



## **League in Action**

17 April 2024

## **Presidents' Message**

There's a lot going on! Just a brief note today to let you all know that National Convention information will be forthcoming in the NEXT newsletter (1 May).

## **Upcoming events:**

**TODAY - 2024 Alexandria Mayoral Candidate Event - 17 April;**  
7:00pm via Zoom.

Alexandrians!! Meet your Mayoral Candidates Event will be held via Zoom, on **Wednesday, 17 April, 7:00-8:00pm**. LWVAAC is co-sponsoring this event. Please sign up here to attend:

[Alexandria Mayoral Candidate Event](#)

If you have questions you'd like to submit ahead of time, please email me at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net).

## **Post-Legislative 2024 Session Wrap Up Virtual Town Hall event for Arlington - 25 April**

Arlington Zoom Town Hall: 2024 Session Wrap-up

Thursday, April 25, 2024

5:00-7:00pm

To register, see the Website at [bit.ly/3J44i5k](https://bit.ly/3J44i5k).

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**Ranked Choice Voting educational events** are forthcoming in May! These events will also have their own email and sign-up details. **There will be three opportunities:** (1) Wednesday, 8 May, 6:30-7:30pm, at Lubber Run; (2) Wednesday, 15 May, 6:30-7:30pm, at Arlington Central Library; and (3) Saturday, 1 June, 1:00-2:00pm at Walter Reed Community Center.

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## **New Citizen voter registration at Merrifield USCIS**

April 19th (Friday); April 27th (Saturday)

2675 Prosperity Ave, Fairfax, VA 20598

**District Office**

**(United States Citizenship & Immigration Services)**

We have finally gotten the dates for our April USCIS events: **Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 27**. We will also have data entry sessions on the *Monday after each USCIS event*. These data entry sessions have been extremely helpful to getting our registration forms sorted, entered, and ready to go to the appropriate registrars' office.

**Link to sign up for any of these activities is [here](#).**

NOTE: All volunteers must have completed the state mandated training which has to be renewed annually after JUNE 30, found at this link:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/>

In addition, if you have never done voter registration before, we recommend that you watch one of our LWVFA training sessions.

You can find a video of the session

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzChxF6bdaY>

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Don Gurney** will be stepping down as Voter Services Chair this summer. Don has held this position for over seven years and he has done an outstanding job. **Kathy Matusiak** has served alongside Don for that duration of time – especially with the High School Registration effort. **Their combined effort over many years has resulted in thousands of new voters.** As many of you know, voter registration is a key priority for the League. Voter Services includes overall voter registration management, voter education, as well as Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts and coordinating logistics and volunteers. We need a dedicated team to step up and take over the voter services. **Please give this opportunity serious consideration;** an inability to fill this position will result in missed opportunities to register voters.

**If you're interested** in this, please contact me (**Pam Berg**; [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net)). By starting to get people in place now, there will be plenty of time for careful and systematic turnover and training.

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**Other Important Volunteer Opportunities:**

**LWVAAC Election Integrity Committee Chair. Bill Pritchard will be**

**stepping down** as Chair of the Election Integrity Committee. We're very appreciative of everything that Bill has done during his time. As we move forward, we would like to assemble **all** people interested in election integrity and voter access. There is some overlap in these areas and, as we consider how to move forward, we would like to assemble everyone together for a discussion on how to move forward. **If you're interested** in this, please contact me as [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net).

**LWVAAC National Popular Vote (NPV) Lead Coordinator. Marlene Nyman is stepping down as NPV Coordinator.** We thank Marlene for her work in this area!! We need someone willing to become an expert on National Popular Vote (NPV). Don't let that scare you! You do not have to have *any* experience to start; only a commitment to learn about it and build expertise over time. This is an issue very likely to make serious headway in Virginia in the near future. See here also: <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/>  
Please contact me at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net).

**LWV-VA State Issue Group Voting & Elections.** Would you like to get involved at the **STATE** level of the League? **The Voting & Elections Issue Group** (V&E IG), headed by **Janet Boyd** and **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**, is looking for a third person to assist with running this important Issue Group. [*Full disclosure from me...I worked on this Issue Group directly with Janet and Lisa prior to moving over to Co-President of LWVAAC. Lisa and Janet are extremely knowledgeable and great to work with AND you'll have a fantastic opportunity to have a front row seat to direct interaction with the General Assembly. This is an opportunity to learn a lot and be in the thick of things.*]The V&E IG is composed of volunteers from all over the Commonwealth Leagues. The main

function is to monitor all legislation related to voting and elections during the General Assembly sessions. Activities can include writing and providing testimony for hearings (including learning how!). Other activities include monitoring trends in voting and elections legislation in general and other related endeavors. **Email me** at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net) **if you're interested.**

**LWV-VA State Fundraising Director/Coordinator.** Another **STATE** opportunity is available for those who like to do fundraising. **We have one volunteer and could use some more.** Please contact me at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net).

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## News from National



Greetings, League members!

Registration is open now for the 56th Biennial League of Women Voters National Convention in Washington, DC, and online, June 27 – 30.

## [REGISTER FOR CONVENTION](#)

League members are invited to attend National Convention as voting delegates or as observers. [Check out the registration information](#) to learn more. Registration is open until June 10.

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## **LWV VA April 2024 Virginia Voter**

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### **LWVAAC BOOK GROUP**

Arlington/Alexandria City League Book Club is chaired by **Pam Berg**. Want to join? **Email Pam** at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net). Book Club meets every third Sunday at 2:00 PM via Zoom (link will be provided).

**The next meeting will be Sunday, 21 April, at 2:00pm.**

Our next book is *Feminist Theory* by Bell Hooks.

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**Look for next newsletter May 1**

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