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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
Program Planning/Holiday party	Dec 11, 2019	W	6-9	At the Porter residence in Cherry Hill.
LWVCC Board meeting	Jan, 6, 2020	M	7-9	Vogelson Library, Voorhees, Room B 3 rd floor

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Meeting Report

November board meeting notes:

1. We continue to follow up on non-renewals.
2. Vote411 was a success, and Janet Fisher-Hughes noted that there were lessons learned that will make it go even better and faster next year.
3. The Boscov's fundraiser brought in something over \$400, with some money still out there.
4. Running & Winning 2020 is taking shape, scheduled for April 23. Janet Fisher-Hughes is taking the lead and will be soliciting help.
5. We had a request to moderate a housing election, but it was unclear if they could pay. Kristin Burke will follow up on Ed Gracely's initial contact.
6. We continue to explore the role the LWVCC can play in Camden County's complete count commission for the census. Jodi Feldman is our lead on that.
7. Voters Service under Anita Hahn's leadership had a very active October.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello Fellow League Members,

Welcome to the November(ish) issue of the Voter. As has been the case for the past several months, I am the hold-up. Instead of just trying to write something easy or cute (see the October issue!), I thought I would address my ongoing inability to meet a deadline for Pete's sake.

You see, I'm busy. I started a new job this summer that has gone at a 100 mile-per-hour pace ever since with no signs of letting up. I have a four-year-old daughter, and our second daughter just turned one! I have a little house and a little yard that I have to keep clean and orderly in partnership with my husband. I've had school events, sick kids, sick me, work trips, and family trips. I've had a lot going on, and it's been hard to make time for the League.

The point of writing all of this is not to serenade you all with the sound of my tiny violin, but to point out that we're all humans here, and we're all doing our best. Sometimes there's just no time, so we just have to keep coming back to it. Maybe you've had a busy couple of weeks, months, or even years. Maybe you're dealing with personal ailments or illness in the family, or some other hardship. Maybe you recently moved, or changed jobs, or have an old dog that needs all of your attention. All of these things are normal parts of life, and it's easy to understand how life gets in the way of noble pursuits like the League. What I'm about to say is as much of a pep talk to myself as it is to all of you: keep trying! Try to find an event of interest and plan ahead so your calendar is marked. Try to set aside even a half hour each week to catch up on League news. Try to not get discouraged when you feel like you should be doing more, and just know that your time will come to be able to get more involved.

Welcome new members -- Victoria Nunnally of Sicklerville, Cindy Wilbur of Haddon Heights, Tracie Mileski of Cherry Hill, and Marty Weiner of Collingswood (formerly a Burlington County League leader). Thanks to Renee Robbins for her donation to defray voters services expenses for volunteers.

In League,

Kristin Burke, President

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. Watch the year -- it shows multiple ones without a year indication until you click the link!

The December meeting is at the Wayne Bryant Community Center, 323 E. Charleston Avenue, Lawnside, NJ on Thursday, Dec 19th, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

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

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Voters Service Report

Anita Hahn



After a number of months busy with voter registration and educational events across the county and beyond, including partnering with other local Leagues and organizations, we are turning our attention to next year. Building on what we have learned, we will try to be more strategic in targeting our audiences and goals.

For instance, the **2020 Census** will be center-stage early in the year, Jodi Feldman is spearheading this effort for our League. See note from Jodi Feldman and Jane Scarpellino, next page,

We are partnering with the **Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey** along with a number of local area Leagues for a day-long educational project to be held in Pitman, NJ on March 7th. Rebecca Tasso will be our League point person on this one.

Running & Winning, our signature initiative for high school girls, headed up by Janet Fisher-Hughes, is scheduled for April 23rd at Camden Academy Charter High School.

Then there's Vote411, Naturalization Ceremonies, any celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment ratification, phone banking, social media outreach, and tabling at local community events.

So here's what we need: Lots of volunteers - Pick your passion, sign up early, and bring a friend!



Colls Market 10-28-19

Census 2020 Complete Count Effort

Dear Members and Friends,

April 1, 2020, marks the kickoff of the 2020 Census. The process of counting will help ensure that the political power and representation of every community is appropriately assigned in the upcoming decade. Proper representation and enumeration are important for the financial viability, health, and safety of our communities and our state.

Communities that don't get fully counted in 2020 will miss out for the next ten (10) years. You can help by not only pledging to be counted, but also by participating in educating your community about the importance of the 2020 Census.

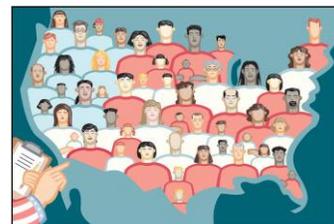
The LWVCC is participating in Census Complete Count efforts. As first step, we are seeking to bring trusted community leaders and organizations to the table to ensure a Complete Count. (Examples include, local libraries, soup kitchens, religious organizations, immigrant organizations, homeless advocacy organizations, civic/service organizations, etc.)

Do you know of a local organization which might help provide education and support to its members to ensure participation in the Census? If so, please complete the Google Form below (feel free to suggest multiple organizations; one organization per Google form.) The form is brief and easy to complete (about 5 minutes). If you prefer, you may reply by email to Jodi at jodirespect@gmail.com. **It will be most helpful to receive responses by 12/2/19.**

Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jA1zyVZnskt5_2SvNjaqWtc6V1XEn8qXcVNkgnnTqB8/edit?usp=drive_web

Yours,
Jodi Feldman & Jane Scarpellino



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

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

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In memoriam

Older League members will recall the Honorable **Mary Previte**, who was active in the League in the late 1990's and went on to become a NJ state Assemblywoman. She passed away recently, at 87. She was very helpful to the League through her many connections. She will be missed.

Here is a link to her story:

<https://newjerseyglobe.com/in-memoriam/mary-previte-former-assemblywoman-dies-at-87/>



Mary Previte (R) talking with Dee Stenton (active member up until her death a few years ago) at our 1997 Annual Meeting, which featured Cherry Hill Mayor Susan Bass Levin as keynote speaker.



Mary Previte (L) with Denise Grugan (C) and current member and moderator Mike Richter (R) at our LWVCC 1997 Kickoff meeting featuring David Sciarra from the Education Law Center as keynote speaker.

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://lwvni-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:

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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!