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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Mtg	Mar 5	M	7-9	Vogelson Library, room B. Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or cancelled.
Drinks and Discourse	Mar 8	Th	5:30 pm	Whelihan's Pub See page 5 (below) for details.
Members' Afternoon Social	Mar 17	Sa	1:30-3:30	At a member's house -- see page 5 (below) for details.
LWVNJ Awards Ceremony	Mar 22	Th	6-9	Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls. \$100 for current League members. Register by March 6. Click here for details. Our own Anne Maiese is one of 5 honorees!
LWVCC Board Meeting	Apr 2	M	7-9	Vogelson Library, room B. Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or cancelled.
LWVCC Annual Meeting	Apr 28	Sa	1-2:30	Unitarian Universalist Church of Cherry Hill, Free! All welcome. Speaker on gerrymandering and how to reform the redistricting process. See flier on page 6 (below).

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Board Report

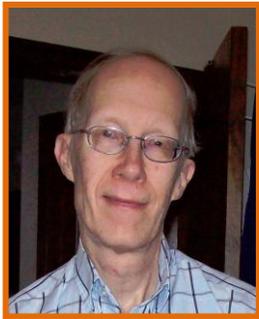
At the Feb 5, 2018 meeting the board:

1. Made more detailed plans for the Annual Meeting.
2. Discussed how to improve response to the committee solicitation email.
3. Discussed how to jump start Running & Winning.
4. Considered Nominating Committee decisions and some additional details to tie down.
5. Agreed to a half-page ad in the LWVNJ Awards booklet.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Greetings, members and friends:

First of all, let me start by welcoming two new members:

Diane Getzinger, from Audubon

Jaime Gialloreto, from Woolwich Township

Both joined through the LWVNJ. Jaime lives in Gloucester County, but since there is no League there (any more -- there was years ago) we are happy to welcome her to the LWVCC family. We look forward to seeing both of you soon!

The LWVNJ's Annual Awards Ceremony is coming up on March 22. The events calendar (above) has a link for more details. Yeah, I know, it's \$100 to attend (this is a major fundraiser for the LWVNJ), but it supports the League, honors some fine people, and you hear very interesting acceptance speeches -- people talk from the trenches about their activities and what they saw and learned. Former LWVCC President Anne Maiese is one of the honorees! Maybe one of you would like to go and write an article for the Voter...

On April 28 is our own Annual Meeting. To encourage attendance, there is no charge this year -- prove us right (that the cost is an issue for some of you) by filling the room! We are using the Unitarian Church in Cherry Hill -- most of you are familiar with it. Several members are active with the church, which has a strong social policy interest.

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!

Cherry Hill: Unitarian Universalist Church 401 N Kings Highway. Coming *north on Kings Highway*, from Haddonfield and points west: pass Route 70, then Chapel Ave. In another 2 or 3 tenths of a mile, the church is on the right. Coming *south on Kings Highway* from Route 38 and Burlington County, pass Church Street. In roughly half a mile, the church is on your left.

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". Also, converting to view by month shows a lot more entries.

The **March** meeting is March 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Gloucester City Middle School 500 Market Street, Gloucester City, NJ. Town Hall at 6:30

From the LWV of Burlington County

Voter Registration Successes -- The LWVCC was a part of that!

Our Voter Registration initiative at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) field office in Mt. Laurel, where each day 25 - 45 immigrants fulfill their dreams of becoming US citizens, is in its 11th month and going strong. As of 2/14 we have registered 1,976 new citizens, and passed out 874 forms to be completed and mailed from home.

Our volunteer numbers continue to grow. We began in April with 4 League members covering 4 days. We now have 35 volunteers, including the 6 members of the Voter Registration Committee, and In February we will cover all of the 16 ceremony days. In addition we have 4 new Volunteers beginning in March.

We owe Anita Hahn from the Camden County League a big round of applause for her effort in first joining us as a volunteer, and then bringing us several new volunteers. This collaboration with the Camden County League has been very beneficial, and we intend to continue to find ways to keep this collaborative spirit alive.

