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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Meeting	Feb 2	M	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library Room B. League members welcome.
LWVCC Board Meeting	Mar 2	M	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library Room B. League members welcome.
LWVNJ Awards Ceremony	May 1	F	Evening	Hilton Garden Inn, Hamilton, NJ Also some workshops and a cocktail party. This event is a fundraiser for the LWVNJ
LWVNJ Convention	May 2	Sa	All day	Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor. \$95 per delegate or visitor
LWVCC Annual Meeting	May 30	Sa	1-4 pm	Hold the date! Sakura Springs in Cherry Hill. Speaker on immigration reform.

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Board Report

At the January Board meeting, the board:

1. Finalized plans for the Annual Meeting, and assigned some responsibilities.
2. Considered a possible speaker for the fall Kickoff.
3. Considered how to approach the budget an Nominating Committees since neither has been populated.
4. Agreed to call our own League and perhaps others for Callathon.
5. Approved the draft program planning report Ed submitted. He will send it to LWVNJ.
6. Happily accepted the offer of new member Beulah Gordon-Skinner to play a leading role (Co-Chair) of Running & Winning next year, which would enable us to do the event again. Harriet will work with her.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Greetings, fellow League members!

I'm already tired of cold weather, but at least we escaped "Juno" also known as #Blizzardof2015 (its Twitter hashtag!). I guess maybe there's something to be said about naming storms only **after** they drop a foot of snow on you! Where did they come up with "Juno", anyway?

League members are probably all following the changes in Congress as well as the early announcements for the 2016 Presidential race with interest. Never a dull moment, although sometimes disappointing ones.

I hope to have the Citizens Guides ready for distribution early this year. Last year's run never happened, first because of delays in getting the necessary information, then because things got busy. But I have the 2015 guides almost ready to print and I plan to take them directly to a printer and have them done while I wait. Much quicker than submitting and proofing a pdf created by somebody else from my Word document.

Please hold the date for the Annual Meeting (May 30). We have a cool speaker on immigration reform, and a new (and cheaper -- but still good quality food!) venue. We have an idea for an interesting speaker for our fall kickoff, but it's too soon to confirm dates for that yet. We have to wait till LWVNJ sets the date for the fall workshops. LWVNJ can't work around our schedule, so we have to work around theirs.

LWVNJ Convention is May 2, 2015 awards ceremony and Cocktail party the evening before. All are welcome to attend this event even if they are not going to Convention. It is a fundraiser, so it isn't free, however.

Ed Gracely
Board member

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Getting there - Directions!

Haddon Township: Rohrer Library: Take 295 to Route 30 north. On 30, pass King's Highway. In about a mile after King's Highway, just after Nicholson Road on the left, you'll see Cuthbert Road on the right. Turn right onto Cuthbert from 30. Stay on Cuthbert for about half a mile. Just past Hopkins, turn right onto MacArthur. The library is at that corner. // This is the same Cuthbert Road that becomes Cuthbert Blvd further north at routes 70 and 38, so you could take it south from there. MacArthur is about 0.8 miles south of Haddon Avenue on Cuthbert Blvd.

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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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!

The February meeting is February 19 at 7PM (Camden County College, Blackwood Campus, Connector Building, 200 College Drive, Blackwood). The list for the year is online at <http://www.camdencounty.com/your-government/public-information/2015-freeholder-meetings>

Take a look -- see when they are near you and observe the meeting!

In Memoriam - Zena Cohen

Take note that the obituary said that donations could be made in her memory to **the League of Women Voters** or Congregation Beth El. We appreciate the donors we've had so far. Last month there were several. This month we received a donation from Pearl and Joe Friedman



Memories:

Eloise Douglas wrote:

Zena had great knowledge and interest in international relations and foreign policy. I think she held almost all board positions including, voter service, fiscal policy, budget, treasurer and co-president. I didn't always agree with her opinions but respected them. She was a wonderful friend and gracious hostess to LWV.

Pearl Friedman wrote:

Zena Cohen represented, to me, what the LWV was really all about. Knowledge, informed voters, and the information that made it possible for the League to offer all of this to the public. She was the epitome of voters service. Most, maybe all, of the "public servants" knew her (she really didn't need her League button to be recognized). She had a keen sense of how the government was functioning (or not). She loved it all and it showed.

Zena was a long-time member of the LWV. (I believe she joined in college). We met as members of the LWVCC. She really believed in our work and was always available when her help was needed, even while running her own household (husband, children, etc..) I remember that she was always available for jobs, even those that no one else wanted (for example, chair of the nominating committee -- we all know what that job entails).

WE NEED MORE ZENA'S.

Lisa Castellani wrote:

I remember Zena as one of the smartest women I have ever met. She had a very quick mind, and it was apparent she enjoyed and was very good at thinking about complex ideas. The ideas didn't exist in the abstract, though, since Zena was very much a people person. Zena appeared to love learning and teaching, and she exhibited a strong work ethic combined with optimism and keen perception. Her students were lucky to have an enthusiastic and nurturing teacher in Zena. I am thankful that Zena made a special effort to engage my interest and encourage me in League work. Zena's interest in people and the world were part of what I think of as her zest for life. In my experiences with Zena, she was a joyful as she was earnest. I will always remember the sparkle in her eyes when she talked about people or events that gave her joy, especially her family, as well activities like a plan to study a political or social issue. Those studies may seem esoteric to some people, but for Zena evaluating pros, cons, right and responsibilities was an exciting, democratic activity aimed at contributing toward a vitally worthwhile, very practical cause: trying to find ways for us all to take better care of ourselves, each other, our country and our world.

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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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 _____

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