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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVNJ Making Democracy Work Awards Banquet	April 28	F	6:30 pm	Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township (not the one in Gloucester County -- sorry. North Jersey). Click here .
LWVNJ Convention	April 29	Sa	All Day	Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township. Click here .
Voter registration	May 1	M	10 a.m.	After the naturalization ceremony, on the Battleship New Jersey. Contact the League at lwvcc@hotmail.com or call 856-795-7878 if you are interested in helping register.
LWVCC Board meeting	May 1	M	7 p.m.	Vogelson Library, Room B (3rd floor). Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or cancelled.
LWVCC Board Meeting	June 5	M	7 p.m.	Vogelson Library, Room B (3rd floor). Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or cancelled.

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Board Report

April 3, 2017

The board:

1. Finalized annual meeting plans, including calls and contacts, tasks for board members and so on.
2. Learned that Callathon was completed. \$400-\$500 in pledges from the calls.
3. Discussed several upcoming voter registrations.
4. Authorized convention delegates.
5. Discussed the Kickoff. Voting issues/vote security as a topic?

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Hello Fellow League Members and Friends,

This month we enjoyed our Annual Meeting/Luncheon on April 22nd. We are also busy registering voters for the June 6th New Jersey Primary Election. This is a gubernatorial election year, and all of our New Jersey legislators will be up for election or re-election as well, so if you're not registered, or need to reregister because of a name change or address change, you must do so by May 16th in order to choose the Democratic or Republican candidates who will run in November. The deadline to change parties was April 12, so it's too late for that. Special thanks to those members who are helping with voter registration.

Thanks also to those members who contributed to the State League's fundraising Callathon, and especially to those who did the calling. Our League gets a percentage of what we raise.

We have started distribution to various township offices and libraries of our Camden County Citizens' Guides and also have updated Member Directories available. They're free for the asking.

Our membership is continuing to grow, as residents see an increasing need to get involved! **Please welcome** Katharine Schumacher from Collingswood, Kristin Burke from Pennsauken, Julie Wielehowski from Cherry Hill, Lori Watson from Sicklerville, and Pat Butenis from Atco. Including these five, we have added *nine* members in 2017. What's more, several of the 2017 members are already active in setting up and running voter registration and/or helping with our annual meeting.

Harriet Snyder

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.

Sakura Spring: 1871 Marlton Pike (Route 70) East in Cherry Hill, about a block east of Greentree Road.

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 in the form of a county events calendar at <http://www.camdencounty.com/calendar/list> It has lots of entries and is a bit hard to navigate. Try searching for "Freeholder Meeting" or a specific month like "May Freeholder Meeting".

The **May** meeting is Thursday April 18, 2017 at 7 pm at the Berlin Township Municipal Building 135 Route 73, Berlin Township, NJ.

LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Our Annual Meeting was a great success! 17 members and prospective members were in attendance -- the best part is that a number of those present were new to the League and very interested in both the training and what else the League has to offer. I counted six new faces, all of whom are new members or planning to join soon. Five people signed up for moderator training. A number of others signed up to observe the Freeholders. Wonderful interest!

Advocacy training take away points: (1) Anyone can do it. (2) It's your right as a citizen to advocate with your elected officials. (3) Come prepared to your meeting. (4) Relationship building is key. If you disagree when visiting an official, listen politely, learn the official's views. Don't get angry or antagonize -- he or she may support you on the next issue! (5) Take advantage of legislative resources like <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/Default.asp>, where you can learn about NJ bills in progress, sponsorships by your legislator and a lot more! (6) For urgent items (24-48 hours to vote) just state the bill number and pro or con when you call. They are counting heads. Given a longer time frame, perhaps also make your argument.



Kristin Burke and Janet Fisher-Hughes



Sunita Gupta, Anita Hahn, and Joan Divor



Our presenters, Brendan Keating and Sandy Matsen



Renée Robbins (50-year member) and Julie Wielehowski

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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Address _____

Phone: _____

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