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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
LWVCC Board Meeting	Mar 6	W	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library (confirmed)
LWVCC Spring Meeting	Mar 27	W	7-9 pm	Ads in the schools. Location TBA
LWVCC Board Meeting	Apr 1	W	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library (confirmed)

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Meeting Reports

At its Feb 13, 2013 Board meeting, the board:

1. Tentatively picked Wednesday, March 27 for a spring meeting on advertisements in schools and on school buses.
2. Tentatively chose Saturday, May 18 for our Annual Meeting, with voter ID and other voting restrictions as the topic.
3. Heard an update on Running & Winning, which will use the topic, "Should people be allowed to rebuild on barrier islands" as the campaign issue.
4. Accepted Bobbie Porter's offer to chair the March board meeting.
5. Approved a change of board meetings to first Mondays starting in April, since they seem more available.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message:



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Hello Fellow Members.

It may be cold and dreary outside, but our spirits are high, and we are looking forward to an active spring season. First, we want to thank those of you who generously contributed when we contacted you during the League of Women Voters of New Jersey Callathon. Our local League is rewarded with a percentage of the total contributed.

We hope you will also support our local League activities.

On March 27th, we are planning a discussion with a panel of local board-of- education representatives on the pros and cons of advertising in the public schools. Please come out and contribute to a spirited discussion.(See details elsewhere in this Voter.) In addition, the Running & Winning committee is busy planning our annual workshop for high school girls, which this year will be hosted by Cherry Hill High School West on April 9th, and for which we hope you will volunteer. And, of course, please save the date—May 18th—for our annual meeting/luncheon. For this event, you need only show up and eat! Well, and also socialize, enjoy our speaker, and participate in our annual League business.

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, March 6th, 7PM, at the Vogelson library in Voorhees. Our meetings are open to the public; you are welcome to attend.

In League,

Harriet Snyder, Treasurer

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.*

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.

Lobby Corps Training!

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The League of Women Voters of New Jersey will hold three training sessions for members interested in joining the League Lobby Corps. Lobby Corps members visit their legislators in their district offices and in Trenton to discuss issues of importance to the League.

Having relationships with elected officials is a huge positive step towards strengthening our advocacy efforts. **We need you** - local League members - to help establish better relationships and make the League of Women Voters a more powerful voice.

The next training session is planned for south Jersey! Mount Laurel Training: This training will be held in March at the Alice Paul Institute in Mount Laurel. More details coming soon!

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!

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.

In memoriam: Fran Lax

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Some Camden County League members may have known Fran Lax, who lived in the area and died recently. The memorial service is in March, so you have time to attend.

FROM REV. MANISH AND THE CARING MINISTRY -
ADDITIONAL INFO: FRANCES LAX MEMORIAL SERVICE

We now have additional information regarding Fran's Memorial Service. The service will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00pm at Medford Leas, One Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rowan University Foundation - Lax Fund, Attn: Peggy Veacock, 201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028.

The family appreciates your cards, notes, and remembrances. They may be sent to:
The Lax Family
c/o Dodie Hamblen
35 Abey Drive
Pennington, NJ 08534

Additionally, the Courier Post has published an obituary for Fran, which can be found here:

http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/courierpostonline/obituary.aspx?n=frances-r-lax&pid=162596516&eid=sp_shareobit

With sympathies for all who knew and loved Fran, Rev. Manish and the Caring Ministry.

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Moderator Training

When: Saturday, March 9, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Princeton Senior Resource Center, 45 Stockton Street, Suzanne Patterson Building, Classroom 3

The League of Women Voters of the Princeton Area is hosting a moderator training. Linda Mather, an experienced trainer and moderator, will conduct the training for any League members interested in learning about moderating debates.

League moderators are in high demand. The League of Women Voters of New Jersey and the local Leagues around the state moderate approximately 100 debates a year. New Jersey voters rely on nonpartisan, informative League moderated debates to learn more about candidates and make informed decisions at the polls.

Seating is very limited and this training is open to League members only. There is a \$10 cost to cover materials. Please bring a bag lunch.

RSVP to Pat Thompson at contact@lwnj.org by Monday, March 4.

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HURRICANE HEROES: ELECTION 2012

Share your stories with the League of Women Voters of New Jersey

Documentary Filmmakers Seeking Photographs and Home Video of Preparations for Election Day

As a way to recognize and honor the hard work, ingenuity, and dedication of all League members, organizations, and citizens following the extraordinary challenges in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the **League of Women Voters of New Jersey is creating a short documentary film about those critical days leading up to the General Election.** This film will feature interviews with key state officials, legislators, League members, and community members working throughout the state.

The film will be featured at our upcoming cocktail reception in honor of "Hurricane Heroes" on Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, 201 Village Boulevard, Princeton, NJ.

To help frame the story and showcase the League's work the filmmakers are **seeking photographs and home videos that document:**

- The storm's impact or damage to local communities
- Polling places that were destroyed or without power
- League members or community members providing information to voters, working to prepare polling places, or working with election officials
- Images of military vehicles
- Signage that says "Vote Here" or directs citizens to their polling places
- Images of buses bringing citizens to polling places
- Special assistance provided to elderly or disabled voters
- Any imagery of citizens lined up outside of polling places

The video or photography will be incorporated into the film and you will be gratefully acknowledged in the closing credits.

Don't have photography or video footage? We would love to hear your stories! Let us know how your community handled Election Day and if you or someone you know helped voters get to the polls.

If you are able to contribute a photograph, video footage, or a story please contact the filmmaker directly: Christina Eliopoulos, celiop99@hotmail.com. Please write "Photo/Video for LWVNJ documentary" in the subject line.

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.

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

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