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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Meeting	April 1, 2019	M	7-8:45 pm	Vogelson Library, Room D (small room), third floor. Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or canceled.
LWVCC Annual Meeting	Apr 28, 2019	Su	12:30-3 pm	Sakura Spring in Cherry Hill. Register here . For more information, click here .
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Meeting Report

At the March 6 board meeting

1. Discussed finalization of PayPal account -- we are in business!
2. Discussed upcoming meetings of fundraising, voters service, and government and advocacy committees.
3. Agreed to plan a moderator training session after we further assess interest.
4. Congratulated Anita Hahn on winning a voter registration grant! Janet Fisher-Hughes plans to submit one for Running & Winning. Janet has some in-kind support for printing and food.
5. Discussed LWVNJ Convention delegates. Kristin, Anita, and Janet. Still a slot for an eager new member!
6. Citizens Guide will have a new look! Kristin and Ed are working on it.
7. The Government & Advocacy Committee will start working on vote by mail with an email survey

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello fellow LWVCC members,

Spring is nearly here, and community outreach season is about to begin! Our chapter is scouting out local fairs and other events where we can have a League presence. We want to let everyone know the League is still going strong after 99 years, and we don't intend to stop! Our focus will be spreading the word about Vote411.org so people remember it come Election Day, and also explaining the Vote By Mail process for anyone who might have questions. We're also knowledgeable about other things like: handling a name change or change of address, voting after incarceration, and more. It doesn't matter if you don't yet know all of this information, we have materials available at all voter outreach events so you are prepared to answer questions. Don't be shy about signing up. This is why you joined the League, to get involved, so please look out for upcoming emails and join us in the field!



Chances are you'll meet one or both of my kiddos, they are League regulars! (Picture from the last board meeting).

Fair Districts NJ, a state League-led coalition working toward a more fair redistricting process in New Jersey, recently completed a series of educational presentations throughout the state. The goal was to better inform the public about recent developments (the League's work on squashing an unfair redistricting bill masquerading as a fair one), and about how we can and should be involved in redistricting going forward. If you didn't attend the February session at Rutgers Camden, please watch this video presentation so you're in the know: <https://vimeo.com/318635530>

Welcome Suzanne Daulerio of Bellmawr, who joined in March. Thanks members Harriet, Rebecca, and Jodi who helped with Callathon calls, and all who gave!

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.

The **April** Freeholder Meeting is taking place on April 18th at 6:30 PM at the Collingswood Community Center, 30 W. Collings Ave, Collingswood, NJ.

In all cases, a town hall is at 6:30. Freeholder meeting at 7 p.m.

Try searching for "Freeholder Meeting" or a specific month like "May Freeholder Meeting". Also, converting to view by month shows a lot more entries. Watch the year -- it shows multiple ones without a year indication until you click the link!

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Contacts for Volunteering

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

In memoriam - Bob Snyder

We are saddened that Robert Snyder passed away on December 23. Bob had been a member of the LWVCC since 2009. Joining his wife, Harriet, at many LWV meetings and events, he helped by providing audio visual equipment for presentations. Bob had a 50 year career in toxicology and was the authority on benzene. He was a teacher, mentor, author, and advisor on many national and international science committees. We are honored that he belonged to our League and we shall miss him. (Renée Robbins)



Voters Service Report

On March 6th, members of the LWVCC were honored to witness the Naturalization Ceremony for about 25 new citizens that was held at the U.S. Courthouse in Camden. Immediately following the ceremony, we were available to assist the new citizens with completing their voter registration applications and answer any questions they might have.



Left: Keith Dorr, Supervisory Officer at USCIS Mt. Laurel, speaking to the Citizenship candidates prior to the ceremony.



Right: Our volunteers, l-r, Ginny Marcin, Joyce Nylund and Susan Tucker. We couldn't have pulled this off without them. I am really grateful for their efforts and for their enthusiasm.

We had another Voters Service meeting on March 10th at the South County Branch Library to continue our discussions on voter outreach, registration, education, and get-out-the-vote efforts. The group is working on making programs and materials available for high school and college students, as well as gearing up for community events such as town fairs. Our members are calling on any contacts and connections they might have to achieve our goals.

Want to join us at a Naturalization Ceremony, educational event or town fair? Just get in touch.

Want to learn more? So do we. It is important that our team can answer questions about voter registration and related topics. So we are planning training sessions - Nicole Nestopoulos of the Camden County Clerk's Office will join us at a meeting on June 2nd to share her insights and experience with us. You will hear more on that later. In the meantime, feel free to contact Anita Hahn, hahna98@yahoo.com, or cell #856-261-2783 if you would like to help out at any upcoming events, or if you have any suggestions.

Anita



Advocacy Committee Report

Jane Scarpellino

Thank you to everyone who contacted their members of Congress in the House to urge support of HR1, a legislative package dubbed the "For the People Act." It includes a number of good government reforms, touching on voting rights, voter registration, campaign finance, and fair redistricting. HR1 passed the House in the first week of March, and we will see what the future holds for a Senate version. Review the LWVUS statement here:

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-women-voters-applauds-house-representatives-passing-people-act>.

