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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	Bellmawr Library meeting room. This is a change. Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know.
Voter Registration	Mar 4, 2020	W	10 am	After the Naturalization Ceremony in Camden. Let us know if you'd like to help.
Girl Scouts Educational Project "Voter Girl"	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

At the February 2020 Board Meeting the board:

1. Discussed an activity for the LWVUS Day of Action, most likely the Gathering for Peace and Justice in Camden on Feb 15.
2. Discussed our rich list of voters service activities and ongoing search for more volunteers. Join us!
3. Discussed several successful, interested, and potential, high school outreach activities.
4. Discussed Running & Winning, to take place April 23.
5. Made plans for some census-related activities.
6. Found a volunteer to keep track of centennial activities around the area.
7. Discussed the need to remind members not to imply that the League supports any candidate, even indirectly.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello Fellow League Members,

First of all, a warm welcome to new member Laine Culbreath from Audubon! We encourage all members to talk to friends, neighbors, people in Facebook groups, and tell them what being a member means to you! Especially in this centennial year, we need more strong women (and men) in our ranks to help us pull off all of our great ideas. Groups like ours run on people power, and we need to grow our League to help empower voters across the county.

Do you have website experience (or someone close to you who would help us out)? We are looking to migrate our website to an easy-to-use Weebly site but would love up-front input from anyone with experience in user experience or website design. Please email lwvccnj@gmail.com by March 15 if you are interested. We'll officially launch the project in mid-March with the hopes of a new website this spring.

And to close out this month's letter, here's your update on what was happening in February 1920 as the suffragists chased down ratification...

Six states ratified in February, including New Jersey! Nevada came first on the 7th, followed by New Jersey on the 9th. Idaho, Arizona and New Mexico ratified mid-month and Oklahoma closed out the month as state #33 on February 23. The Suffs needed just 3 more states, and were facing fierce opposition from the Antis, making for a rocky road ahead. New Jersey's road to ratification was particularly interesting since some women in New Jersey had the right to vote as far back as 1776. Since all that was required was to be "worth fifty pounds", single women (married women could not own property) had access to the ballot. In 1807 the state legislature restricted voting rights to white men. I'm not sure if this makes it better or worse, but apparently the party in power took this action for political reasons to prevent women from voting the other party into power, and not solely for the other typical and despicable reasons women weren't being given the vote. New Jersey also voted down state suffrage efforts (the state by state approach was favored by League founder Carrie Catt and NAWSA) including a referendum in 1915. Luckily for democracy, that all changed in 1920.

Note: The information above came from a few misc online sources and also my reading of The Woman's Hour. The National Parks Service hasn't gotten to their February update yet but check out this site for photos and more: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/womenshistory/womens-suffrage-timeline.htm>.

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 2020 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 **March** meeting is Thursday, Mar 19th, 2020 @ 6:30 pm in the Gloucester Township Community Center 1261 Chews Landing Rd, Gloucester Twp, NJ.

The **April** meeting is Thursday, Apr 16th, 2020 @ 6:30 pm in the Winslow Township, Municipal Building, 125 South Route 73, Braddock, 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

As usual we have a LOT of upcoming activities this winter and spring!

Running and Winning planning is ongoing, of course, leading to the event itself 4/23/2020 for students at Camden Academy Charter HS.

Voter Girl Planning Meeting 2/23/2020, 2 pm South County Regional Branch Library, Atco, with the event itself in Pitman on 3/7/2020

We continue to work Naturalization Ceremonies (next one 3/4/2020 at 10 am in Camden).

We will be doing voter registration and outreach at Hopeworks in Camden, the Hispanic Resource Fair at Camden County College, and the Haddon Fortnightly.

We have one of our well-received presentations to HS seniors scheduled for West Deptford HS in April.

And lots more things in the planning. VOTE411 will need volunteers. We hope to expand phone banking to remind people to vote. We are approaching several high schools about doing presentations.

It's too early to know if there will be requests for moderating in the Primary Election -- if there are, we have a good team of moderators ready to hit the podium.

And more! Contact me if any of this sounds interesting. Our growing VS team can always use more help.

Anita Hahn

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LWVUS Action -- For the People Act

Support the For the People Act in the U.S. Senate!

The For the People Act has now been introduced in the U.S. Senate! This historic legislation will modernize our election system, reform redistricting, and restore the Voting Rights Act.

The extraordinary and comprehensive reforms in the For the People Act are good for all Americans and deserve bipartisan support. That's why we need YOU to contact your Senators and express your support for this legislation.

Help us build momentum to move this bold legislation forward. Contact your Senators today!

Click [here](#) to go directly to the action page.

If that link doesn't work, you can go to the LWVUS home page (<https://www.lwv.org/>) and click the link to it from there.

Note from Saturday's Peace and Justice Event

The League was out today at Sacred Heart Church in Camden celebrating #LWV100 by showing how #WomenPowertheVote. We handed out information on the Census and Vote411.org!



Contacts for Volunteering

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

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Census Complete Count - Jodi Feldman -- jodirespect@gmail.com

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

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From LWVNJ

On Feb 9, 1920 the state of New Jersey became the 29th state to ratify the 19th Amendment.
Women Power the Vote!



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!