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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Meeting	Oct 1	M	7-8:50	Haddon Township Rohrer Library Story Room
LWVNJ Regional Training	Oct 6	Sa	8:30-12:30	Pomona NJ. For all League members. Register here .
Various Activities	Oct 4 and 6, Nov 1	Th/Sa	Varied	See Upcoming Activities . Voting rights, activism, League training, and more!
LWVCC Board Meeting	Nov 5	M	7-8:50	Vogelson Library, Room C third floor

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Board Meeting Report

At the Sept 14 meeting, the board

1. Discussed the Boscov's fundraiser -- going well so far!
2. Planned membership renewals. We may need to call, but it would be nice to have PayPal set up first and try a new email blast. Not sure that will be timely.
3. Approved the Strategic Plan presented at the Annual Meeting.
4. Learned about the large number of voter registration activities recently. See article later in the Voter.
5. Learned that getting email addresses for local candidates for Vote411.org is very difficult (it will be easier next year thanks to a new law!)
6. Finalized Kickoff plans
7. Discussed upcoming activities.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

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Citizen's Guide to Elections & Local Government



President's Message

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It's officially fall, so that means things are building steam as we move into election season! A small team of volunteers is working diligently on our chapter's first ever participation in the League's Vote411.org candidate guide service. Simply tracking down the right contact information to invite candidates to participate has proved quite a challenge. We would welcome any help from the membership if there are folks who are interested in identifying local businesses who may want to help support our effort by offsetting printing costs with relatively small donations. Please reach out if Vote411.org interests you!

The next couple of weeks are busy with activities - our own and other organizations' - so we encourage you to read the entire Voter so you know what's happening and when. If getting involved with candidate forums interests you, please reply and find out how you can start down the path of becoming an approved League moderator, or how you can help jump start a local candidate forum in your town. It's one of the League's fortes, so we like to get involved when we can.

Welcome to new members Gloria Anderson (Voorhees) and Ann Ryan (from Glassboro, with a donation -- thank you!). And thanks to Janet Fisher-Hughes for renewing with a donation. We will send out a revised membership directory this fall to all members.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burke

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.

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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 **October** meeting is Thursday, Oct 18th, 2018 @ 6:30 pm in the Camden County Boathouse 7050 N. Park Drive, Pennsauken, NJ

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH PRISON MINISTRY

Workshop

We are 1844 No More: Let Us Vote

Restoring the Right to Vote to People with Criminal Convictions



There is widespread confusion and misinformation, particularly among communities of color, about when a person with a conviction can register and vote. New Jersey denies the right to vote to people in prison, on parole, and on probation for a felony conviction. However, people in jail awaiting trial or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor, and those who have completed their full sentence are eligible to register and vote.

This workshop will help to clear up some of that confusion and misinformation and discuss the campaign to restore voting rights to people in prison, on parole, and on probation.

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (NJISJ) - Guest Speaker: James Williams

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

602 E. Evesham Ave

Magnolia, NJ 08045

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 @ 10-12pm

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Andre Brown, Sr.

Refreshments will be served

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History Professor Richard Keiser, our keynote speaker.

League members and friends were treated to a very interesting presentation by recently-retired history professor Richard Keiser on some of the complex issues that affected the course of women's suffrage in this country.

We heard that women in New Jersey had the vote from 1776 till 1807 -- cool! But in 1807, men voted twice in a contentious referendum (dressing as women the second time!) Uh oh -- have to fix that. No more voting women .. :-(

Wyoming was the first US territory to give women the right to vote (1869). When it applied to become a state, there was hot debate about this provision in Congress. But Wyoming would not become a state without its women having the vote, so the US gave in, and Wyoming in 1890 became the first state to give women suffrage since New Jersey.

Two years after the 19th Amendment was passed, women's votes were not yet safe -- a lawsuit challenged the amendment on the grounds that two states had not followed proper procedures. Fortunately, two additional states had ratified by then, so the suit was thrown out as irrelevant. All 50 states have now ratified.

Racial and women's issues clashed at several junctures along the way. The 15th amendment gives former slaves the right to vote, but ignores women. One suffragist group opposed it, for that reason. Another supported it anyway. Later, as the 19th amendment came closer to passage, some leaders tried to win southern votes by arguing that they should give white women the vote before black men started claiming it. Just because someone was a suffragist doesn't mean they weren't a racist (or willing to appeal to racism). The League recognizes this sad reality as part of its history.

RUNNING AND WINNING

The League of Women Voters "believes in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy"; our Running & Winning Program directly embodies this belief.

The next Running & Winning Workshop will take place in May of 2019 at Pennsauken High School. Developed by lifetime member Renée Robbins and past President Anne Maiese, the interactive Running & Winning Workshop has been designed to give young women in high school the opportunity to explore the possibility of running for elective office and to discover leadership qualities in themselves.

The day will start with a short, motivational keynote speech delivered by a woman dignitary. Then, working in small groups, the young women will interview local and state female elected officials, learning about their experiences in seeking and holding public office. Afterwards, each small group of young women will plan a campaign, analyze issues, design publicity, and write and deliver a campaign speech.