At our March 16 meeting, I updated the committee on the State Legislative "Meet and Greets" and provided some background on the committee for the new attendees. We are working on Districts 5 and 4 at this time.

At the County level, Kristin Burke and Janet Fisher-Hughes will be meeting with Camden County Freeholder Dir. Cappelli on 3/21/19. We will contact County Clerk Joseph Ripa once we finalize our questions/concerns on the Vote by Mail registration.

Kristin updated the group on the Vote by Mail Working Group. The LWVCC is not proposing to do an official "League study" but we want to ensure that we maintain a balance so that we can make suggestions that the state League will consider. We will do additional research on other states procedures and applications including: Oregon, Colorado, Georgia, Florida and possibly Utah and California (both give counties option to implement VBM).

Another Project that needs volunteers:

Petition for Office – review to ensure field for candidate's email address as required by law including, reviewing each Camden County town's website to ensure petition is compliant.

Contact me at jscarpellino@yahoo.com if you'd like to help.



Running & Winning Report

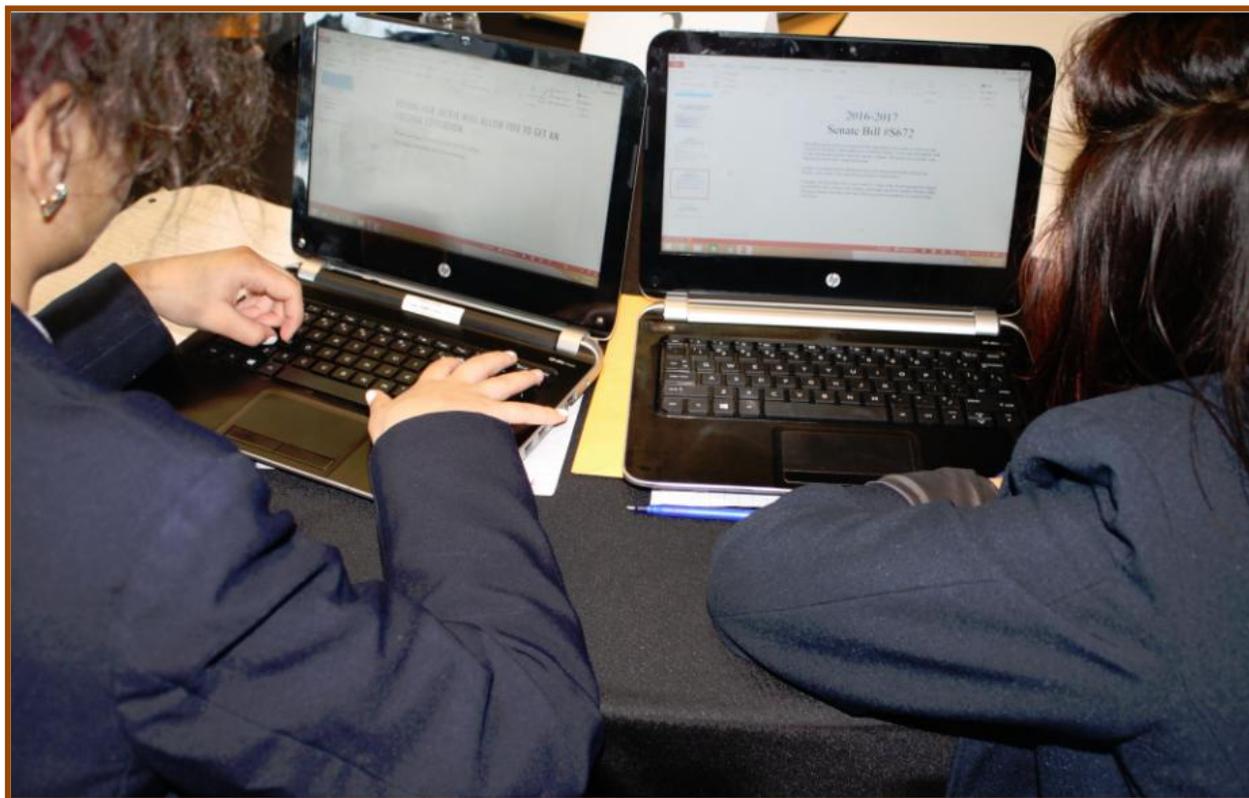
Janet Fisher-Hughes

Developed by our chapter of the League of Women Voters, the **Running & Winning Workshop** is designed to give young women in high school the opportunity to explore public service as a career and to discover leadership qualities in themselves. During the session, participants meet with local women office holders, learn about women's political history, and explore their own leadership abilities.

This year's event will take place on **Monday, May 20th** at **Pennsauken High School**, from 7am to 1:30pm.

We are looking for volunteer facilitators for the day of the event. Training will take place on **Tuesday, May 14th** from **6:30pm to 9:00pm** in the Community Room of the **Pennsauken Public Library**.

Please email Janet Fisher-Hughes, fishyhugs@msn.com, if you are interested in volunteering for this important event!



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

Or join online. Visit: <http://lwvnj-camden.org/membership.html>

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!