



League in Action

April 20, 2022

President's Message

Happy Spring!

As much as I am a cold weather creature, there is always something magical about this time of renewal.

Speaking of new things. This is a great time to get new voters! **If you know of any community events or other programs at which we can register new voters**, please let **Don Gurney** know.

Donnwren@comcast.net.

We do have a few voter registration programs underway so check out our sign-up sheet. If you have a few hours, it is an extremely rewarding activity! **Sign up**

here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W9tTOZoVy8iVU1AuV0wH0vUHq0bn4Tyh/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108204542125106087466&rtpof=true&sd=true>

We are still looking for some help.

- **We need some additional delegates** to the Arlington Civic Federation. This is an important connection to our community and other partner organizations. It requires a monthly meeting.

- **We still need someone to assist with press releases** and press contacts.
- **Two committees can use new blood:** Sips and Civility – (Is there any better time to encourage civil discussion?) and DEI – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

WE CAN ALSO USE A FEW PEOPLE FROM BOTH ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA TO FORM A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE TO WORK ON GETTING NEW MEMBERS IN BOTH AREAS!!

If you have other ideas for projects, please let me know!

Thanks for all you do.

Joan

Arlington Board of Elections to Host Voter Registration Training

The Arlington Board of Elections will host an **in person voter registration training at the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy Street on May 9, 2022 from 6 - 8 PM.**

All League members interested in doing voter registration should take training at some point. We are still working to arrange our annual July virtual training but this is great opportunity to brush up on your skills.

This is open to anyone including people from partner organizations who are interested in doing voter registration.

RSVP by emailing tgriffin1@arlingtonva.us.

Speaking of registration we need some more people for two events on April 23 and 24. Please take a shift if you have the time.

Thanks

[Sign up for voter registration](#)



Is Language Your Super Power?

We need more people who speak languages other than English.

We are getting more and more requests for people who speak different languages for voter registration events. **If you can hold a conversation in another language, please fill out this form.** Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aMo7qHGANYhxulZbpZr-hfUw39xKY9ir/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108204542125106087466&rtpof=true&sd=true>

EVENTS

April 24

Post Legislative Forum

April 24 - 1 PM

Sign up now to attend our virtual Post Legislative Session – All of the delegates and state senators who represent us have been invited to attend. When you RSVP you will have the option to ask a question which will be read by our host, **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**.

[Post Legislative Forum RSVP](#)

May 7

LWV - National Capital Area Convention openings for delegates

We have five delegates to the LWV National Capital Area annual meeting – if interested let Joan know - joan@joanporte.com

2022 VIRTUAL Annual Convention

10 AM, Saturday, May 7, 2022

Check-In begins at 9:30 AM

Keynote Speaker ~ **Ayo Atterberry**, LWVUS Chief Strategy Officer

With Panelists from DC, MD & VA Leagues

Who will discuss the latest developments in voting rights and voting laws

In the U.S. and in the Region.

Moderated by LWWNCA President **Joyce Starks**,

Business Meeting will follow speakers.

[See the flyer](#)

[RSVP](#)

June 4

LWV VIRGINIA VIRTUAL COUNCIL

June 4, 2022, 9 AM-3 PM

Join us for the 2022 Council for the League of Women Voters of Virginia.

In addition to getting updates on our four program studies, we will have informative breakout sessions to help you increase your League knowledge!

Among the planned program will be updates on all four Virginia program studies; environmental justice, childcare, education equity and campaign finance reform. Also, there will be a report from the budget committee.

Speakers include LWV VA board member Jes Davis who will conduct a leadership seminar, Dorothy Heffron of ReflectUS, a dynamic group that works to encourage women to join Commissions and run for office and former Secretary of the Commonwealth, Kelly Thomasson.

RSVP [here](#). Cost \$25 per person. You don't have to be a delegate to attend. Catch up with the programs offering by LWV Virginia and enjoy the speakers.

Save the date

June 12

2 PM – Our **Annual Meeting**. We are going to do our best to arrange an

outdoor meeting. This will help assure that we can still see each other even if the beast COVID is bothering us again.

News from National

League of Women Voters of New York State files amicus brief in New York redistricting case

4/15/2022

ALBANY, NY - The League of Women Voters of New York State filed an amicus brief with the Appellate Division, Fourth Department in the case challenging the redistricting maps drawn by the Legislature after the Independent Redistricting Commission had failed to submit a second set of maps as required by the Constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2014.

[Read the full news release](#)

Kansas civic groups file immediate appeal of lawsuit against voter suppression laws after wrongful dismissal

4/12/2022

The League of Women Voters of Kansas, Loud Light, Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, and the Topeka Independent Living Resource Center filed an immediate appeal of their lawsuit challenging voting laws in Kansas after the wrongful dismissal in the district court. Passed in the 2021 legislative session, House Bill 2183 and House Bill 2332 violate the Kansas Constitution by interfering with Kansans' voting, due process and free speech and association rights.

[Read the full press release here](#)

U.S. Senate confirms Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court

4/7/2022

The League of Women Voters of the United States Board President Dr. Deborah Turner and CEO Virginia Kase Solomón issued the following statement after the Senate voted to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the next Supreme Court justice.

[Read the statement here](#)

Arizona Supreme Court dismisses case seeking to eliminate early voting

4/5/2022

The Arizona Supreme Court dismissed a petition filed by the Arizona Republican Party that threatened to end all early voting. The case requested that the Court invalidate all early in-person and mail-in voting, which the state has had in some form for more than a century. The Supreme Court declined to hear the case without a factual record.

[Read the news release here](#)

April 12 Election Worker Hero Appreciation Day



We were joined by state senator **Barbara Favola** and County board member **Takis Karantonis** as we thanked Arlington registrar **Gretchen Reinmeyer** and her hero crew.



Volunteers showing appreciation in Alexandria



Meetings

April 20 - **TODAY** - 7 PM - **Election Integrity**

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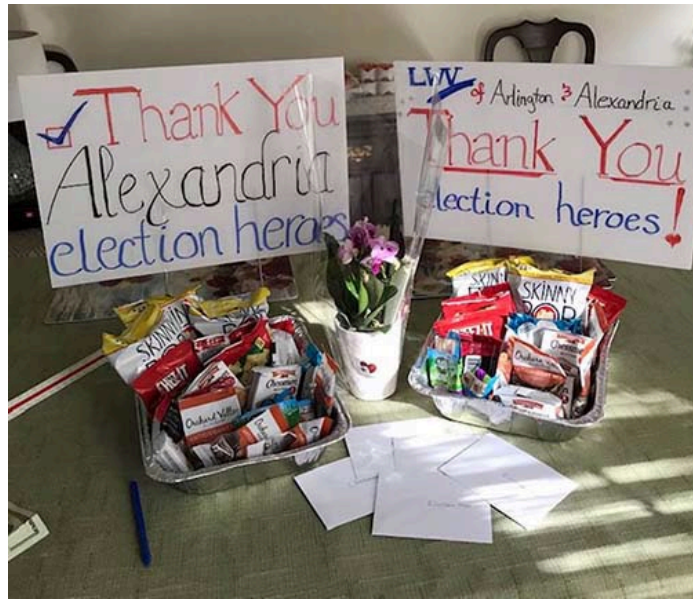
May 15 - 2 PM - **Book Club**

Virtual

The book is *The Hidden History on the War on Voting* by Thom Hartmann

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Look for next newsletter May 4



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