



## **League in Action**

April 19, 2023

### **President's Message**

**It is time to come together for our Annual Meeting!** May 21, 2023, 2:30-4:00 PM at the Walter Reed Community Center. Our guest speaker is Liz White of UpVote Virginia who will tell us all about the Ranked Choice Voting we will be using in the June 20 primary. Bring a friend! Light refreshments will be served.

[RSVP here](#)

**You can also renew your membership to the League** when you RSVP.

Remember, your dues are tax deductible.

**As required by our by-laws,** here is the information all members need to get 4 weeks before the meeting.

**First, our proposed budget for FY '24.** Please review this carefully before you vote. My thanks to the Budget Committee chaired by **Liz Scheffler** and including our Treasurer **Pamela Berg** and **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**.

[LWW Arl/Alex FY 23-24 Budget](#)

FY2024's budget has a slightly different format than previous years. Since we've established a new Vanguard investment account with our Holly Williams fund, we've separated both the Holly Williams account and the Vanguard investment account from the main body of the budget document. Starting with this new FY2024 budget, the Holly Williams and Vanguard accounts are on a separate document.

### [Holly Williams account and the Vanguard investment account](#)

**We also have to vote on the updated Planning, Land Use and Economic Development Position.** This is basically an update to introduce the concept of Corporate Social Responsibility. Much thanks to **Laura Leussing, Janet Ladd, Nancy Brown, Lisa Koteen Gerchick, Pat Findikoglu, Jordan Stevenson, Leslie Klein, Nancy Tate, Pam Quanrud** and **Liz Scheffler** for their hard work on this project.

### [Planning, Land Use and Economic Development Position](#)

I threw the nominating committee for a loop by accepting a nomination for the President of the LWV Virginia. Still, as so typical of this League, the committee and the members rose to the occasion. The Nominating Committee chaired by **Nancy Tate** and with hard working members, **Pamela Fiumara** and Board representative, **Laura Leussing** has presented this wonderful slate for your review. My thanks to **Pam Berg** and **Connie Potter** for stepping up to complete the last year of my term here.

### [Report of the Nominating Committee](#)

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## LWVARL Podcast with Krystal Jones on ranked choice voting

Join **Krysta Jones** as she discusses ranked choice voting with **Tania Griffin**, the Communications & Outreach Coordinator for the Arlington Electoral Board, and **Liz White**, the Executive Director for Up Vote Virginia.

[The podcast is on Spotify. Listen here](#)

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## LWV US Transformation Survey

LWV US is looking for your input into the transformation process underway.

**The survey closes on April 22.**

Complete it

here: [https://www.lwv.org/FramingTheFuture?utm\\_source=salsa&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=FtFSurvey&utm\\_content=04.14.23&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=e50a7914-fc55-4e2d-b599-86ac18d63c93](https://www.lwv.org/FramingTheFuture?utm_source=salsa&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=FtFSurvey&utm_content=04.14.23&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=e50a7914-fc55-4e2d-b599-86ac18d63c93)

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## Link to Post Legislative Session

In case anyone missed it – here is the YouTube link to our 2023 Post Legislative Session.

[Watch it here](#)

Please remember to follow us on YouTube!

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## **New dates out for Naturalization Services Voter Registration for April**

[Sign up here. We have registered 1100 new citizens since January.](#)



**We Have Openings for Several Voter Registration Events in  
Arlington and Alexandria City Too!**

Including the Alexandria Detention Center on April 20 and the Columbia Pike Farmers Market in May.

[Sign Up For Voter Registration Events](#)

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**If you are not already a member of LWV Arlington and Alexandria, please consider joining!**

We are turning up our voter registration events and our Get Out the Vote programs. It is all hands on deck for Democracy! Active students ages 16 - 26 pay no dues and we have scholarships available for anyone who needs one. Contact [LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com) for information.

[Join or donate to the League!](#)



## EVENTS

April 19 - **TODAY**

LWV-Arlington and Alexandria

### **RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

Voting in Arlington

Wed., April 19 - 6:30-7:30 PM

Central Library - 1015 N Quincy St 22201

Join the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City, and **Liz White**, Executive Director of Upvote Virginia, and **Gretchen Reinemeyer**, Arlington General Registrar, to learn what to expect about your ballot and the methodology of voting using RCV.

[See the flyer here](#)

**RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

Rank candidates in order of preference.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
 Candidate One	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Candidate Two	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Candidate Three	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

 **You don't have to rank all the candidates if you don't want to.**

[RSVP](#)

**April 26**

LWV-Arlington and Alexandria and UU the Vote

**RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

Voting in Arlington

April 26 - 7-8 PM - Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington

4444 Arlington Boulevard 22204

The League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City and Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington's UU the Vote invite you to learn about the Ranked

Choice Voting (RCV) ballot which will be used for the Arlington County June 20 primary.

