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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
Commemoration of Selma to Montgomery Civil Rights March	Feb 22	Su	2-5 pm	Rutgers Camden Student Center. LWVCC board member Stephne' Coney leads the sponsoring organization. See <a href="http://www.nationalstoptheviolence.org/#wayblackhistory">http://www.nationalstoptheviolence.org/#wayblackhistory</a>
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	Mar 2	M	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library Room B. League members welcome.
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	Apr 6	M	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library Room B. League members welcome.
<b>LWVNJ Awards Ceremony</b>	May 1	F	Evening	Hilton Garden Inn, Hamilton, NJ Also some workshops and a cocktail party. This event is a fundraiser for the LWVNJ
<b>LWVNJ Convention</b>	May 2	Sa	All day	Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor. \$95 per delegate or visitor
<b>LWVCC Annual Meeting</b>	May 30	Sa	1-4 pm	Sakura Springs in Cherry Hill. Speaker on immigration reform.

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### Board Report

#### At the February Board meeting, the board:

1. Made further plans for the Annual Meeting.
2. Agreed to participate in Callathon by calling our own members and 40-50 from another League.
3. Discussed the fall Kickoff and some preliminary ideas.
4. Discussed the upcoming LWVNJ convention and who might go (we have 3 delegate slots and agreed to pay for 2 attendees).

**League of Women Voters of Camden County**

## Board Message

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If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?  
Percy Bysshe Shelley

The poet was optimistic, but right now it's hard for us to believe that spring is only six weeks away. While the weather may be depressing, our League has at least two reasons for optimism:

1. Since last August, we have welcomed four new members: Jenifer Groves, Palmer Enfield, Valerie Baker, and Beulah Gordon-Skinner. We hope to meet all of them at one of our functions soon.
2. Beulah has offered to help us revive our Running and Winning program, which encourages high school girls to become politically involved and to run for office.

Losing no time, I have scheduled an R & W committee meeting to begin planning for Spring of 2016. If any members are interested in joining this committee, please contact me for more details.

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And as Ed mentioned last month, we are looking forward to our annual meeting/luncheon on May 30<sup>th</sup> and to the LWV New Jersey state convention.

Our next board meeting is March 2 (see details in calendar on first page of this newsletter), and all are welcome to attend.

Harriet Snyder,

Board member

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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!

**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!

**Feb. 14, 2015 -- the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of the League of Women Voters!!!**  
(and that other holiday with candy and flowers...)



*LWVUS Testimony at Public Hearing on Money in Politics Calls for Full Disclosure*

**Washington, D.C.** – Today (2-11-15) Elisabeth MacNamara, national President of the League of Women Voters, addressed members of the U.S. Federal Election Commission (FEC) during a public hearing on issues of money in politics. At the hearing, [President MacNamara called on the agency to update regulations on campaign finance laws to provide full disclosure](#) in light of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions *Citizens United* and *McCutcheon v. FEC*.

“Voters care deeply about this issue of campaign finance and corruption,” said MacNamara. “And voters understand that billionaires and secret organizations don’t represent them and that huge sums of money corrupt our political system.”

“We ask that you update FEC regulations to provide for such full disclosure so that the Court’s decision in *Citizens United* does not continue as the giant loophole for secret giving that it has become,” MacNamara said.

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“This is unacceptable in a democracy,” MacNamara said. “Secret money has no place in America’s elections. Voters deserve to know -- have a right to know -- who is making unlimited political expenditures and influencing elections.”

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“In addition, SuperPACs and other outside groups can raise and spend unlimited amounts because they are supposedly ‘independent’ from the candidate, but in reality there are many ways to coordinate that are not blocked by current regulations,” MacNamara said. “It is time for the FEC to step in and better regulate these outside groups.”

“The abuses we have talked about today undermine our democracy by corrupting our elections and overwhelming the voices of regular citizens and voters,” concluded MacNamara. “That ‘liberal’ or ‘conservative’ organizations are violating the law and biasing our elections should not be relevant. Indeed, there are abuses by all sides. The League of Women Voters urges the FEC to protect the voters and enforce the law.”

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**

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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. **First time new annual membership** is only \$25! This also applies to student and household members (for an entirely new household membership).

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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