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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
LWVCC Board Meeting	Feb 13	W	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library (confirmed) Note: Second Wednesday
LWVCC Board Meeting	Mar 6	W	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library (confirmed)

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Meeting Reports

At its Dec 12, 2012 meeting, the LWVCC:

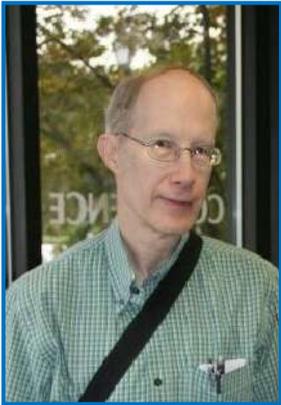
1. Enjoyed good food and company.
2. Discussed LWVNJ program and decided to recommend a study of redistricting, to be considered at Convention.
3. Approved our local League program for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

At its Jan 2, 2013 Board meeting, the board:

1. Continued discussion of our proposed spring meeting and our annual meeting.
2. Decided on fairly limited participation in Callathon due to limited willingness of people to call. Ed will coordinate it.
3. Agreed to try a \$25 introductory membership rate, first year, starting in February.
4. Accepted Harriet's offer to chair the February meeting.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message:



Dear Fellow Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Now we have a winter to get through... but the crocuses are already planning their spring appearance, so don't fear the snow! The actual first sign of spring most years is even before the crocuses bloom -- it's when the birds start singing again, usually in February. Listen for the rich whistles of your local cardinal, or the repeated short whistles of a titmouse. You almost never hear them in December... but then they start up again, often while it's still cold and snowy!

The League is making plans for an interesting spring as well. We hope to have a panel on the use of ads in schools and on school buses for a spring membership meeting, and probably a speaker or two on election and voting issues such as Internet voting and voter suppression for our Annual Meeting. Both should be very interesting and lead to good discussions.

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Our Program Planning meeting went nicely, but we missed a lot of you. Please let me know if you don't feel adequately informed about upcoming events. We send email notices, and both electronic and paper copies of the Voter. Do these provide enough information, or do we need to do more to keep you in the loop? Suggestions and insights welcome!

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Both the LWFNJ and LWFVUS have posted online a wonderful summary of their work in 2012. The LWFNJ version is at http://www.lwvnj.org/images/2012Review_Final.pdf The LWFVUS version is at <http://www.lwv.org/2012Reflections/>. The one for LWFNJ is an Adobe Acrobat file, which opens with the free Acrobat reader. The LWFVUS summary is just web pages. Take a look at both!

A reminder that members are welcome to attend board meetings. The next one is scheduled for the Vogelsson Library in Voorhees on Wednesday, February 13. Come see what we do.

Ed Gracely
Board member

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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.*

Voorhees: Vogelson Regional Library: Driving south on 30, turn left onto Somerdale Road just above the Voorhees Town Center. 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. The library is on your right as you pass the mall.

Donations - Thank you, thank you!

Ernest M. Post & Luisa Lehrer

Zena Cohen

Barbara Sielaff

Joyce Walker

Freeholder Meetings

We encourage League members to observe Freeholder meetings when they are convenient for you. Just show up with a LWV button to let them know we are watching! Don't make any statements -- you aren't entitled to speak for the League (or even yourself after wearing a League button). You can ask a neutral/informative question, however. Meetings start at 7. It's good for Camden County!

Feb 21: Runnemede. Harry Williams Building, 200 Cooper Ave.

Mar 21: Blackwood: Camden County College, Connector Bldg. 200 College Drive.

April 18: Collingswood High School 424 Collings Ave., Collingswood

See <http://www.camdencounty.com/government/freeholder-meetings/2013-freeholder-meetings> for details.

LWVCC Program Planning Pictures



Two of our 50-year members, Eloise Douglas and Renee Robbins. Thank you for many years of membership!

Joel Porter and new member Shirley Bailey Raynor. Welcome Shirley!



Long-time active members Phyllis Black and Sally Thorne.

From the LWVUS

The League Forums

As part of our ongoing work to engage League members and improve their online experience, we are pleased to announce a new online community built, exclusively for League members and leaders. This new site -*The League Forum*- will replace the aging League discussion lists and have an interactive, community structure much like current popular social media sites. The Forums are already live for those members interested in logging in and taking a look. Members interested in learning more about the Forums, are welcome to [view the recorded webinar](#).

Why should I join the League Forums?

Like the discussion lists, the League Forums provide you with an opportunity to interact with fellow League members around the country on specific topics and to share your experiences.

The Forums will:

- **Provide you with more control.**
The notifications system will allow you to decide if you want to get updates from others by email from any group you join, a single discussion within a group, or just a person. The discussion structure allows you to control, edit and delete your own comments.
- **All messages are archived online and are easily bookmarked for future reference.**
You will never need to search out an old email, it's all online. And, if you didn't bookmark it in your profile, you can find it with a simple search.
- **The Forums are also designed as an online community similar to Facebook or Twitter.**
You will be able to build your own personal profile, interact and follow other members and share information to build strong, online network of fellow Leaguers who share your interests.

What will happen with the discussion lists?

The League discussion lists will slowly be shut down over the next few months, beginning with the least used list first while the most active lists will be turned off last.

Norman Turrill, Director, Technology Chair, LWVTurrill@mac.com

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 _____

Name _____

e-mail: _____

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Phone: _____

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