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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Meeting	6-6-16	M	7 - 9 pm	Haddon Township Library - Story Room

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Board Report

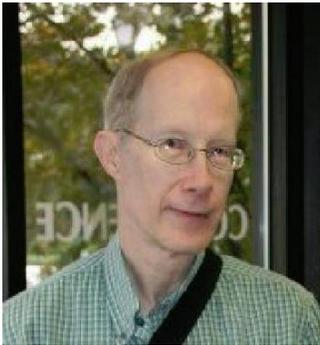
At the May 2, 2016 board meeting

1. Running & Winning went very well, with excellent PR from several media sources. Debriefing on June 1.
2. Annual meeting well attended. We paid an honorarium to a community charity that our speaker Signe Wilkinson supports.
3. Myrna will explore locations for the fall kickoff, ideal someplace that will let us reserve a few months in advance. We have a civil rights video we may use as the core of it.
4. Ed will represent the LWVCC at the LWVUS convention in June (in Washington DC).

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Hi, all!

Lots going on, as reported in the Voter -- An exciting Annual Meeting with a great guest speaker. A wonderful and well-publicized Running & Winning event at the LEAP Academy.

Things will be quieter for a while, although LWVUS Convention is coming up (I plan to go!).

Then there is that NJ primary -- looks like at least on the Democratic side there may still be a contested presidential race. For the Republicans, not so much. Even the Congressional races in our area are only contested on the Democratic side. Rep. Norcross (District 1) has a challenger (Alex Law) on the Democratic side, but the Republican candidate (Bob Patterson) is running unopposed. In District 2 there are two Democrats running for the opportunity to unseat Rep. Lobiondo (David Cole and Constantino Rozzo) but no one is challenging the Congressman for the Republican slot. Same pattern for our friends in the third district (BurlCo -- two Democrats and one Republican, who is the incumbent).

Looking at races around the state I see a mix of contested and uncontested primary election races for both parties.

In November we'll all have decisions to make. There are also currently two ballot questions, one expanding casino gambling, the other on dedicating more of the gas tax. Watch for details when the LWVNJ does its summary with pros and cons.

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 list for the year is online at <http://www.camdencounty.com/your-government/public-information/2016-freeholder-meetings>

The **May** meeting is May 19 at 7PM (Berlin Township Municipal Building, 135 Route 73, Berlin Twp). Take a look -- see when they are near you and observe the meeting!

Running and Winning

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Thanks to all our volunteers and the extraordinary cooperation of our liaisons at the host school, our *Running & Winning* workshop, on April 19th, at the LEAP Academy in Camden, on the topic of Voting Rights, was interesting, productive, and fun. Special thanks to our co-sponsors: The AAUW; Delta Theta Sigma Sorority, SJ Alumnae Chapter; and the Rotary Club of Camden, to our donors, and most of all, to the committee members: Ryna Alexander, Helen Ewan, Beulah Gordon-Skinner, Audrey Miller, Sally O'Brien, Bobbie Porter, Renee Robbins, Myrna Schlanger, Lynne Smith, and Claudia Tucker-Keto, who met and worked for months to plan this successful program. Special kudos to Ryna, who did a thorough job of researching the topic; Lynne, who contacted and organized the volunteers; Sally, of the AAUW, who was in charge of wrangling the elected officials; and Audrey, who chose and gift-wrapped souvenirs for the politicians.

And, of course, thanks to the elected officials without whom the day would not be possible:

- Mayor Dana Redd (Camden)--Keynote Speaker
- Senator Nilsa Cruz Perez
- Assemblywoman Patricia Egan Jones
- Freeholder Susan Shin Angulo
- Mayor Barbara Wallace (Washington Township)
- Councilwoman Dana Burley(Camden)
- Councilwoman Mary Martz (Magnolia)
- Councilwoman Jamila Odom-Garnett(Chesilhurst)
- Councilwoman Jacquelyn Valvardi(Haddon Heights)
- Councilwoman Phonda Wardlow Hurley(Lawnside)

Harriet Snyder

Thanks to all!

R & W PICTURES!



Annual Meeting report

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Signe Wilkinson, Inquirer and Daily News political cartoonist, gave a lively and informative talk, including multiple examples of her excellent cartoons. She skewers all the candidates and parties -- this election has been a wonderful opportunity for cartoonists and pundits!

You never know who will be offended by a cartoon. Consider this:



So who was upset by this cartoon? Evidently some young people! On Facebook she clarified that, "One online commenter said this cartoon was yet another old person maligning young people. Sigh. I drew this at the local coffee shop to get the technology right and drew who showed up. Next time there will be a geezer in the background counting his change."

She also talked about her observation that the way a symbol or idea is used in a cartoon can affect how the public responds to it. One cartoon had a Star of David used in a way that criticized Palestinian violence. Another used it to show a local politician jumping through it (as a dog through a hoop). That second one elicited comments that the Star should never be used in cartoons. The first one did not. Similar for two images of Islamic figures. It depends on "whose ox is gored" as one attendee noted.

If you don't get the Inquirer (or any of the many other papers in which Signe is syndicated) you can find a lot of her best cartoons online (just search for her first and last names). You can also follow her on Twitter (I do: @SigneWilk) or on Facebook (Signetoons). Both show a lot of her cartoons as they come out.



Both cartoons used by permission. These are online versions of ones she showed us. I won't put the ones showing candidates in the Voter. You'll have to find them yourself!

Signe Wilkinson (left) calling on an attendee.



Some attendees



Our speaker



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