



League in Action

August 3, 2022

President's Message

WE ARE ON AMAZON SMILE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have qualified for Amazon Smile, Amazon's program that allows their customers to support charities. If you are an Amazon shopper, go to the link below or sign into your Amazon account and access Smile – you can put in this number or just search for League of Women Voters Arlington and Alexandria and designate us!

Remember to use Smile everytime you order and we will receive the donations. It is an easy way to support the Arlington/Alexandria League.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7010944>

Thanks!

Joan



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 them.

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

Help Needed for An Event for Disability Voting Rights Week

We are joining the Unitarian Universalist nonpartisan voting action group, UU the Vote, to produce an event for Disabled Voter Rights Week. This will be held on October 15. Volunteers are needed to find speakers and spread the word!

We also have grant money to develop materials informing members of the disabled community of their voting rights. These can be produced in many forms to reach all members of the community.

If you want to volunteer or learn more about either project, email us at

LwvArlingtonva@gmail.com.

Thanks to our advocacy chair, **Nancy Brown**, for serving as liaison with UU the Vote and to **Suzan Chastain**, chair of Arlington UU the Vote and also a League member!

Help Our Friends at the Arlington NAACP with Voter Registration

The Arlington NAACP is starting up their door-to-door voter registration campaign in low-income housing units in Arlington. This is a big task, and there are two ways we can help. First, by signing up for a shift on one of their locations (see below). They are doing two locations, at APAH and APH Housing sites. Second, they are asking the LWV Arlington Alexandria City to take one building and be responsible for the registration there. There is no better way to reach people than where they live.

Thanks to LWV member and NAACP member, **Detta Kissel** for spearheading this huge project.

Email us at LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com for more information on adopting a building.

[Sign Up for a shift with the NAACP - APH Housing](#)

[Sign Up for a shift with the NAACP APAH Housing](#)

Register people to vote with your t shirt



[Order A T Shirt Today!](#)

Voter Registration Events: New citizens - Aug 13 and 20

Keep the Sign Up Sheet Handy - We Are Working on Others.

**Our Friends at the LWV of the Fairfax Area Need Help at the August
Naturalization Services.**

August 13 and 20 -- in Mosaic.

This joint effort of LWV Fairfax, Falls Church, Loudoun and Arlington/Alexandria has registered 1800 new citizens so far.

August 13 and 20 at the USCIS Regional office at: 2675 Prosperity Ave, Fairfax, VA 20598

Please sign up below-

NATURALIZATION VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS

Arlington/Alexandria Voter Registration

MANY EVENTS

We are joining Mom's Demand Action at Courthouse Farmers Market

on

August 27 and September 24!

Clarendon Day is Sept 24!

Sept 10, 17, 18 and Oct 1

We have two on Sept 10, one at the Central Library and one at Columbia Pike Library. **This is part of Welcoming Week in Arlington** - a celebration welcoming immigrants and refugees to our community.

We are all day at Bayou Bakery on Sept 17.

In Alexandria, we have a joint event with the Fairlington Methodist and Presbyterian Churches on Sept 18 and Art on the Avenue on Oct 1.

You must have taken an in person training or the training on the Virginia Board of Elections website

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

Voter registration for the November election ends on Oct. 17, and we will be busy until then.

Thanks,
Donald Gurney
Voter Services

SIGN UP HERE FOR LWV ARLINGTON/ALEXANDRIA EVENTS

Voter Registration Guidelines

Please take a minute to look over these guidelines for voter registration. These are designed to help our members be more proactive. **Even if someone says they are registered**, we can offer them information on the next election and an absentee ballot application. **The more interactive we get, the more people to whom we can give information.**

Also, in the voter registration bags are membership forms, information on our condo election programs and much more. **Please be sure you go through the bags** when you arrive at the sites. **As always THANK YOU.** If you have any questions, please contact **Don** at LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com

[See complete voter registration guidelines here](#)

**Interested in serving as a poll worker this year, or
know someone who might be?**

LWVEF is proud to once again partner with [Power the Polls](#) to recruit thousands of needed poll workers ahead of the important midterm elections.

