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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
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 March 5, 2018 meeting the board:
1. Discussed handling of the Citizens Guide. We will place more emphasis on the online printable version, less emphasis on distributing quantities to local towns on paper.
 2. Finalized plans for the Annual Meeting, including PR.
 3. Discussed handling our directory going forward.
 4. Discussed plans for Running & Winning in spring 2019 -- we have several interested schools.
 5. Discussed ways to increase voter registration, observer corps, and other voters service.
 6. **Appointed two new board members:** Anita Hahn and Janet Fisher-Hughes. Welcome!
 7. Approved Kristin Burke as our rep to LWVUS Convention.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message

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Hello League Members and Friends!

I'm happy to be a new face here in the Voter, and I look forward to bringing the board message to you throughout the upcoming year (if you all elect me as president -- I hear the competition can be fierce!). There's a lot of excitement here in our chapter, and we're thrilled to be on this ride together. We welcomed 2 new members in February 2018, bringing the total to 6 new members since last fall. Let's keep it up! Invite your friends, neighbors, or your long-lost aunt (or uncle) to come to our

Annual Meeting on April 28 (see calendar) or our **next happy hour in May** (Tuesday, May 8 at Iron Hill Brewery in Voorhees from 5:30-7:30. This will also be a dine and donate and people can go on their own (or with family) all day that day with our special coupon and a portion of their food bill will go to the League! Get your coupons here: https://www.ironhillbrewery.com/give20/pdfs/5-8-18-GIVE20_VH.pdf).

We also welcomed two new board members who were appointed to the board at the March board meeting: Anita Hahn and Janet Fischer-Hughes.

We are moving to an emailed PDF file of the member directory, which will allow us to save a tree or two and also provide current members with an updated directory more than once a year. As we expect to continue growing our membership, this will be a necessity!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the LWVNJ during the call-a-thon organized by Myrna -- our fearless Pearl and Renee raised over \$600!

Please consider getting involved in one of our growing list of volunteer opportunities. Voter registration efforts are swelling rapidly and we need our wonderful members out there signing people up. Please email Voter Service Committee chair Anita Hahn at hahna98@yahoo.com to get involved, or email lwvcc@hotmail.com for other volunteer and committee opportunities.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burke
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.

The League of Women Voters of Camden County, LWVCC

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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

UPCOMING SOCIAL/LEAGUE OPPORTUNITIES!



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.

Fair Districts New Jersey

LWVNJ is spearheading a statewide coalition called Fair Districts New Jersey, following in the footsteps of other states running their own Fair Districts efforts. Fair Districts New Jersey focuses on increasing citizen participation and transparency in the legislative and congressional redistricting processes. The main goal is shifting NJ to an independent citizens' commission model, like California and Arizona. Additional goals include adjusting timelines and public input requirements to give NJ residents opportunities to participate in a meaningful way. Fair Districts New Jersey is about to launch a website and is currently recruiting volunteers to work on advocacy and public education. The first volunteer meeting was held Saturday, March 3 at the state League office in Trenton, and additional volunteer meetings will follow. Email volunteerfdnj@gmail.com to get involved!



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 _____

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