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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
Voter Registration	July 19	W	10 a.m.	After the naturalization ceremony, Camden. Contact the League at lwvcc@hotmail.com or call 856-795-7878 if you are interested in helping register.
Moderator training	Aug 19	Sa	9 am - 1 pm	Location TBA. Let us know if you would like to attend.
Board/Members Pot Luck	Aug 23	W	6 p.m.	Robbins residence. Members and prospective members welcome. Bring something tasty!
Board meeting	Sept 4	M	7-9 pm	TBA. Members and interested parties welcome. Let us know if you are coming since location or date may change. We may cancel since we had a meeting Aug 23!
Fall Kickoff	Sept 24	Su	1:15-4 pm	Cherry Hill Library. All welcome. We'll supply a light lunch. Free! Speaker TBA.

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Board Report

June 5, 2017

The board:

1. Agreed to hold our August Board/Members pot luck on August 23rd, at the Robbins' residence.
2. Made plans for a fundraiser.
3. Made plans to continue membership renewals.
4. Discussed Kickoff topics.
5. Learned about a possible Storyboard article on Running & Winning.
6. Discussed League buttons we can make and distribute.
7. Discussed moderator training -- Ed will do a Doodle poll.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Greetings to all League members and friends:

We'll be doing **moderator training** on August 19. If you are interested, let me know! There is a new policy from LWVNJ on this -- while only members can be certified and moderate, non-members are welcome at the training for their personal growth. So if you have a non-member friend who might be interested, tell them about it and let me know if they are interested.

There have been a number of **action alerts** from LWVNJ and LWVUS recently. I hope everyone is on the list to receive those and is taking action. Meanwhile, LWVNJ is increasing and strengthening its statewide committees. There will be a need for more participation from members. I'm the LWVNJ program VP so I try to keep on top of all of this. Kristin Burke, one of our 2017 members, has become involved in the government committee, which will be promoting voting reform and eventually redistricting reform, as those efforts crystallize.

National politics continues to be an interesting ride. Unfortunately, polarization isn't getting any better. Too bad the League's approach to even-tempered discussion and respect for all sides isn't becoming the new norm.

I was having an interesting online discussion with a conservative blogger who believes that since the US is mainly Christian, our schools should teach the history of Christianity and its role in world history much more heavily than other religions. That idea is not irrational, but he combines it with his belief that the reason this isn't done is "repression" by some unnamed force (presumably liberals). I replied:

One thing that I think impedes communication between left and right is when either side (and both do it) makes inferences of an intent or motive, typically a bad one, that goes beyond the facts. I see you doing that here. Whereas I might see a difficult decision about how to handle religion(s) in the schools, with our society erring on the side of strong separation to protect individual rights, and sometimes an attempt to balance the extensive Christian information people already get through their churches, from Christian media, and elsewhere, with awareness of other religions, you instead see some unnamed force trying to repress Christianity in the schools.

Many people were commenting on his post, and he didn't reply to me. I got 4 up-votes, though!

In League -- Ed, 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 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". A member is maintaining a Google docs list [here](#). It shows days and times, and who plans to attend.

Kristin attended the June meeting, arrived early and was able to introduce herself to most of the Freeholders, several of whom were quite interested to talk to her. Good contacts!

The **July** meeting is Thursday July 20, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Bellmawr Fire & Rescue Ballroom 29 Lewis Avenue, Bellmawr. Town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m.

LWVNJ Letter on the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

July 5, 2017
Robert Giles, Director
Division of Elections

Dear Mr. Giles

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey understands that under New Jersey law some of the information requested by the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity is publicly available. The League of Women Voters places great value in government transparency and open records, but this particular request is nuanced and needs to be handled sensitively. Before complying with any part of the Commission's request, we ask you to consider your role in protecting New Jersey voters' privacy and safeguarding our election process.

The decentralized process in our country, with states being charged with protecting voter information, offers certain securities and safeguards. We are concerned that these securities are not in place when this information is compiled and made publicly available on a national level and are unsure how the Commission intends to protect voter information. We are also concerned that this request does not take into account state procedures that are in place regarding the use and disclosure of this information or the process, including payment, to obtain this info.

Please also consider the amount of trust New Jersey voters place in our election system when administered by state and county election officials. They trust that their voting information is secure in your hands, but do not have the same level of trust in this request, particularly when no information has been provided regarding how voters' personal information will be protected. To truly protect the integrity of our elections, we must safeguard the American people's faith in the system. The League of Women Voters is committed to encouraging informed and active participation in government, and we see this request as an assault on our mission because it erodes voters' confidence and trust in our government.

There are a series of questions listed in the letter you received. The questions themselves are telling because they intend to uncover flaws in the system and expose voter fraud, with only one question addressing preventing disenfranchisement. The Commission is after an imaginary ghost of voter fraud, when they should be examining voter suppression. New Jersey elections are safe and secure and voter fraud is not an issue. We hope you take this opportunity to express this to the Commission in your reply.

The League has worked closely with your office for many years and we know that you value ensuring that New Jersey voters have undeterred access to the ballot. We trust that in your response, both to the media and to the Commission, you will make your hesitations with this request known, deny the Commission's request for data, and ensure New Jersey voters that their information remains secure.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hedinger, President
Jesse Burns, Executive Director

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.*



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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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