• **You will be able to practice RCV with several desserts from Pastries by Randolph and the Happy Tart (gluten free.)**

• Hear from **Liz White**, Executive Director of UpVote Virginia

• And **Tate Fall**, Deputy Director of Elections, Arlington County

**This is your chance** to learn about the new voting technique we will be using in June while enjoying delicious desserts!

**Early Voting starts May 5!** Be prepared!

Tea and coffee also provided.

[RSVP here](#)

**April 30**

## **Candidate Forum**

April 30 – 1:15-4:30 PM

Walter Reed Community Center

2909 16<sup>th</sup> Street South

**This is your chance to question candidates on the June 20<sup>th</sup> primary ballot.**

**From 1:15 - 3:30 PM** you will get to ask your questions directly to the candidates for County Board.



**From 3:30 – 4:30 PM** you will have the same opportunity to speak with candidates for other offices.

Join us and our co-sponsors: the NAACP Arlington, RevUp Virginia, Moms Demand Action, Spread the Vote and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

[RSVP here](#)



**May 21**

## **LWV of Arlington and Alexandria Annual Meeting**

May 21, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Walter Reed Community Center

2909 16th St S 22204

It is time again for our Annual Meeting. **Our featured speaker is Liz White**, Executive Director of UPvote Virginia who will explain how Ranked Choice Voting will work in the June 20 Arlington primary.

**We will also vote on the Board slate of officers, the new year budget and program adoption.**

Light refreshments will be served after the business meeting.

This event is open to members and prospective members, although only current members will be allowed to vote.

[RSVP here](#)



**June 2- 4**

41st Biennial LWV-VA Convention

**Preserving Democracy in the 21st Century**

**Mark your calendar and register for our 2023 Convention, June 2- 4** in

beautiful Williamsburg!

Whether you are a delegate or an observer, we hope to see you June 3-4. We have a fantastic line up including Professor **A.E. Dick Howard** who will be our Saturday banquet keynoter. Professor Howard rewrote the Virginia Constitution in 1971 to guarantee Black voting rights and was a chief consultant to Governor Terry McAuliffe's efforts to restore rights to returning citizens. He is widely acknowledged as an expert in the fields of constitutional law, comparative constitutionalism, and the Supreme Court. Howard is the Warner-Booker Distinguished Professor of International Law at the University of Virginia.

We have a fantastic lineup of speakers and workshops in addition to the business meetings and election of a new board!

[To register and learn hotel information, click here.](#)

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## News from National

To support your advocacy for League positions consult -

### **LWVUS Impact on Issues 2022-2024**

Impact on Issues is designed to help League members use LWVUS public policy positions effectively at the national, state, local, and regional levels. The intention is to inspire Leagues to use national positions to act in their own communities.

Impact on Issues has been organized so that "Taking Action" is front and center followed by the League Principles. Then, for quick reference, the LWVUS public policy Positions in Brief summarize the more detailed positions in the sections that follow. For each of the major issue areas, the listing gives the full official statements of positions in bold type.

[LWVUS Impact on Issues 2022-2024](#)

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**A coup!!!!**



League of Women Voters takes over the county boardroom. No, it was just the opening of the new and improved Bozman Center and **Mary Detwiler, Joan Porte, and Judy Collins** having some fun at the photo opportunity.

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## Found on the wall at the reopening of the Bozman Center

### PLANNING TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER ?

HAVE YOU:

PAID YOUR POLL TAX?

REGISTERED?

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF POLL TAX IS MAY 5th.

Tax may be paid in person at the  
Arlington County Treasurer's Office  
in the  
Courthouse Building  
First floor, South wing  
1400 N. Courthouse Road

or by mail, addressed to:

Colin McPherson, Treasurer, Arl. Co.  
1400 N. Courthouse Road  
Arlington 1, Virginia

If you have not yet registered, you may do so after paying tax. Register at the Office of the Registrar, Courthouse Building. Courthouse hours are 8:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday. The Treasurer's Office will be open until noon on Saturday, May 5th for anyone who wishes to pay the tax.

If you have never paid your poll tax (capitation tax) and you moved to Virginia in

1959	you owe	\$1.73	for the year 1959
1960	you owe	1.63	for the year 1960
1961	you owe	1.58	for the year 1961
		<u>4.94</u>	

Total owed in order to become eligible to register and vote in 1962: \$4.94.

Deadline for payment of 1962 poll tax is December 5, 1962. It need not have been paid in order to vote in the 1962 elections or primaries.

For further information call Courthouse: JACKSON 7-4800  
or Mrs. George Karydes: JACKSON 2-8465.

This flyer prepared by the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
of Arlington County.

## LWV in action in 1962

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### Meeting

#### **June 11- 2 PM - Book Group**

One week earlier due to Father's Day

There is no book club in May due to the Annual Meeting

The book is **Poverty, by America** by Matthew Desmond

Contact **Joan** [LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com)

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### **Look for next newsletter May 3**

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