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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Meeting	Nov 7	M	7 pm	Vogelson Library room B (3 rd 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: https://voter.njsvrs.com/PublicAccess/jsp/PollPlace/PollPlaceSearch.jsp
LWVCC Holiday Party and Consensus	Dec 12	M	6-8(30) PM	Consensus will be on sex crimes on college campuses. As usual, please let us know you are coming in case the location or date changes. Porter residence.

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Board Report

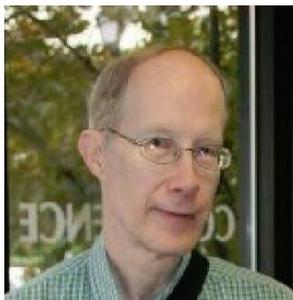
At the Oct 10, 2016 board meeting, the board:

1. Agreed it was time to call non-renewing members.
2. Heard great reports on our Kickoff, the LWVNJ workshops, moderating, and our fall voter registration to date. Our team was on the Battleship New Jersey.
3. Agreed to ask several members for possible board roles.
4. Picked Dec 12 at the Porter residence for our December Holiday party meeting. We'll do the Sex crimes on campus study then.
5. Discussed ideas for the Annual Meeting.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Dear League members and friends:

The election is almost upon us! Have you heard about it? Hah! Check your ballot -- you have nine candidates for President on the NJ slate. According to Ballotpedia, eight candidates in total have made more than 15% of the state ballots. But almost 1,900 people have filed with the federal Election Commission! I also see five for District 1 in Congress and four for Freeholder. You probably have local and school board races as well. Be sure to vote!

This year Camden County established an early voting center. This was at a location in Blackwood. I gather they didn't have voting booths there. It was a kind of vote by mail "one stop shop" in which voters filled out the vote by mail ballot and handed it in. I wonder if they will establish multiple site for future elections. You can still vote by mail, but by now you have to pick up and return the ballot in person at the Clerk's office. It's too late to **apply** by mail.

Our website (<http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/index.html>) and the LWVNJ web site (<http://www.lwvnj.org>) both have links to help you find your polling place, confirm your registration, and so on. Vote411 (<http://www.vote411.org/>) has lots of good information about candidates. Most of the higher level races are included. Most local ones are not. Check out what some of the less familiar congressional or presidential candidates have to say.

I hope you were able to attend a school board or other forum in your town. If none were offered, consider organizing one! If we had more trained moderators, we could promote ourselves more heavily. Let me know if that's something you are interested in. Local races are really hard for the public to learn about. I try to make the Winslow BOE forum. Some years I find myself saying, "Hm, all seem pretty involved and informed". Other years there are some clearly knowledgeable but others who haven't a clue. Very helpful!

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 **November** meeting is November 10 at 7PM (VFW Post 7334 Hall - Raws Tait, 10 Kennedy Blvd, Somerdale). The caucus meeting before this one is on the Monday (not Tuesday as it normally is) Nov 7.

League of Women Voters of New Jersey
Campus Sexual Assault Study and Consensus
SCOPE OF THE STUDY

At the 61st Biennial LWNJ State Convention on May 2, 2015, delegates adopted a resolution to conduct a study of Sexual Assault on Students in College Communities due to the sense of epidemic proportions and visibility of the problem on the nation's and New Jersey's campus communities.<Snip>

The wording was carefully chosen by delegates (with several proposed amendments) to include claimed cases as well as proven ones, and to extend to areas in the campus community beyond the confines of the actual campus (such as nearby apartments or eateries). The emphasis is assaults on **students** since there are ongoing concerns about colleges failing to fully disclose alleged assaults on them for public relations purposes. The delegates explicitly rejected a restriction to assaults **by** students.

The scope of the study as adopted at the LWNJ 2015 State Convention is as follows.

- First of all, to determine the types of inappropriate sexual behavior that we would want to broadly define as "sexual misconduct", "sexual assault" or "rape" for purposes of reporting requirements, victim support, policy development, legislative advocacy and enumerating preventive actions. The reason for our definition is not to compete with NJ legal terminology, but to determine **for our purposes** what we mean when we use the words "sexual misconduct", "sexual assault" or "rape".
- Secondly, we want to assess consent and determine what we think the proper formulation and requirements for acceptable consent should be.
- Following these important preliminaries, we will assess the appropriate role of local law enforcement and campus administration/campus security, federal intervention and student services in dealing with alleged sexual assault.
- We will consider and determine the most viable means of prevention (including the role of men in eliminating gender-based / sexual violence) that all campuses must implement to stop the spread of sexual assaults in New Jersey colleges.

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey will use the results of the study to establish a position through which we will advocate on behalf of victims of sexual assault and for the elimination of sexual assaults in the New Jersey college community; as well as advocate for legislation, public awareness and education programs.

- 20-25% of college women and 6% of college men will be sexually assaulted during their college career.
- Few are reported.
- Fewer prosecuted
- Most victims knew their assailant
- A substantial subset of perpetrators are serial offenders.

Want to learn more? **Join us for our local League consensus meeting Monday, Dec 12**, at 6 pm (food first, then work!)

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 _____

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