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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
Voter Registration	July 12	Th	10 a.m.	After the naturalization ceremony, Camden. Contact the League at lwvccnj@gmail.com or call (856) 438-0182 if you are interested in helping register.
Pot luck gathering	Aug 15	W	6 p.m.	At the Robbins' house in the woods! All welcome. Bring something tasty...Contact Renée Robbins for directions.

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Board Report

June 4, 2018

1. We made plans for an August pot luck for members and prospective members, as we do every year.
2. We discussed and made Kickoff plans, perhaps the UU Church in Cherry Hill, probably late September. Watch for details!
3. Discussed a variety of voters services topics. We have members attending Freeholder meetings, Congressional Town Halls, Board of Elections, and CCMUA meetings!
4. Vote411 has a small committee. Kristin will organize the activity.
5. Made plans to move forward with a PayPal account. Timing unclear -- may be a while.
6. Set student dues at \$10 for the same time frame that LWVNJ has agreed to waive student dues.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

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President's Message

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It is my pleasure to be writing my first President's Message, and I look forward to serving our local League over the next year. As you may have heard, the national League is in the process of carrying out a so-called Transformation Journey; an effort to secure the League's place in the civic engagement sphere as we approach our 100th anniversary in 1920. Leadership at the state and national levels has been hard at work teasing apart the issues challenging the League (a declining and homogeneous membership) and identifying opportunities for us to show our strength (our long and rich history of protecting and promoting the vote). The ongoing developments out of this Transformation will affect the League at all levels of operation, and we should be prepared for change down the road. Ed and I will hear more about current recommendations and next steps when we attend the League's biennial National Convention at the end of June in Chicago. We will be sure to report back on the innovative ideas being designed to preserve our heritage and also help us face the next 100 years.

In an effort to keep you all informed, we will be sending an updated membership directory this week (to members paid up through June 2018). Please **save the date for August 15** when we will have our annual potluck dinner and membership meeting at the Robbins residence in Cherry Hill (reminders and more details will follow). In our August Voter we will also discuss some of the exciting events coming up this fall.

Finally, I would like to welcome new member Rebecca Tasso from Vineland, who joined in June (and thank her for the gift she included with her membership). And welcome to new members Jodi Feldman (Voorhees) and Rebecca Bryan (Cherry Hill) who joined in July. Thanks also to Ed Gracely and Marion Steininger for their gifts with their renewal checks. Please be sure to process your dues renewal at your earliest convenience, and encourage a friend to consider joining. We have a lot on our plate as it is and we will surely come back from Convention with even more great ideas!

Sincerely,
Kristin

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!

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 **July** meeting is Thursday, Jul 19th, 2018 @ 7:00 pm (Town Hall at 6:30) in the Haddonfield Borough Hall 242 Kings Highway E., Haddonfield, NJ

Volunteer Opportunities!

Many of you have expressed an interest in getting involved so we hope you will jump at these chances. **Please let us know as soon as possible with interest (lwvccnj@gmail.com).** Three opportunities are listed below.

1. **SUFFRAGIST RESEARCH:** Do you like online research? Want an interesting women's history task you can do on your own time? This project may be for you!

There are many suffragists across the US whose stories are little known. SUNY Binghamton professor emeritus Thomas Dublin is compiling their bios with the goal to publish a suffragist database in 2020 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment. They have identified a list of NJ women who were active, but not necessarily famous, and they need volunteers to research each woman and write up a 500 word bio by mid/late August.

Research will require a little digging, as your assigned suffragist may not pop right up in Google. All research is done on line with Google searches, Ancestry.com which can be used free in most libraries, archived newspaper articles, local librarians, etc. You must be comfortable with writing, but you don't necessarily need a research/academic background to participate! An example of a bio can be provided upon request, and we will provide additional tools for volunteers who sign up (research and citation tips).

2. **BOSCOV'S FUNDRAISER:** This went well last October and now we better understand how to make it work. Joe Friedman, who ran it last year, will be available to advise, but we need someone to organize the event this year. This is a relatively easy undertaking that involves scheduling volunteers to man a table one day at Boscov's, and making sure members are selling coupons.

