good for America.

Board member,
Myrna Schlanger

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.*

Runnemede: Harry Williams Building. At the corner of Broadway and the Black Horse Pike (Route 168). Take 295 to Route 168 south. Pass the turnpike entrance. Just below it is Broadway. Look for the building around there.

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!

WHY DON'T I JUST QUIT?

It seems to me this year
I'm busier than before
I'm tempted to resign from the League
Instead I take on more!

Now why is that? I ask myself,
(For surely that's a reason)
I'll have more time, I tell myself,
Right after the rush season.

Besides, League members are my good friends
I couldn't let them down.
Those surface reasons, I advance -
(The real one's further down)

I think the answer lies somewhere
Deep within myself.
I want to see my talents used,
Not rusted on the shelf.

I want America to be
A better place to live.
Just talking won't improve it-
We also have to give.

I want to find myself among the workers,
not the floaters-
And that is why I am neck-deep
In the League of Women Voters.

Written anonymously by a Massachusetts member many years ago. Thanks to Marcia Merrins for providing it.

The League of Women Voters of Camden County

invites you to our

April Public Meeting!

Featuring

Falk Engel, JD

Public Interest Attorney

Adjunct Faculty, Rutgers University

April 18, 2012

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

"Obamacare" and the Supreme Court -- What do the Hearings tell us?

Haddon Township Library

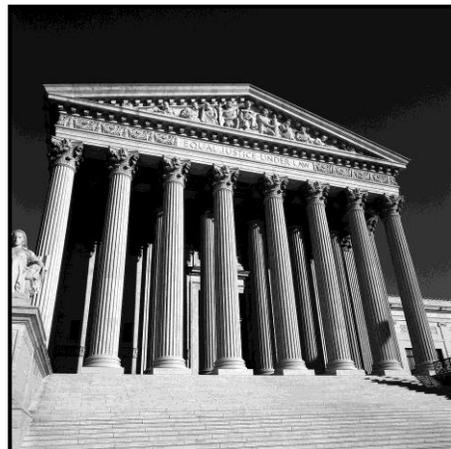
15 MacArthur Boulevard

Westmont, NJ 08108

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All welcome!

Falk is a League member (Lawrence Township) who has an interest in constitutional law. Now that the court has heard testimony on the Affordable Care Act (and we've heard their questions and comments) he can guide us as to where the issues are and what to expect. Sure to be informative! Join us...



From the LWVUS Statement on the Affordable Care Act

March 23 was the second anniversary of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) so it seems appropriate that we step back and take stock of the law and its impact thus far. After all, the League played no small part in its historic passage!

- Medicare participants have annual checkups and mammograms covered at no cost to them.
- Children are no longer denied coverage due to pre-existing conditions.
- Insurance companies can no longer impose lifetime limits on coverage.
- Young adults can stay on their parents' health plans as dependents until age 26.
- The prescription drug coverage gap, the infamous Medicare "Donut Hole," is gradually being phased out.

To date, for millions of Americans, this historic law has made a difference to their health and in their lives. Let's celebrate and take note of the advances that have already taken place and those to come in the next few years.

There are challenges ahead and we must plan accordingly. On Monday, March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will begin hearing three days of oral arguments on various legal challenges to the ACA. In addition, there are congressional attempts to destructively amend the ACA and others to defund the law.

For this day, let's focus on the facts, and how the ACA has already helped the lives of so many Americans. You can learn more about ACA and what it has accomplished [here](#) and [here](#).

In League,

Elisabeth

LWVCC Donations - Thank You!

- **Janet Morrison**, \$50 to the Education Fund.
- **Anne Maiese**, \$250 to purchase Citizens' Guides for R&W.
- **Renee Robbins**, \$50.00 in memory of Dee Stenton.

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 \$_____)

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

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