If you would like to help out, or simply visit one day, please let me know. You will find it a very rewarding experience.

Susan Illion
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From the BurlCo Voter, with permission. Bold mine!

LWVCC Web site review

If you haven't checked out the LWVCC web site (ours!) and scoped out what is there, please take a few minutes and do so. You'll be glad you did!

Home page: <http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/>

Links on that page take you to:

Our calendar: <http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/calendar.html>

The Voter -- many years': <http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/news.html>

Running & Winning (soon starting up again): <http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/runwin.html>

Many links for elections, registration, and voting.

A page of government info: <http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/Links.html#Government>

This includes all the local counties, NJ and PA, USA, legislature, government...

And more! <http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/Links.html>

UPCOMING SOCIAL/LEAGUE OPPORTUNITIES!

1. Drinks and Discourse

Our first Drinks and Discourse session was a rousing success, so we're doing another (and probably more to come)! **Thursday, March 8 at 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM in P.J. Whelihan's Pub + Restaurant (Cherry Hill) 1854 E Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003.** Please let us know at LWVCC@hotmail.com or by indicating your interest on our Facebook page @LWVCCNJ!

If you're interested in boosting civic engagement (your own and others'), come meet like-minded neighbors for a low key happy hour. Learn more about the League of Women Voters of Camden County and the projects we're working on: voter registration, voter education resources for the 2018 election, teaching female high school students about running for office, redistricting, and more!

This event is open to members and non-members, women and men. There is no charge to attend and no pressure to join the League, only what you want to purchase while you're there.

Meet in the main bar area and look for League member Kristin with a big League button.



2. Members Afternoon Social

All members are invited to a casual get-together on **Saturday, March 17th, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the home of Anita Hahn, Berlin, NJ (Contact her for details).** Please let Anita know if you plan to attend (hahna98@yahoo.com), and if you need a ride to Anita's. Let's chat about our ideas, initiatives, what interests you, and where we can be most effective. Sharing information will help all of us develop our plans for the coming year and beyond.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, so of course, shamrock cookies will be served (no need to bring anything yourself). March is also Women's History Month, we hope our experienced members will share their motivational and inspirational stories of advocating for voter rights and being a part of the League.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF CAMDEN COUNTY, NJ

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, April 28, 2018

- 12:30 pm Members' Business Meeting
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm Redistricting presentation, Q&A, League info, and networking

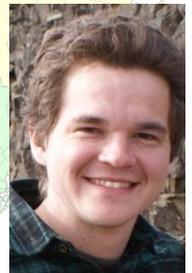
Unitarian Universalist Church (Lower Level, Main Bldg)
401 Kings Hwy, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

RSVP suggested: (856) 795-7878 or LWVCC@hotmail.com

Light refreshments • No charge to attend

Fixing Bugs in Democracy Using Statistics, Science, and Law

Brian A. Remlinger • Statistician, Princeton Gerrymandering Project



The American Constitution was a pioneer in democracy, but the founders did not anticipate gerrymandering, a loophole that takes on new significance in an age of partisan polarization. Partisan gerrymanders lock in outcomes in dozens of House seats and hundreds of state legislative seats, allowing political parties to maintain power even when they win less than half the vote. This year, with the help of a little math, the Supreme Court has a chance to curb partisan gerrymandering. Basic statistics can play an important role in helping the Court – and in repairing a flaw in how our Republic works today. <http://gerrymander.princeton.edu>

League of Women Voters of Camden County, NJ

- Network and learn about opportunities to get involved: voter registration and education, Running & Winning workshop for local female high school students, and more
- Established in 1920, LWV encourages informed participation in government, works to increase citizens' understanding of public policy issues, and influences policy through education and advocacy

<http://lwnnj.org/camdencounty>



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 _____

e-mail: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

(Please include area code)

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