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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board meeting	Mar 2, 2020	M	7-9	Vogelson Library Room B 3 rd floor. Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know.
Girl Scouts Educational Project	Mar 7, 2020	Sa	All day	We are partnering with the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey and area Leagues for a day-long educational project to be held in Pitman, NJ
Census Reference Day	April 1 2020	W	All day	Not an "event" but this is the day the census officially counts from.
Running & Winning	Apr 23, 2019	Th	School Day	Camden Charter School. Our annual running for office event for female high school students.

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Meeting Report

December Program planning meeting notes:

1. The attendees agreed with LWVUS that maintaining the focus on improving democracy for the next biennium would be good.
2. We will not recommend any new studies or updates.
3. We approved our usual set of local program items, which will be ratified at our spring Annual Meeting.
4. We made a note that we may want to recommend a study of civics education to the LWVNJ next year.

January Board Meeting report:

1. We discussed a variety of actions we could take to promote the census, groups and contacts we could work with.
2. We discussed the Voter Girl activity in March and the level of expertise that seemed to be expected.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello Fellow League Members,

Well here we are: 2020! Not only is it a presidential election year, not only are we currently in an historical moment in the midst of an impeachment trial, AND not only is it a Census year...but it's also the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which finally granted women the right to vote*. 2020 also marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters, on Valentine's Day. Please watch throughout the year for opportunities to celebrate and commemorate these historic anniversaries. And know that the work of the League is never done, so please read through this issue of the Voter

to see how you can get involved. There are community information events, activities with future voters, Census actions, and more!

In my President's Message each month I'd like to bring you a slice of history as we count down the final months toward ratification of the 19th amendment. The last leg of the hard-fought journey started on June 4, 1919 when the Senate passed the amendment and the ratification battle ensued, requiring approval from 36 of the 48 states at the time. By the start of the new year, 22 states had ratified (and 2 had voted it down!). The suffragists won Kentucky, Rhode Island, Oregon and Indiana in January 1920. I look forward to bringing you more, as I resolve to read my copy of *The Woman's Hour* that I got back in 2018 at the national League convention.

Finally, I'd like to welcome to new member Twyla Bevilacqua of Audubon! Thanks to Virginia Wolfson, Janet Fisher-Hughes and Anita Hahn for their donations to the League.

Note: dates above were taken from this timeline with photos and details of each state vote from the National Parks Service: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/womenshistory/womens-suffrage-timeline.htm>.

*While women technically were granted the right to the ballot with the 19th amendment, it is clear that many African American women continued to be disenfranchised through a variety of means, particularly in the Jim Crow era, until the 1965 Civil Rights Act. The national League acknowledges the damaging actions and inactions of past suffragists and recognizes that even great heroes can make grave errors.

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 February meeting is Thursday, Feb 20th, 2020 at the Camden County College, Camden Camden County College, Camden, Camden, NJ,

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

Thank You from the League of Women Voters of Camden County (LWVCC)!

Last year we attended dozens of events: Naturalization Ceremonies, community and church fairs as well as activities at middle, high school and college campuses. We registered new voters and we discussed the importance of civic engagement and voting.

We couldn't have done it all without you and our dedicated volunteers. For that, we are sincerely grateful.

As 2020 will be even busier, we are in strategic planning mode. Please tell me where your interests lie: **Naturalization Ceremonies** (signing up newly naturalized citizens, 10 – 11 am on a weekday at the Federal Courthouse in Camden, sometimes on the Battleship New Jersey); **census education, school presentations, community fairs** (various locations, usually no more than a 2 hour commitment, we'll provide scripts and training as necessary). Or maybe you would prefer solitary work you can do from home on your own time: data entry and phone calls for **Vote411** or **phone banking** vote reminders. Phone banking is surprisingly easy -- I'll be happy to share more information with you.

My goal here is not to get you to sign up for any particular activity yet, but to gauge your interest so that we can set our priorities and get back to you with details on specific activities. We have several events already scheduled for February, March and April, followed by numerous opportunities for you to choose from.

We will need your help even more this year. Please tell me how you would like to be involved, engaged, and make a difference for the future of our country.

Thank you again for all you do. I hope to hear from you soon.

Anita Hahn

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For the Voters Service Group

League of Women Voters
of Camden County (NJ)

Program Planning/Holiday party!

We missed you if you weren't there!



Celebrate 100 years of the League

Join us on February 15 for our chapter's Day of Action to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the League!

Our chapter will have a table on February 15 at the Sacred Heart Gathering for Peace and Justice. The event is at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Broadway & Ferry, Camden, NJ and runs from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm; if you're interested in volunteering, email lwvccnj@gmail.com.

We will bring information on the 2020 Census, our usual voter resources, postcards to thank legislators for voting to push the latest League issues through the statehouse, and even a quilting project! Please volunteer OR just come to listen to some inspirational talks and meet with your neighbors interested in promoting peace and justice.



Contacts for Volunteering

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

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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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From LWVNJ

[December 18 at 5:58 PM](#) ·

We are in Newark this morning for the signing of legislation to restore voting rights for people on parole or probation. It's a historic day. Thank you for your advocacy!



Picture from a video LWVNJ posted on Facebook. I don't know the source -- presumably LWVNJ staff.

We are still jumping for joy over the passage of legislation to **restore voting rights** to people on parole or probation but there is more work to be done! New Jersey is only a handful of states that **does not** provide **online voter registration** - and we are working on changing that. Check out today's op-ed urging the Legislature to pass online voter registration this session: [here](#).

Note: The legislature has now passed online voter registration. It is going to the Governor!

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)

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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!