Election officials – and voters! - need us more than ever

<https://www.powerthepolls.org/Vote411>

EVENTS

July 15 - Aug 28

LWVDC needs volunteers to represent the League during performances of American Prophet at Arena Stage this summer.

From July 15th – August 28th, LWVDC will have a table in the lobby of Arena Stage during the run of American Prophet – **a new musical about the life of Frederick Douglass.**

In addition to promoting our on-going LWVDC programs – the table will also be a place where theater patrons can get information about our **Quilts 4 DC Statehood** project because Arena's Grand Lobby will be transformed during the full run of American Prophet into a gallery featuring over 40 quilts from this Quilt Challenge. (More information on Quilts 4 DC here on our website: www.lwvdc.org/quilts4dcgallery.)

We are looking for volunteers to tend a table at the Arena Stage during EACH American Prophet performance. Volunteers will be provided flyers, brochures, buttons and other giveaways, information about the quilt project, and information about the League and membership to share with theatergoers. We will have all the information needed so that anyone volunteering is an instant "expert" on all things quilts and LWV!

All you need to do is show up ONE HOUR in advance of the performance! Tabling materials will be available in a bag for pickup out of the Arena Stage office. You will need to unpack the materials before each performance, be available during intermission, and pack them back up at the end of each performance.

As a perk of volunteering, volunteers will be offered a comped ticket during the performance - so see the show for free! (In the rare situation where the house is sold out, an SRO ticket will be made available.)

We are accepting ONE volunteer per show. You may bring a friend to join you, but be aware that LWVDC cannot guarantee a seat for a second volunteer (though the venue will try to accommodate a guest if possible.)

(Please note that all visitors must comply with Arena's Covid policy – currently requiring ID and proof of vaccination and full masking while in the building. More information on the arenastage.org website under Safety Protocols.)



SEE THE OPEN SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP HERE

About the show:

American Prophet

By Frederick Douglass, Marcus Hummon & Charles Randolph-Wright

Music & Lyrics by Marcus Hummon - Directed by Charles Randolph-Wright

ARENA STAGE - Kreeger Theater - July 15 – August 28, 2022

Charles Randolph-Wright (Arena's *Born for This: The BeBe Winans Story*, Broadway's *Motown the Musical*) returns to Arena Stage with a groundbreaking musical powered by **Frederick Douglass'** own speeches and writings. Coupled with soaring new melodies and an original script from Grammy Award-winning songwriter **Marcus Hummon** and Randolph-Wright, Douglass rises as a fierce abolitionist and distinguished orator. Filled with an electrifying new score, this world premiere celebrates the revolutionary legacy of one of history's first freedom fighters, whose fire is needed now more than ever.

Aug 9, Sept 24, Oct 16

From LWV Virginia

A Series of DEI Trainings and Workshops!

LWV Virginia is sponsoring a series of terrific DEI trainings coming up. In fact, **we will have one every month through October! All events are virtual and free although registration is required.**

We will be treated to programs by Challenging Racism, whose mission statement is, "To empower and inspire people to disrupt racism one compassionate conversation at a time." These programs have a limit of 100

people per event, so **if you RSVP but find that you can not come, please cancel your order.** It is not required to take each one, but it is helpful.
These trainings are only open to members of the League.

On August 9th at 1 – 2 PM , we will turn to the idea of “Bias: A Conversation Starter.” How can we have an effective conversation with people whose ideas of bias vary widely?

We start the fall with our September event on the 24th from 10 – 11 AM is entitled “Equity: A Conversation Starter.” What is the difference between equity and equality? How do we embrace the idea of discussion equity or the lack thereof?

Our final program is a two-and-a-half-hour seminar on how each of us can “Get Started: Challenging Racism Every day.” What opportunities do we have to spot and effectively combat racism at every turn? This will occur on **October 16 at 1 PM - 3:30 PM.**

[RSVP for these events here](#)

Aug 13

League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area
LWVNCA PRESENTS A **VIRTUAL FREE WORKSHOP**
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**TRAINS, BUSES & AUTOMOBILES:
How to Integrate Equity, Transit, Land Use &
Transportation Resiliency for Regional Advocacy**

Saturday, August 13, 2022

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Register at bit.ly/2022AugWksp by Thursday, August 11 to obtain meeting link.