All area elected female officials from school board, township committee, and up to the NJ legislature will be invited to participate. Members of the League of Women Voters and sister organizations serve as trained facilitators who will guide the small groups of students in interviewing the officials and in working through the campaign exercise. The LWVCC, along with its co-sponsors, absorbs most of the costs for this program.

Much planning goes into this one-day event. In addition to inviting and confirming participation by key political figures, committees are needed to help develop the curriculum and materials, coordinate food and facilities, raise funds, and direct public relations.

Our first Planning Committee Meeting will take place on October 29th at 7:00pm in the Public Meeting Room of the William G. Rohrer Memorial Library, 15 MacArthur Blvd, Westmont, NJ. At this first meeting, we will decide on a "campaign" issue and make committee assignments. I look forward to working with new members as well as those who have participated in past R&W events! Please contact me if you are interested in joining us in this exciting and worthwhile activity.

Janet Fisher-Hughes

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National Voter Registration Month

Anita Hahn, for the Voter Services Group

This September, our members and dedicated volunteers have been everywhere, from Rutgers Camden Move-In Day to Naturalization Ceremonies in two counties, to Somerdale Fair and community church groups. We have registered new voters, handed out vote-by-mail applications, discussed and shared educational materials on the importance of casting your ballot. A special shout-out goes to League member Claudia Tucker-Keto, who has managed and assisted with six of these events. An army of one, thank you, Claudia!



← "Army of one"

Contacts for Volunteering

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Vote411 (entering information about candidates): Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com

Upcoming activities

Thursday, October 4; 7 pm; Cherry Hill - "COUNT ME IN" FORUM AT CONGREGATION M'KOR SHALOM

A forum about the importance of voting, panelists are Patrick Murray, founding Director of Monmouth University Polling Institute, who will discuss how polling influences the turnout in elections and where voters can get accurate, unbiased information on candidates & issues, Professor Ben Dworkin, Director of the Rowan Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship, who will discuss examples of elections that were won by slim margins, demonstrating the importance of every person's vote, and your chapter president, Kristin Burke, who will discuss voter outreach efforts and review some myths and facts about voting. Details [here](#).

Saturday, October 6; 8:30 am-12:30 pm; Egg Harbor City - LWV NJ SOUTH JERSEY REGIONAL TRAINING

FOR LEAGUE MEMBERS ONLY: This is a comprehensive training session for the south Jersey region and would be great for anyone interested in "stepping up their game" as a League member. There is a \$10 charge to attend. Please reply if you sign up, perhaps some members could carpool because of the distance to the training. [View complete details here](#).

Saturday, October 6; 10 am-Noon; Magnolia - "WE ARE 1844 NO MORE" VOTING RIGHTS

Interested in expanding and protecting voter rights as it relates to the criminal justice system? New Jersey Institute for Social Justice speaker James Williams will lead this workshop to help to clear up some of that confusion and misinformation surrounding voting rights and citizens in prison, on parole, and on probation. See [flier](#) on page 4 of the Voter.

Saturday, October 6; 1-3:30 pm; Camden - "LADIES TAKING ACTION" DELTA SIGMA THETA FORUM

Prepare to mobilize...prepare to run...is the tagline for this event. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Leslie Callahan, prominent panelists include NJ's Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver and former Camden Mayor Dana Redd. LWVCC President Kristin Burke was honored to be invited to be among the other panelists. Flier and signup [here](#).

Thursday, November 1; 6 - 7:30 pm Alice Paul Institute: An Introduction ((90-minute presentation on suffragist and women's rights activity Alice Paul, information about the API and their modern-day work, plus networking and wine/cheese). 128 Hooten Rd., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. Register here: <http://www.alicepaul.org/newsevents/rsvp/>

LWVCC MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I am Interested in:

- *Learning about government and the political process.*
- *Becoming involved in the political process in nonpartisan ways.*
- *Meeting and working with other citizens who care about good government.*

I Want to join the League Of Women Voters of Camden County!

Send this form with your check to: LWVCC, PO Box 245, Voorhees, NJ 08043

Name(s): _____

e-mail: _____ (our primary mode of communication)

Address _____

Phone: Cell / Home / Work (_____) _____ - _____ (circle type)

Phone 2 Cell / Home / Work (_____) _____ - _____ (circle type)

Please circle activities that might interest you:

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| • Voter registration | • Moderating/Time keeping (Training is provided) |
| • Public relations | • Writing for the Voter |
| • Planning events/ activities | • Running & Winning (our Program for high school girls) |
| • Advocacy/Action | |
| • Fund raising | |

And how active you would like to be:

- Membership only
- A few times a year
- About once a month
- More active

First time new annual membership is only \$25! This also applies to household members.
Student membership is \$10!

Renewal membership is \$60 annually (plus \$30 for each additional household membership).

Number of members in the household: _____

Total dues: _____

Extra gift: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Thank you!