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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
<b>Holiday Party/Program Planning</b>	Dec 11	W	6-9 pm	Porter residence
<b>Happy New Year!</b>	Jan 1	Tu	All Day!	Your house (or wherever)
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	Jan 6	M	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library (Voorhees) Meeting Room B (third floor)

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### Board Report

At its November 4, 2013 meeting the board

1. Completed plans for the holiday party. Ed will run program planning -- he has a list of volunteers to do small groups. We'll screen Hurricane Heroes.
2. Had an update on the spring meeting -- we're waiting to hear from the speaker.
3. Learned that our Human Trafficking consensus had been sent in and received by LWVNJ.
4. Tentatively set Apr 26 (Saturday) for the Annual Meeting -- hold the date!
5. Discussed Running & Winning 2014.

**League of Women Voters of Camden County**

## Board Message:



Dear friends,

Please plan to attend our holiday party and program planning meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, December 11 from 6 to 9 PM at Bobbie and Joel Porter's house, 1 Millhouse Lane., Cherry Hill. Phone 856 -429-1415.

It is always great fun. Come early. Bring anything you like to eat and share with us. This year, as a special feature, we are showing the movie "Hurricane Heroes". It was produced by the State League, telling the story of the efforts taken after Hurricane Sandy, to ensure that all its victims were able to vote.

Next we will update the national program. We need your input.

We are planning a major fund raising event at our spring meeting with the help of Dr. Stephne' R. Coney. Come learn the details of our celebrity guest.

Running and Winning is returning to Woodrow Wilson high school on Tuesday, April 15. Come and learn about our topic and how you can help.

The board has updated our consensus on human trafficking.

We are thankful to come together each year.

Bobbie

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## Getting there - Directions!

**Porter residence:** Contact us for directions.

**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.

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### From the LWVNJ

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#### Tuition Equality

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey was proud to make our presence known at the NJ Senate Budget Committee hearing yesterday, Nov 14, in support of the Tuition Equality Act, which includes in-state tuition and state aid. We continue to advocate for this important legislation.

We believe in Giancarlo and other DREAMers' futures in New Jersey, which is why we testified in front of the NJ Senate Budget Committee yesterday in support of the Tuition Equality Act, which includes in state tuition AND state aid.

### 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!

Dec 19 Lindenwold

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

## Holiday Party and Program Planning!

LWVCC Annual Holiday Party

&

Program Planning Meeting

Dec 11, 2013 at the Porter residence

6 p.m. -- networking

7 p.m. -- planning!

## LWVUS Program Planning

The year at our annual holiday program planning party, we'll be doing LWVUS program planning.

### **So what is program planning?**

Well, every other year, in the spring at Convention, the LWVUSNJ decides on its program for the upcoming two years. The League supports a variety of public policy positions. These are listed in the membership directory, as well as on the web site.

At our local Program Planning meeting we review the list, suggest ones that may be outdated and need review, others we would drop entirely (rare), and possibly new topics suitable for study.

New positions can only be adopted after study and consensus at the national level, through one of several mechanisms. The most common mechanism is for a number of Leagues to promote the topic during program planning and for the Convention delegates to agree that a study is merited.

The Camden County League is one part of this larger process. We need input from as many of our members as possible.

The process we have adopted as of a few years ago is for our members to break into several smaller groups to each discuss an assigned chunk of the list of positions. This division of the list allows a smaller number of individuals to discuss each chunk, and to focus on a smaller part of the whole list. Otherwise there are too many people and too many topics to handle as a whole group!

The subcommittees report back to the whole group on their recommendations, which then need to be fitted to the format that LWVUS requested. For example, the national League may require each local League to provide a detailed rationale for any study we propose. Leagues that don't follow the rules may have their input discounted, so it is important that we do what we are asked. The process is interesting, the results are important, and we hope to see you there!

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.*



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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.

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