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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	Oct 10	M	7 pm	At a member's house
Last day to register to vote	Oct 18	Tu	All day	Received by the county by this day.
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	Nov 7	M	7 pm	Vogelson Library room B (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor). Please let us know if you are coming as meetings are sometimes moved or cancelled.
Election Day!!	Nov 8	Tu	6 am - 8 pm	Your local polling place. Find it: <a href="https://voter.njsvrs.com/PublicAccess/jsp/PollPlace/PollPlaceSearch.jsp">https://voter.njsvrs.com/PublicAccess/jsp/PollPlace/PollPlaceSearch.jsp</a>

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### Board Report

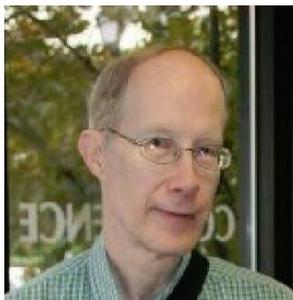
At the Sept 12, 2016 board meeting, the board:

1. We learned of a very active voter registration season.
2. We will do the state study of sex crimes on campus at our December holiday party.
3. Learned that the Running & Winning team is working on finding an intern and will soon be approaching schools to find a location for the spring.

**League of Women Voters of Camden County**

## Board Message

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Dear League members and friends:

First of all, thank you to Bobbie and Joel Porter for their **donation** to the League in memory of Harriet Snyder's sister who died recently.

We would also like to welcome some **new members!** Welcome to Roxanne Sutocky, Christine Kosar, Danielle Foster, and Lori Keasel. Several are interested in voter registration, so we'll be reaching out to them for help with a number of activities this fall. Danielle also gave a donation -- thank you!

**Are any of you not being called for things you'd like to do?** We often either send blast emails (which may get lost or be ignored) or call on a few regulars, rather than reach out to individuals.

- Are you interested in voter registration and are NOT being asked?
- Are you interested in being a timekeeper at forums (and don't recall being asked)?

Let me know ([edgracely@verizon.net](mailto:edgracely@verizon.net)) and we'll be sure you're on our list! Of course we can also use some **higher level** activities --

- Are you a **writer** who would like to do a written report on our fall Kickoff for the Voter?
- Would you like to do some research and write a **blog** for the Voter (and/or Facebook?)
- New member Christine said she was interested in **organizing events** -- we usually have a few old hands doing that. I'm sure they'd love to work with a team of newer members (say, for Annual Meeting planning) who like that sort of thing. With a bit of experience, the newer members could take over one or more events. Let me know!
- Are you a **PR person** who loves contacting media? Christine and Danielle are -- I look forward to that!

Plenty of roles -- but we need to know what you'd like to do. The League is best experienced by doing and being involved. We value our dues-only members (some of whom really can't do more) but the essence of the League is activity and participation.

Ed Gracely  
For the board.

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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

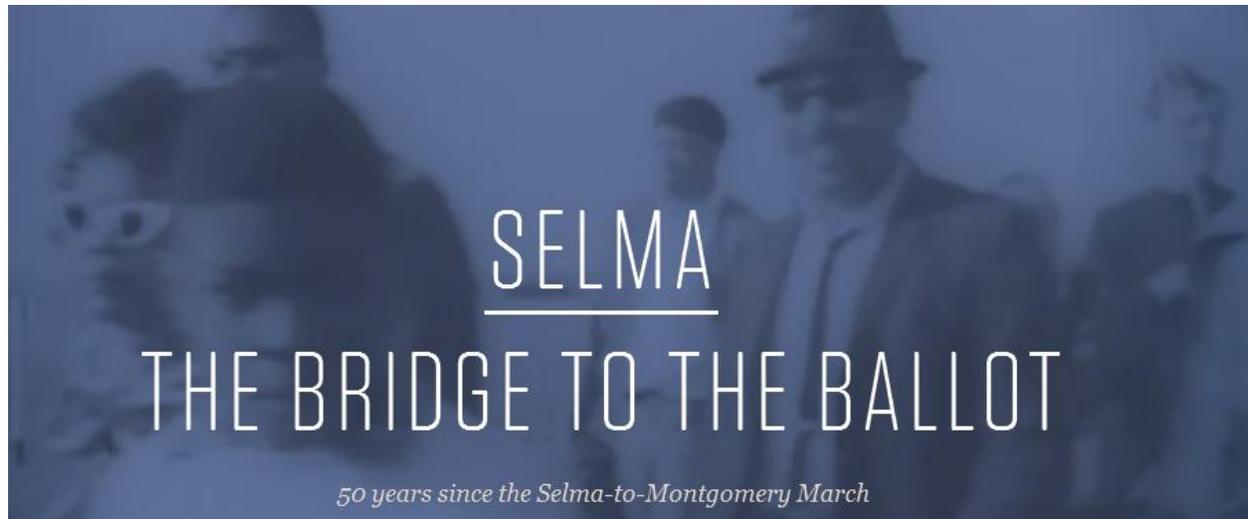
We encourage League members to observe Freeholder meetings when they are convenient for you. Just show up with a LWV button to let them know we are watching! Don't make any statements -- you aren't entitled to speak for the League (or even yourself after wearing a League button). You can ask a neutral/informative question, however. Meetings start at 7. It's good for Camden County!