The coupon costs \$5 (the League keeps that money!) and is good for 25% off most items, so spend \$25 or more and it pays for itself. The coupon can only be used on a special sale date in October. We have a contact at Boscov's and need someone to reach out to select a date a week or two before the day of the sale for us to man a table at Boscov's and sell our coupons to the public. The lead volunteer will coordinate the table and volunteer shifts, and will also take charge of giving coupons to members to sell on their own.

3. **VOTE411.ORG:** Hopefully you have all visited Vote411 (if not, click the link to the left!) It's a wonderful resource of candidate information, but *creating Vote411 is a volunteer effort*. Come the November election, we want Camden County residents to be able to easily compare the candidates.

Help us by joining the Vote411.org effort, where we will compile lists of candidates and use an online program to send them platform questions to respond to. No technological savvy needed! The more volunteers, the more we can do.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burke
President 2018-2019, LWVCC

July 4 on the Battleship New Jersey Naturalization Ceremony -- Voter Registration!



Members of our Voter Services Group continue their focus on Voter Registration. Most recently, several volunteers attended the July 4th Naturalization Ceremony held on the Battleship New Jersey. It was a hot day, but energizing to be part of the event. Senator Booker was the featured speaker, always inspirational, and he took time to chat with us too. 42 citizenship candidates, including 8 military, from 27 countries were naturalized at the ceremony. We handed out dozens of voter registration applications and assisted with many forms on the spot, while congratulating each new citizen.

We will attend the next Naturalization Ceremonies in Camden County on July 12th at the Federal Courthouse, 4th and Cooper Streets in Camden, and September 13th back on the Battleship New Jersey. In addition, several of our members regularly attend the ceremonies held in Mt. Laurel to assist LWV of Burlington County with voter registration there.

Please get in touch if you would like to join us for any of these moving events. As always, all are welcome.

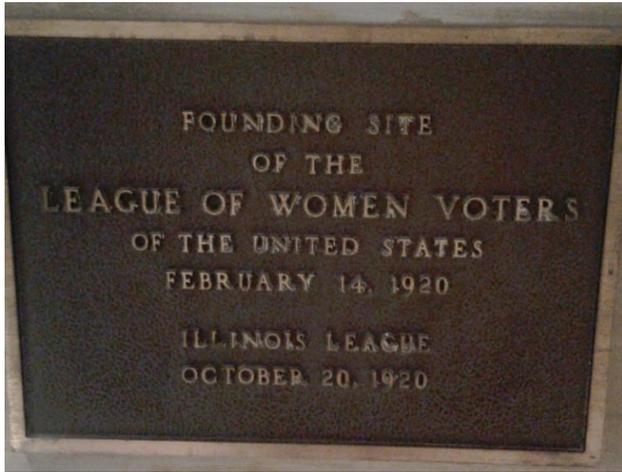
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LWVUS Convention Pictures!



This was in the Congress Plaza Hotel, two blocks from the convention. Kristin and Ed stayed there, with a wonderful sense of League history!



Most of the New Jersey delegation, including President Nancy Hedinger (holding the N side of the sign), with Kristin and Ed (both tall!) in the back row. This picture was taken with somebody's camera by a passerby. All other convention pictures are credit Ed Gracely.

New Jersey delegation in the plenary session.



Statue in the park across from the convention. I took this picture before the first meeting, and was reminded of it by a speaker who pointed out that most statues of people are men, and many of them are actual individuals (presidents, generals, scientists) but the few statues of women tend to be figures of myth or fantasy, not real people. Like this one! Ed



Lake Michigan. Nice park with grass, fountains, and such along the lake. But there are 3 (or 4 if you count the one on the outside of the park) major roads running through the park along the lake. So a leisurely walk to the lakeshore is punctuated by traffic lights!

We'll have more on the Convention in a future issue. Delegates added support for the National Popular Vote Compact to our overall making Democracy Work agenda, and we approved further work on getting the Equal Rights Amendment passed and on lobbying for gun safety. LWVUS didn't propose any new studies, and the ones the delegates suggested were voted down. Dues to national ("per member payments") remain the same. We elected a new board -- NJ past President Toni Zimmer was reelected as Secretary. Some interesting floor fights and bylaws debates -- I'll spare you those!

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 household members (for an entirely new household membership). **New student rate -- \$10!** If you ask for this, please indicate where you are a student.

I want to become a member of the LWV of Camden County: _____ (Check enclosed for \$_____)

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