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A Message from the President

In August, we will mark the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Signed on August 6, 1965, this historic law banned discriminatory practices like literacy tests and poll taxes, finally protecting the right to vote for millions of Americans. It was a turning point in the fight for racial justice and equal access to the ballot. Sixty years later, that fight continues, as new efforts to restrict voting access emerge across the country. The right to vote wasn't just given, it was fought for, often at great cost. **When you don't vote, other people make decisions for you.** Voting is how we carry forward the legacy of those who demanded a voice, and how we protect our future.

See below for how we're celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. We'll need some volunteers – but all League members are encouraged to attend this event.

On the Agenda

- LWVAAC needs a new Membership Coordinator! Interested? See details below.
- Sign up to be part of LWV-VA's official state study on women's rights!

Upcoming Events

- **July 13:** Virginia Department of Elections Voter Registration Training (in person)
- **July 13:** LWV101
- **August 6:** 60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act at Arlington Central Library
- **August 17:** LWVAAC Book Club

Voter Registration Training – Required for All Volunteers

All League members who participate in voter registration must complete annual training each July.

Saturday, July 13 | 2:00 p.m. | In Person

Join us for in-person training at the Unitarian Universalist Church, led by Arlington County Registrar Gretchen Reinemeyer. [Click here](#) to sign up for this training.

New! We have added a LWV101 event to the July 13 training. Our membership has steadily grown in 2025, and we're eager to bring everyone together to learn more about the League!

Following the in-person training, join us from **3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** for an informative session for both new and longtime members. Whether you're brand new or have been with us for years, this is a great chance to connect, ask questions, and deepen your understanding of how the League works. [Click here](#) to register!

Please note: You're welcome to attend LWV101 even if you're not joining the voter registration training earlier that day. If you'd like to attend both events, we ask that you sign up for each one separately. And if you're interested in LWV101 but can't make it on July 13, let us know by adding your name [here](#). This helps us determine if we should offer another session soon.

Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act with LWVAAC

We're excited to join Arlington Central Library (1015 North Quincy Street) to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act on August 6 at approx. 6:30 p.m. This special evening will culminate in the opening of the library's new Voting Rights exhibit and will feature a few guest speakers.

LWV Arlington & Alexandria City will be hosting a table at the event, and we'd love your help! We're looking for three volunteers to represent the League and chat with attendees. If you're available, [please sign up here](#) (time slots include

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Questions? Reach out to us at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Help Us Preserve League History

The League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City is continuing its efforts to collect and preserve materials for donation to the Charlie Clark Center for Local History (CCCLH) at the Arlington Public Library. The CCCLH archives the stories of Arlington's community and organizations, including the League, but that story is only as rich as the records we share.

To ensure our League's history is well represented, we're asking members to take a look through shelves, filing cabinets, and computer folders for materials related to our work. Examples include: annual meeting booklets, program planning materials, informational handouts (such as those related to voting), committee reports, meeting minutes, and other League documents. Both digital and paper materials are welcome! No need to print documents that were originally shared electronically. Don't worry about duplicates; the CCCLH will review and organize everything appropriately.

Judy Collins, our Secretary, is coordinating this project. Please send documents or reach out with questions by **August 1, 2025**. You can contact Judy at jc.swings@verizon.net to arrange a pickup or digital transfer.

While this request is especially relevant to current and former Board members and officers, all members are encouraged to contribute if they have materials that may be of historical interest.

Volunteer Opportunities – Get Involved!



Looking to get more involved with the League? We have several meaningful ways you can contribute your time and talents, whether you're a people person, a spreadsheet fan, a policy nerd, or just someone who wants to make a difference. Take a look at our current volunteer needs:

Membership Coordinator Needed

Lisa Backer has stepped down from her role as Membership Coordinator to serve as our new Vice President (as of July 1). We're now seeking a volunteer to step into this vital position. As Membership Coordinator, you'll help grow and support our community by welcoming new members, managing our ChapterSpot roster, planning orientation activities, and helping us ensure our membership reflects the diversity of Arlington and Alexandria. Interested? Reach out to lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Condo Elections Volunteers

LWVAAC proudly serves as a nonpartisan partner for condominium elections in Arlington and Alexandria. Our Condo Elections Team (Marjorie Hobart, Beth Cogswell, Cinnamon Melchor, and Kari Anderson) is currently supporting six elections and could use extra hands. We're looking for two types of help: (1) volunteers to connect with additional condo communities, and (2) behind-the-scenes helpers to support the logistics of elections already underway. Reliable, organized, and democracy-loving folks encouraged to join! Questions or ready to help? Email lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Women's Rights Study Group

At the 2025 LWV-VA Convention, delegates approved a motion to update the state position on women's rights. We're looking for volunteers to join the state study group that will carry out this work. No prior experience is necessary—just a commitment to participate consistently and thoughtfully. It's a great chance to be part of the League's unique grassroots process and contribute to shaping future advocacy. Learn more or sign up by emailing lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

You can read the current LWV-VA position [here](#) (see page 15).

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As many of you know, recent changes to membership funding now direct dues to national and state levels, leaving local Leagues with reduced resources. That's why fundraising will be a growing focus for both LWVAAC and LWV-VA. We're looking for one to two volunteers to serve on the LWV-VA Fundraising Committee and help advise our local board as well. If you have a knack for fundraising strategy or simply want to help secure the League's future, we'd love to hear from you at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

LWVAAC July Book Club

LWVAAC's next Book Club meeting is on **Sunday, August 17** from 2 to 3 p.m. Stay tuned for more details on this month's pick!

Are you interested in joining LWVAAC's Book Club? Email lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com for more information and meeting details.



Look for the next newsletter 16 July!

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