GUEST SPEAKERS



CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair of Council of Governments (COG), & Vice-President of Arlington County Board, previously served as Arlington Member on COG.



CANEK AGUIRRE, Chair of Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), alternate WMATA Board of Directors & VRE Board of Directors.



JANE LYONS, Maryland Advocacy Manager, Coalition for Smarter Growth (CSG), DC.

Questions - contact **Kathy Matusiak** kmatusiak@comcast.net

The League of Women Voters National Capital Area wish to Thank You for your interest in this important topic.

[See the flyer and RSVP here](#)

Sept 10

LWV Virginia Fall Workshop

We are so excited to be able to come back together for Fall Workshop 2022.

Our morning speaker is **Amber Wilt, Virginia Director of Campus Votes**. She will help us understand how better to engage college students in these next two important election cycles!

Our luncheon keynote speaker will be **Mr. Peter Adams, Director of Education for the News Literacy Project**. The Project has an exciting plan to plan to mobilize educators, students, and the public to collectively push back against misinformation in all its forms.

Invited guest **Richard C. Schragger, Perre Bowen Professor, University of Virginia**, and author of "The Failure of Home Rule Reform in Virginia: Race, Localism, and the Constitution of 1971" who will help us explore the intricacies of the **Dillon Rule**.

Other trainings include:

"We Need to Do Program! Now What is That Anyway?" with
LWV VA Program Chair, Carolyn Caywood.

**"Dealing with Volunteer Burnout: Empowering Our Members,
Defending Their Drive"** with LWV VA Membership Director
Andrienne Konstas.

Hilton Garden Inn 1060 Hospitality Ln, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Rooms for the night of Sept 9, are available at the Hilton for a special
rate of \$114 per night plus tax. You must make reservations by
August 12 to get that rate. You can book calling the hotel directly at
540-548-8822 and reference the League of Women Voters of Virginia
Workshop or book by using the code below. Visit:

[https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dcafhgi-hilton-garden-inn-
fredericksburg/](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dcafhgi-hilton-garden-inn-fredericksburg/) Select: 9/09/2022 check in and 9/10/2022 check out
Click: Special Rates Enter: LWVVA in "Group Code" section Select:
Check Rooms & Rates.

Breakfast and lunch are included in the \$60 registration fee.

COVID PROTOCOL:

We will be asking all attendees to show proof of vaccination with at
least one booster, or a PCR test taken within 24 hours, or we will rapid
tests available.

We will have car pools from Arlington!

[RSVP for Workshop](#)

News from National

NEW REPORT: LWV's 3-Year Redistricting Program Proves People Power Is the Path to Fair Maps

7/28/2022

Today the League of Women Voters published their 2022 redistricting report for the organization's program People Powered Fair Maps™. The report covering three years of work shows that when people are involved, there is greater transparency in the process which results in fairer maps that elevate communities.

[Read the press release](#)

League of Women Voters Welcomes Bipartisan Action on the Electoral Count Act

7/21/2022

WASHINGTON — Today the League of Women Voters of the United States CEO Virginia Kase Solomón issued the following statement in response to the Senate's bipartisan deal on the Electoral Count Reform Act:

[Read her statement here](#)

League of Women Voters Files Lawsuit Against Cupertino Anti-Nonprofit Speech Ordinance

7/19/2022

CUPERTINO, CA — Today, the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale filed a federal lawsuit challenging the city’s anti-nonprofit speech ordinance, which requires nonprofit organizations to register as lobbyists. Organizations that fail to register risk being penalized. The League asserts the ordinance’s definition of “lobbyist” is too vague and chills voter engagement by harming voter service organizations.

[Read the press release](#)

LWV US July Highlights

[Read the Recap here](#)

**Support the efforts to bring workforce housing to Arlington
with your Missing Middle yardsign**

[Order your sign](#)

Meeting

August 23 - 2 PM - **Book Group**

Frances Perkins: The Woman Behind the New Deal By Kirsten Downey

Contact Joan LWArlingtonva@gmail.com

Look for next newsletter August 17



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