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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
<b>LWVCC Program Planning and Holiday Party</b>	Dec 5	W	6-9 pm	At the Porter residence in Cherry Hill. Socialize, eat, and discuss League program (LWVNJ)
<b>LWVCC Board Meeting</b>	Jan 7, 2019	M	7 - 9 pm	Vogelson Library, Room c, third floor Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or canceled.

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### Board Meeting Report

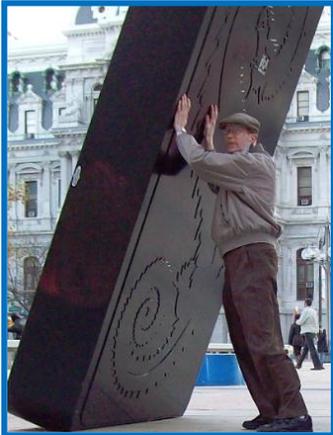
#### At the November 12 meeting, the board

1. Asked Anita to continue gathering information about Vote by Mail in the county -- how many came in after the election? How many people voted by provisional ballot? How many were rejected, and why? And so on
2. Discussed moderator training -- we now have 3 trained and ready to work new moderators who can moderate on their own.
3. Discussed Running & Winning, which is moving forward.
4. Decided to try for a February membership event -- we need a volunteer!
5. Discussed the new League model, in which the state manages finances and membership for the local group.
6. Considered the idea of moving to a locally-owned web site in the future, not part of LWVNJ.

**League of Women Voters of Camden County**

# President's Message

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Hello LWVCC,

Kristin is recovering from an illness (and also caring for a brand new baby!) so I get to write the President's Message ("Board Message") this month, holding the fort, as it were!

First and foremost, we have an unprecedented number of **new members** since the last Voter. Welcome to:

- Debra Branch of Cherry Hill
- Anne Caroll of Collingswood
- Karen Criscillo of Mullica Hill
- Joni-Jean Crivello of Marlton
- Judith Eadson of Pitman
- Julie Farkas of Sewell
- Joyce Nylund of West Berlin
- Patricia Parker of Sicklerville
- Kimberly Shaw-Hartman of Medford

Nine! Several from Gloucester County -- happy to have you. We have other active members in that area you can work with. All of the new members have indicated things they want to do -- we'll find work for them!

**Program Planning/Holiday Party** is Wednesday Dec 5, at 6 pm at the Porters. Hope to see you there! Bring something tasty! You should have received a separate email with some program planning notes and a summary of LWVNJ positions.

Sincerely,  
Ed Gracely, Voter Editor/Secretary

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The League of Women Voters of Camden County, LWVCC

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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 **December** meeting is December 20, in the Wayne Bryant Community Center 323 E. Charleston Avenue, Lawnside, NJ. **But this may only be a town hall.** There is no mention of a full Freeholder meeting in the online calendar.

The **January** reorganization meeting does not appear to have been scheduled yet.

## VOTE411.org Post-Election Numbers

The VOTE411.org voter education website has had its most successful election cycle ever! This year, nearly 5.5 million voters turned to VOTE411 to find the election information they needed before casting their ballot—an increase of more than 1 million voters, as compared to the 2016 Presidential Election Cycle.

Thanks to the more than 300 state and local Leagues who participated in the VOTE411 voters' guide program this year, these voters were able to find the candidate information that appeared on their specific ballots. In the areas where no state or local League was providing the candidate information on the site, LWVEF was able to fill in the gaps and provide comprehensive candidate information for all Federal, Statewide, and State Legislative candidates as well. In the end, VOTE411 provided candidate information in all 50 states and DC, covering more than 24,000 candidates in over 14,000 races across the country.

Voters were also able to find the League sponsored candidate debates and forums in their area on the site. Leagues hosted almost 1,000 debates and forums which were published on the site this cycle.

As election laws were changing, even up to a couple of weeks before the General Election, VOTE411 made sure that all voters in all states found the most accurate and up-to-date information about the rules in their specific state. With new Congressional districts being drawn this year, voters in many states said the ability to view the candidates on their specific ballot took the guesswork out of which district they were able to vote in each election during the cycle.

In the end, VOTE411.org was able to serve the most voters ever, voters were able to find the most candidate and debate information ever and were able to feel confident about the voting rules in their state before casting their ballot on Election Day!

### Happy news from LWVNJ president Nancy Hedinger!

Dear Local League Presidents and Leaders,

The holidays came early for our Executive Director, Jesse Burns, and her husband, Nick Intromasso! On November 19th, Jesse gave birth to Ainsely Burns Intromasso. Their little miracle weighed in at 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. Mom, dad and Ainsley are all doing well. Please share this wonderful news with your members, many of whom are waiting to hear.

Warm regards,  
Nancy

## Combating Partisan Gerrymandering

There is legislation moving through the NJ legislature right now that the LWVNJ strongly opposes. It would change the redistricting process in a number of poor ways, for example requiring several sitting lawmakers to be on the panel -- that's the wrong direction to go! We need a nonpartisan panel. And more.

See below from LWVNJ:

### New Jersey: Take Action for Fair Maps - "No" to Partisan Gerrymandering!

## New webpage to help you take action against partisan gerrymandering in New Jersey!

Dear Fair Districts Advocates,

We've created a new webpage with everything you need to know about the partisan gerrymandering proposal that is being fast-tracked through the New Jersey Legislature and how you can help protect our democracy:

<https://www.lwvnj.org/home/notopartisangerrymandering>.

On this page, you will find:

- Ways to take action
- Talking points for contacting your legislators
- Slides from the 11/29 redistricting webinar/town-hall call
- Statements submitted in response to SCR43 - the first Senate version of the partisan gerrymandering proposal
- Links to various new articles and opinion pieces outlining the issues with these proposals

Please share widely with your networks! We must keep the pressure on to protect our state against rigged elections and politicians picking their voters!

Thank you for all you do to help make democracy work.

In Solidarity,  
Helen Kioukis  
League of Women Voter of New Jersey

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## Contacts for Volunteering

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### WEDNESDAY, DEC 5 PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2019!

This crucial member gathering will allow us to strategize for 2019. Don't miss it!  
6 pm for eating and chatting, and the league work starts at 7.

At the Porters' in Cherry Hill. Let us know if you need directions (they are in the directory).



# 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:**

- |                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| • 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!