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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Meeting	Sept 12	M	7 pm	Haddon Township (Rohrer Library) Story Room.
Voter Registration	Sept 17	Sa	Varied	Two locations. Contact us (See 9-21) if you can help.
Voter registration	Sept 21	W	10 am	After the naturalization ceremony, on the Battleship NJ , Camden. Contact the League at lwvcc@hotmail.com or call 856-795-7878 if you are interested in helping register. We carpool to the building.
LWVCC Fall Kickoff	Sept 24	Sa	12-3 pm	Vogelson Library room A (3 rd floor). Short video, " Selma - the Bridge to the Ballot". Plus updates on League activities and plans.
Voter Registration	Oct 1	Sa	TBA	Let us know if you can help (see above).
LWVCC Board Meeting	Oct 3	M	7 pm	Vogelson Library B. Please let us know if you are coming in case of changes.
LWVNJ Fall Workshops	Oct 8	Sa	Morning	LWVNJ is planning a shorter session this time, which will cost less and end by 1 pm. As always, a great morning session and useful training will be provided. Hold the date!

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Board Report

At the Aug 8, 2016 board meeting, the board:

1. Made arrangements to remind people about the Kickoff.
2. Made plans for membership renewal reminders.
3. Agreed that the Kickoff and Annual meeting will be our main membership meetings for the year. Having additional ones is a lot of work for little attendance.
4. Tentatively decided on Human Trafficking as the topic for the Annual meeting (next spring).
5. Discussed several fall voter registration dates.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Hi, League members and friends!

We now have a Facebook Page!

<https://www.facebook.com/LWVCCNJ/home> You can visit it and see what's there even without a Facebook account. Please do. And if you have a Facebook account, you can "like" our page as well. Please do!

In retrospect, I probably should have created a Facebook page before the Twitter account. Almost every organization has a Facebook page that people go to for updates and information, but even among the younger generation, Twitter is not as universal. Still, our twitter page (@LWVCCNJ) now has 155 followers, which I consider reasonable, especially given that I'm not a very heavy poster.

I hope you are all planning to attend the Kickoff on Sept 24. We will show the short video: Selma, the Bridge to the Ballot, discuss it, and talk League business.

We have several voter registration activities this fall -- let us know if you'd like to help. The Naturalization Ceremony is going to be on the Battleship NJ! An event not to miss -- Bobbie Porter will have the details as they become available.

The LWVNJ Fall Workshops on Oct 8 should be well worth the trip north as well. Let us know if you'd like to go (maybe car pool).

Ed Gracely
For the board.

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

The September meeting September 15 at 7PM (Voorhees Town Center, 2400 Voorhees Town Center, Voorhees)

LWVCC FALL KICKOFF

Featuring the short video:



When: Sept 24, 2016

Time: 12-3

Where: Vogelson Library (Voorhees, NJ), Meeting room A (third floor)

From the web site:

Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot is the true story of the forgotten heroes in the fight for voting rights—the courageous students and teachers of Selma, Alabama, who stood up against injustice despite facing intimidation, arrests and violence. By organizing and marching bravely, these change-makers achieved one of the most significant victories of the civil rights era.

The sacrifices of those who fought so hard for equality should never be forgotten. In the 2012 presidential election, more than 90 million eligible voters did not go to the polls. In the 18–24 age group, only six out 10 voted. And, in 2014, voter turnout dropped to a 72-year low.

This 40-minute film, narrated by Academy Award winner Octavia Spencer, is a crucial reminder that each of us has the ability to bring about powerful social change and will help inspire young people and communities across the nation to exercise their right to participate in our democracy.

From the LWVUS

Take Action: Fix the Federal Election Commission

The agency that is tasked with overseeing federal laws governing money in politics, the Federal Election Commission (FEC), is broken. Paralyzed by its own structure, with four commissioners who regularly cast tie votes on a partisan basis, the FEC has failed to enforce and properly interpret the nation's already weak campaign finance laws.

It's time to reform the FEC. Tell Congress to support the Federal Election Administration Act of 2016.

The League has endorsed legislation by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and Representative David Price (D-NC) that would create a new independent agency to replace the FEC. The new Federal Election Administration (FEA) would be comprised of five commissioners, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, where only two members can be from the same political party. The fifth commissioner would be appointed on a nonpartisan basis from a list of candidates selected by a blue-ribbon panel of retired federal judges, former law enforcement officials or individuals with election law experience. With this five-member structure, the new legislation would end gridlock at the commission and put the public's interests over partisan interests.

The new Federal Election Administration will still have the responsibilities previously held by the FEC to administer campaign finance laws and the presidential public financing system, as well as to issue regulations and advisory opinions. The FEA also would have the authority to conduct investigations of possible violations. However, the legislation sets up a new system of administrative law judges with jurisdiction over individual enforcement cases in order provide for consistent and impartial enforcement.

Join the fight to end gridlock at the Federal Election Commission.

See details and sign a letter on the LWV page:

http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=12211



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

**Administering and Enforcing
Federal Campaign Finance Laws**

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. **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: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

(Please include area code)

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