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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Program Planning	Dec 13	W	6-9 pm	Porter residence. All welcome. Pot luck -- bring something tasty!
LWVCC Board Meeting	Jan 8, 2018	M	7-9 pm	Vogelson Library room B (3 rd floor).

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Board Report

Nov 6, 2017

At the November meeting the board:

1. Learned that our Boscov's Friends fundraiser brought in more than \$300. We discussed how to improve it next year.
2. Discussed plans to continue helping with the regional naturalization ceremonies in Burlington County.
3. Discussed our moderating season and our active moderator trainees.
4. Discussed the Annual meeting, making preliminary plans.
5. Made plans to move forward with Running and Winning, in the 2018-2019 academic year.
6. Made plans to review the Google Phone option to potentially replace the League Line (at a substantial cost savings).
7. Discussed changes in the voters service committee.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Greetings Fellow Members and Friends

Our League has been busy this election season with voter registration, moderating, and fund-raising. Anita Hahn and Bobbie Porter registered voters at naturalization ceremonies in Camden and joined the Burlington League in registering new citizens at the Immigration Center in Mt. Laurel. They will be continuing both activities and welcome your help!

Some of our newly trained moderators got a chance to observe experienced members moderate candidate forums for Board of Education seats in five venues. They were prepared to observe Freeholder (Burlington County) and several legislative races, but the candidates did not cooperate. See <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/nj/new-jersey-politics-debates-local-races-league-of-women-voters-20171022.html>.

And thanks to the efforts of Joe Friedman and his committee, we raised just under \$400 with the Boscov's fundraiser, even with a late start, and hope to do better next year. Speaking of fundraising, special thanks to Kate Schumacher for directing that an honorarium for a talk she gave be sent to our League.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you at our holiday meeting and pot-luck party on December 13th.

In League,

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.

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.

The **December** meeting is December 21, 2017 at 7 p.m. the Wayne Bryant Community Center 323 E. Charleston Avenue, Lawnside, NJ. Town Hall at 6:30.

Program Planning and Holiday Party

Dec 13 at the Porter's 6 pm

The year at our annual holiday program planning party, we'll be doing LWVUS program planning. It has been a while since we had a simple program planning meeting -- for several years we did a consensus as part of the discussion. No consensus is being proposed this year, so we'll do program planning.

So what is program planning?

Well, every other year, in the spring at Convention, the LWVUS decides on its program for the upcoming two years. The League supports a variety of public policy positions. These are listed in the membership directory, as well as on the web site.

At our local Program Planning meeting we review the list, suggest ones that may be outdated and need review, others we would drop entirely (rare), and possibly new topics suitable for study.

New positions can only be adopted after study and consensus at the national level, through one of several mechanisms. The most common mechanism is for a number of Leagues to promote the topic during program planning and for the Convention delegates to agree that a study is merited.

The Camden County League is one part of this larger process. We need input from as many of our members as possible.

Some years we have broken into subgroups, but that process doesn't always work well, so often we have simply met as a whole and talked about various positions of interest. Ed will lead it, as he has for years. It's a good chance to learn about the League's positions and procedures.



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FROM LWVUS

Shameful Effort by Congress to Sneak Health Care Repeal in Tax Bill

11/15/2017 | by Sarah Courtney

Washington, D.C. – League of Women Voters president **Chris Carson** issued the following statement in response to the Senate's plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act as part of a tax overhaul bill:

"After repeatedly failing to move forward with a misguided attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Congress is once again attempting to undermine a law that provides quality, affordable health care to millions of Americans.

"Under the guise of cutting taxes for everyday Americans, this newest attack on the ACA would cut health care coverage for 13 million people and increase premiums by double digits. It would also trigger \$25 billion in cuts to Medicare and raise costs for middle class families and seniors with high medical expenses.

"It's time for Congress to start listening to the American people, who have rejected attempts to roll back provisions of the ACA multiple times this year. We need to fix the Affordable Care Act so that it works for the millions of Americans who need quality affordable care, not cut coverage and raise costs for those that really need it.

"It's time to stop playing political games with people's lives."

Urge Congress to Support the Automatic Voter Registration Act!

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Representative Robert Brady (D-PA) introduced the Automatic Voter Registration Act of 2017 on June 14, 2017. The League is proud to support legislation that enhances access for eligible voters in our elections and works to modernize our electoral system. This bill will improve the accuracy of voter records, cut down on costs, modernize outdated registration systems while supporting implementation in states across the country.



The League is a leader in voter registration efforts across the country. Expanding voter registration has been a principal goal of the League since its founding in the wake of the passage in 1920 of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. We are proud to see Congress embracing new technology that expands access to the ballot while still taking the necessary safeguards to secure personal information.

The League fully supports this bill and urges all members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to support this important legislation. Click [here](#) for the action page.

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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