



League in Action

August 5, 2020

President's Message

The “dog days” of summer have a new meaning these days between the heat and illness. However, the work of the League goes on! In fact, we have never been more necessary.

Where are you going these days? Do you make a trip to the grocery store, coffee shop, dry cleaner? Don't leave home without a League vote flier! Contact me and pick up some our fliers and the next time you visit these stores ask them to put one up for the public to see AND, if they have employees, to put one up where they can see it.

Several years ago, I was astounded when I learned that most of the baristas in my local Starbucks lived no where near Arlington. I asked if they were voting and they said, they didn't have time – they were too far away – shift was too long. I quickly schooled them on the early voting! So pick up some fliers and help more people vote.

Here is something everyone can do and you don't have to leave your home. We now have our voting posters available in many languages (if you need some

printed let me know). Post them on your Listserv, NextDoor, social media. Send them to your friends. Remind people that they can apply for their absentee ballot now (although it won't arrive for a few months.) This link, although it says Arlington, brings them to the Virginia Election Board – so it is good state-wide.

Don't be afraid to contact out-of-state friends. Direct them to 411.org. Let them know that voting by mail is safe and does not lead to voter fraud.

See below for a great report from the Brennan Center for more information.

The virtual world does hold some advantages as it widens our reach.

Thank you. We will get this done. I have no doubt.

Joan

[Amharic Poster](#)

[Mongolian Poster](#)

[Spanish Poster](#)

[Vietnamese Poster](#)

English Poster

Arabic Poster

Brennan Center Facts on Voter Fraud - Spread the Word!

**FRIENDS DON'T
LET FRIENDS
NOT VOTE**

LWV

Register: <https://bit.ly/Vote/Arlington>
Stay informed: vote411.org

Vote November 3rd

WE STILL NEED HELP

We need a few people to contact the Community Centers in Arlington to see if they will let us place our posters and fliers for their visitors.

This is a TOTALLY CONTACTLESS job.

WE ALSO NEED SOME WALKERS to finish off the western part of Columbia Pike – from Walter Reed to S Washington, Arlington Heights, Pentagon City area, and

Shirlington .**We could also use a few more people** to reach stores in high density areas of Alexandria City (Old Town, Del Ray and the stores along Seminary.)

This requires some contact – as you need to enter the store and ask permission to put up our posters. The contact is quick, however.

Remember to wear masks and use hand sanitizer!

Contact [Joan](#) if interested.



New member **Jessica Angel** and husband **Austin** spreading the word to vote by mail

Pandemic Postcarding Continues!

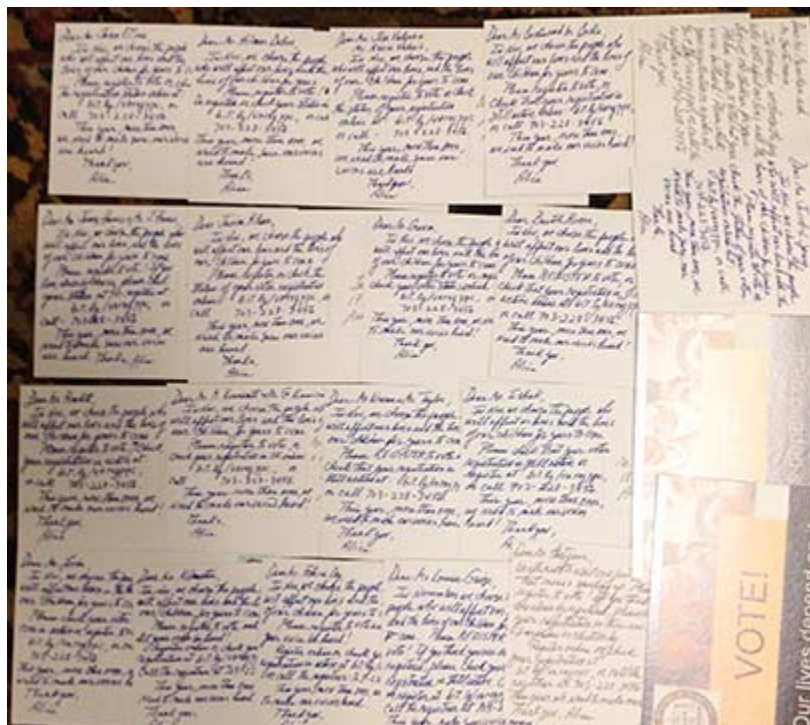
We are closing in on 18,000 cards both locally and to areas where people have

been disenfranchised by the gutting of the Voting Rights Act.

WE HAVE MORE POSTCARDS -

This is contactless activism!

