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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Meeting	May 6, 2019	M	7-8:45 pm	Bellmawr Library meeting room. Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or canceled.
LWVCC Board Meeting	June 3, 2019	M	7-8:45 pm	Bellmawr Library meeting room. Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or canceled.

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Meeting Report

At the April 1 board meeting, the board:

1. Realized that the new board (starting July 1 2019) will be too large for the small meeting rooms at Vogelson! Need a new space.
2. Heard that the fundraising committee, headed by Mike Richter, is getting underway.
3. Agreed that Ed would reach out to nearby Leagues as part of the next moderator training program.
4. Heard many details about the rapidly-approaching Running & Winning event.
5. Learned about our advocacy committee's work, including legislative visits and vote by mail research.
6. Decided on the 4 convention delegates (LWVNJ).
7. Discussed the slate of nominees to be presented at the Annual Meeting -- 4 new board members!
8. Agreed to go to print with the Citizens Guide, with a possible revised version for regular paper.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello Fellow LWVCC Members,

Spring has sprung in south Jersey, and we are shaking off the winter blues with plenty of League activities coming up. Read through the Voter to see the final countdown to the return of our Running & Winning program for high school girls. Check out upcoming events to see what interests you: we'll need volunteers to (wo)man our table at the May 4th Earth Festival in Cherry Hill. Our April 28 Annual Meeting was packed -- great attendance! We heard from the Camden County Board of Elections chair -- see write up in the May Voter. As a follow-up activity, on June 2 we'll meet with someone from the Clerk's office to discuss voter outreach activities. And in May we will be holding a voter registration training event, details TBD. Finally, we will be attempting to get candidate profiles into Vote411.org before the June primary, as there are a number of people running for the Freeholder positions.

Myself and three board members will represent our local League as voting delegates at the LWNJ Biennial Convention on May 4, and our secretary Ed (and members Ann Saunders and Kate Schumacher) will be there representing the state Board. We look forward to bringing back new ideas for our League. If you have any questions about the state convention and its importance, don't hesitate to ask us!

We encourage you to get involved in any way you can; the vitality of our League depends on the volunteer spirit of our members. We make democracy work any way we can, and if you need to bring your kid(s) along to a meeting because it'll make attending that meeting possible, know that we love taking our photos with kiddos!



And, last but not least, thanks to Bill Skinner for his contribution to support Running & Winning!

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!

Bellmawr Library: 295 to 168 south for a bit less than half a mile. Left turn onto Browning Road (at the light) and the library is on your left in a block. // Coming north on 168, Browning Road is a few blocks past the turnpike interchange

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 **May** Freeholder Meeting is taking place on May 16th at 6:30 PM at the Bellmawr Fire & Rescue Ballroom, 29 Lewis Avenue, Bellmawr, NJ 08031.

The **June** Freeholder Meeting is taking place on June 20th at 6:30 PM at the Cherry Hill Community Center.

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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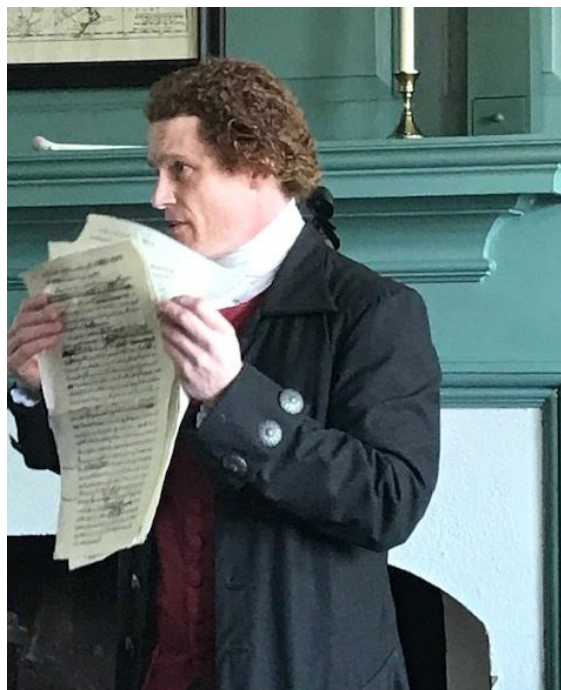
Voters Service Report

The historic Indian King Tavern in Haddonfield was the setting for a Naturalization ceremony on April 17th, where 15 new citizens were sworn in. The ceremony was conducted by USCIS Supervisory Immigration Service Officer Keith Dorr and the oath of allegiance was led by USCIS Field Office Director Ya-Mei Chen, herself a naturalized citizen. Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by reenactor Steven Edenbo, spoke eloquently about the need for civil discourse, free speech, the right to vote and civil liberties. A shout-out to the Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum for organizing the event and graciously including LWV. With the help of our volunteers Cathie McGeehan and Joanne Mooney, we assisted almost every one of the new citizens with voter registration applications and chatted with other guests at this moving event.

Anita



Anita Hahn, Joanne Mooney and Cathie McGeehan



Steven Edenbo as Thomas Jefferson describing the messy first drafts of our Constitution.



Government & Advocacy Committee Report

We are looking for volunteers for two investigative projects: one very short-term and the other a little more involved.

- Checking municipal candidate petitions: last year a state law passed that requires candidates provide an email address when they petition for office. We want to check with all local municipalities to make sure they've updated their petition forms. Pick a couple towns, call the clerk's office for the forms, EASY!
- Vote by Mail Working Group: we will look at various aspects of Vote By Mail and see if there are ways the system in Camden County could be improved. We have a list of research questions, and the work may involve contacting another League in NJ or another state, calling other Boards of Elections to ask simple questions, or going on other state websites to see how their processes work.

Contacts for Volunteering

Voter Registration/Education: Anita Hahn -- hahna98@yahoo.com

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Moderating/timekeeping: Ed Gracely -- Edgracely@verizon.net

Running & Winning High School Girls Leadership Pgm: Janet Fisher-Hughes
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Social Media/Communication: Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com

Fundraising and Other Outreach: Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com

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

Annual Meeting -- a few pictures

Marcia Lugger and Ed Gracely



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!