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

The **October** meeting is October 20 at 7PM (Camden County Boathouse 7050 N. Park Avenue, Pennsauken)

# LWVCC FALL KICKOFF

Featuring the short video:



A small but interested group, including one non-member who heard about us through the NAACP, and several members we haven't seen in a while -- welcome to all!

The film (45 minutes -- not the full movie with somewhat similar name) was very powerful. Most of us don't remember just how repeatedly violent the early years of the civil rights movement were. Of course, that very violence, shown on national TV, was the downfall of the system perpetrating it. National sympathy for people being beaten and even killed in honest protests, in the general public as well as Congress (and President Johnson) helped move the government to pass voting rights legislation. Watch it yourself via streaming video on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/147140667>

Today, the battles are subtler. Nobody is setting armed police in government buildings to drive out blacks trying to register. But voter ID and other requirements for voting can deny enough blacks the right to vote as to tip the balance against their interests in elections. The League continues to fight all such restrictions, and has won a number of major battles in a number of states. We don't currently have that issue in New Jersey, but we know how we will respond if somebody proposes voter ID!

Denial of voter rights can, of course, take many forms. You have probably seen stories of voter intimidation, which seems to happen in all parts of the country -- just put up an ad direly warning of terrible penalties for voter fraud in a primarily minority community, and watch as members of that community who may worry that minor errors like voting after moving would count as voter fraud decide not to vote. Or place an announcement somewhere that misstates the date of the election, again in minority communities. The LWVNJ works with the ACLU in New Jersey to maintain voter hotlines to help people concerned about voting and ensure everyone's right to vote.

## Voter Registration

We have been active this fall!

Wed., Sept. 14 Salem

Sat., Sept. 17 Waterford (Atco)

Tues., Sept. 20 9 AM Camden

Wed., Sept. 21 Naturalization ceremony

Oct. 1 Green Grove Baptist Church Berlin

Tues, Oct. 4 Edgewater Park

Wed., Oct. 5 Glassboro

And a few more! As noted in the board message, please (for next year) let me know if you are an eager voter register and are not being asked!

The deadline is Oct 18, so **we may still have a session or two this year!**

## LWVNJ Fall Workshops

A number of League members and friends gathered Saturday 10-8-16 to learn about modernizing voting and voter registration systems from our keynote speaker and panelists. Some take away points:

- There has been a wave of new voting restrictions since the Voting Rights Act was gutted by the Supreme Court. This is the first Presidential election with so many.
- 39 states now have fully-online voter registration (no form to print and mail). NJ does not. Millennials and other young people dislike paper forms -- they do everything online.
- A number of states have same day (at the polls registration). Authorities carefully check that you aren't voting twice.
- Automatic voter registration means that when you interact with an agency (motor vehicles for sure, but also many others once they have systems in place) you are automatically registered (and have to ask to opt out if you don't want to be). These systems substantially increase registration.
- People with disabilities face numerous issues with voting and registering -- online registration is good, but forms may not work with readers for visually impaired; physically impaired people may not be able to sign documents; many don't drive (so no DMV contact). The option for early in-person voting (at one of selected polling places around a county) often works best for them. This also works best for people who have two jobs, including many working poor.
- **The LWVNJ plans a major voting reform effort** that will include online voter registration, automatic voter registration, in person early voting, same day registration, and restoring voting rights for felons now released from prison.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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