Contact [Joan](#) for more information



Broadcast Media Committee: Contactless Opportunity

The Broadcast media committee is looking for people to help edit and provide feedback on our radio show content. At this time, the Arlington Independent Media studios are still closed, and we are editing and recording online.

Please contact **Krysta Jones** at krysta.n.jones@gmail.com for more information.

You do not need to be a media wizard!

August 18 Special Session Priorities

There will be **two priorities** for the session – budget and justice, police reform.

This is a list of priorities that LWV VA has put together ---

The second page is the draft of priorities we want to push in the regular session.

LWV VA (draft) priorities 2020

If you have any questions, comments – I can pass them along to Julia.

list of upcoming meetings of the General Assembly

Interested in following legislation? Contact us

Thanks!

Support From Home

Online Social Activism in a Time of COVID-19

You can do something to protect the election from home! Contact your Senators today to support the Heroes Act and the Invest in America Act.

[For more information, click here](#)

EVENTS

Aug 15

Join the South Hampton Roads League for:

The Girls Who Brought the Walls Down and the Walls That Remain

Aug 15 2020

11:00 AM to 12:45 PM

League of Women Voters of South Hampton Roads (LWVSHR) member **Sharon McGlone** will tell us about her experiences when she and six other African-American girls integrated the Spotsylvania County School district in 1963. This live online presentation, *The Girls Who Brought the Walls Down....and the Walls that Remain*, is sponsored by the LWVSHR and is free and open to the public on Saturday August 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM.

One experience Sharon will share begins on the first day: "I had a slightly different

first-day experience as a fourth-grader that year. As I entered the fourth grade classroom at Robert E. Lee Elementary School in August, 1963, a boy unleashed a racial epithet, saying his mother told him not to sit next to a N*****. The teacher, a woman of small stature, spoke in a commanding voice, 'That word will never be used in this classroom again and she will sit where I tell her to sit.' I felt a great sense of relief and knew that she would protect me in that classroom."

Sharon, married, a mother of four, retired educator and new LWVSHR board member, will reflect on her experience 57 years ago as well as the impact on her life. Sharon reflects on this period of her life: "Remembering that period in my life always resurrects feelings of loss, unrealistic expectations and rejection. I remind my nine year old self that it's OK to be me. I also accept that I am the change I want to see in this world."

Sharon plans to encourage the conversation about the walls that still remain even after school integration.

To join in this important and timely discussion, **please RSVP to** SHRLeague@gmail.com. **with Subject: "Girls Who Brought The Walls Down"** for login directions. The presentation is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of South Hampton Roads and is free and open to the public.

Committees

Aug 3 – 7 PM – **Interim Redistricting Meeting** - contact **Ann Sharp**
sharpab2828@gmail.com

Aug 16 – 1:30 PM **Book Club**

The book is *The Whiskey Rebellion* by **William Hogeland** – contact **Joan Porte**, joan@joanporte.com

Aug 10 - 3 PM Special student meeting - contact Joan

Aug 17 – 7 PM - **Redistricting** - contact **Ann Sharp** sharpab2828@gmail.com

Aug 19 – 7 PM – **Election Integrity** – contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**,
lkoteengerchick@gmail.com

Aug 24 – 7PM – **Housing** – contact **Carol Brooke**,
changetheclimate555@gmail.com



Centennial Corner – Early August 2020

Centennial Corner is a regular feature of the **League in Action** e-newsletter to celebrate *three centennial anniversaries in 2020*: the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the creation of the League of Women Voters, and the naming of our county as Arlington County.

The Arlington League's **Centennial Committee** is proud to produce this feature and would welcome your feedback and suggestions for future content. Please send ideas to **Seema Jain** (seema.kakad@gmail.com).

Yes – There Are Suffrage Centennial Activities to Enjoy!

The suffragists persevered to win the vote, and suffrage centennial planners are overcoming challenges created by the virus to put on a large number of virtual and in-person activities in commemoration – now and into 2021. In fact, the Senate has designated August as "National Women's Suffrage Month"! A lot will be going on in the coming month and beyond! The following covers some highlights.

Major Events to Watch For

- 8/18 – **Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument** (Nashville, TN)
Commemoration events will be live streamed [here](#), and a related citywide bell ringing and march related to a new exhibit at the Nashville Public Library will be found [here](#). **Nancy Tate** visited Nashville last fall and had her picture taken with the "Perfect 36" statue and the bust of **Carrie Chapman Catt** in the Heritage Hotel, where so much lobbying for and against the 19th Amendment occurred.

