



League in Action

3 April 2024

Presidents' Message

LWVAAC congratulates our own member **Anna Weber**. Anna was selected as one of 2024 Leadership Center for Excellence's list of 40 Under 40. This group of folks are selected because they've demonstrated exceptional and impactful leadership in their professional and personal spheres within the Northern Virginia region. You can participate in honoring Anna and the others here:

Help the **Leadership Center for Excellence** and **Leadership Fairfax** celebrate the [2024 Northern Virginia 40 Under 40](#) honorees by attending our virtual celebration on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Registration is free.

Virtual celebration details

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Time: 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual, hosted on Shindig event platform

[Register here](#)



Be mindful of some upcoming events and new volunteer opportunities below.

2024 Alexandria Mayoral Candidate Event - 17 April; 7:00pm via Zoom (see announcement below).

TBD: Post-Legislative event for Arlington and Alexandria; this will have it's own email when we get the details.

TBD: Arlington County Board candidate event; this will also have it's own email when we get the details.

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.

Keep watch for more information.

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). By starting to get people in place now, there will be plenty of time for careful and systematic turnover and training.

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.

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 **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

National Park Service Belmont Paul House tour on 30 March



New LWVAAC member **Judith Selzer** poses with Alva Belmont bust. Judy organized a fabulous tour of the Belmont Paul House to celebrate women's history month. Thank you Judy!



National Park Service Guide **Lauren Devore** provides information about the women's suffrage movement during a tour of the Belmont Paul house on

Saturday, March 30. LWVAAC celebrated women's history month by attending a tour of the Belmont Paul house. Awesome tour!

Thank you NPS Belmont Paul!!

Florence Bayard Hilles Feminist Library in the Belmont Paul House.

Belmont Paul House; National Park Service. Awesome tours!

[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.

[Read the full announcement here](#)

Democracy Advocates Hail Court's Rejection of County Line on New Jersey's Primary Ballots

3/29/2024

NEWARK — In a resounding victory for democracy in New Jersey today, the Court in *Kim v. Hanlon*, a case challenging New Jersey's use of the unconstitutional and discriminatory county line on its primary ballots, granted plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction – barring use of the county line on New Jersey's ballots in the June primary election.

[Read the news release here](#)

League of Women Voters Joins Amicus Brief Urging Importance of Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor (EMTALA) Act

3/29/2024

WASHINGTON — The League of Women Voters of the United States joined an amicus brief filed in the consolidated Idaho v. United States and Moyle v. United States cases before the US Supreme Court. The cases concern whether states can block pregnant people from getting emergency abortion care in hospitals, which if adopted, would have devastating implications for pregnant people facing medical emergencies. The amicus brief is led by the National Women’s Law Center and the League is represented by Cohen Milstein.

[Read the news release here](#)

League of Women Voters Responds to the Passage of SB1 Voter Law

3/20/2024

MONTGOMERY— The League of Women Voters of Alabama released the following statement after Governor Ivey signed SB1, a law that makes it a felony to assist in the distribution, filling out, delivering, and ordering of absentee ballot applications in Alabama:

[Read the statement here](#)

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State of the League from Dr. Deborah Turner

Watch Dr. Turner deliver her final words to the League as she declares 2024 “The Year of the First-Time Voter” for the League of Women Voters.
See the YouTube video [here](#).

Democracy Updates April, 2024

[Read the Updates here](#)

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. 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.

Look for next newsletter April 17

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