Nancy in Nashville



in front of the "Perfect 36" statue



AND next to the bust of **Carrie Chapman Catt** in the lobby of the
Hermitage Hotel

- **8/22 – 8/23 – Women’s Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, NY. “Equality Weekend-Seneca Falls”.** Also on Facebook and YouTube is the taping of their annual Convention Day event, including [women suffrage skydivers](#). That event will be livestreamed on facebook [here](#). They are also planning a “[Ratification Race](#)”, as part of a [larger partnership with the National Park Foundation](#).
- **8/26 – Unveiling of the “[Women’s Rights Pioneers Monument](#)”** on Central Park’s Library Walk, (New York City) The 3 statues are of **Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, and Susan B. Anthony**. The unveiling will be accompanied by *Talking Statues* monologues, voiced by famous actresses taking the roles of these women.
- **8/26 – [Turning Point Suffragist Memorial](#)** (Lorton, VA) Videos and commentary will be launched, celebrating the women’s suffrage movement and the memorial itself. The memorial is under construction, with a live dedication postponed until spring 2021.
- **8/26 – “[Forward into Light](#)” project of the federal Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission.** Buildings and landmarks across the country will light up in purple and gold to honor the suffrage centennial.
- **“[Look Up to Her](#)”** (Mt. Rushmore, SD) Images of 14 female leaders of the suffrage and civil rights movements will be projected on each side of the 4 presidents for 2 weeks, starting on or about August 18.
- The [2020 Women Vote stamp](#) can now be [pre-ordered](#), although the usual launch ceremonies will be delayed until 2021.



Museum Exhibits

Virginia has its own suffrage history. Although racism resulted in the General Assembly's defeat of all suffrage efforts, there were women and men suffragists, Black and White, working towards that goal for years. Fortunately, recognition of their efforts is on display in various places around the state.

There are several museums in our wider region with relevant exhibits. Some are available to visit now, and others plan to do so before too long.

Virginia museums are operating under varying social distancing rules, so check before you go:

- [Virginia Museum of History and Culture](#) (Richmond) *Open*
- [Lucy Burns Museum](#) (Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton) *Open*
- [Brandywine River Museum of Art](#) (Chadds Ford, PA) *Open thru 9/27/20*
- [Library of Virginia](#) (Richmond) *Currently open to researchers only*
- [Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center](#) A partial travelling exhibit from the Library of Virginia is currently there.

There are many online exhibits as well, including those from museums that do plan to re-open at some point.

- National Archives. ["Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote"](#)
- National Women's History Museum. ["Crusade for the Vote."](#)
- Alice Paul Institute. ["For Democracy: Celebrating 100 Years of the 19th Amendment."](#)
- Library of Congress. ["Shall Not Be Denied."](#)

Panels, Videos, and Podcasts Goodies (and these are just a few)

- Airings, and related panels and discussion groups, around the PBS series ["The Vote"](#), which premiered on July 6 and 7. This will air again on additional dates. And you can watch it [here](#).
- ["She Votes"](#) - an 8 part audio documentary, starting on 7/22.
- ["After the March"](#), which tells the story of Alice Paul's 1917 imprisonment.
- ["One Woman One Vote"](#) **Virtual Film Festival**. A variety of suffrage and feminist films are available for free through 11/3/20. Join together **Friday, August 7**, for a virtual watch party of the iconic suffrage documentary One Woman One Vote, now with a new introduction from Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Find more info and [register here](#).
- 8/17 – ["Women's Fight for the Vote"](#). A live virtual event from the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, featuring a conversation between Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** and author **Elaine Weiss**. (Register to receive a link: www.womensvote100.org/suffragemonth)
- ["Carrie Chapman Catt: Warrior for Women"](#). A film produced by Friends of Iowa PBS and showing on PBS stations in our area.
- The WSCC has partnered with Nashville's all-female singer-songwriter collective, Song Suffragettes, to host weekly [livestreamed performances](#) every Monday in August at 6pm(CT)/7pm(ET) in celebration of the centennial. The series will be available for free via the [Song Suffragettes' YouTube channel](#).
- And in order to have some memorabilia to commemorate women winning the vote, a wonderful catalogue of suffrage-related products is now available that pulls together the offerings from many different organizations in [one place](#).

Looking Ahead

In fact, many organizations are looking at August 2020 as the beginning of the centennial year. And, there's even a centennial angle to 2022, which is the 100th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the constitutionality of the 19th Amendment.

It's Arlington's Centennial, Too

The County has launched a [webpage](#) to showcase news of the County's "naming centennial" and associated events. Be sure to sign up for email updates.

Meanwhile, check out this "[story map](#)" from 1920, courtesy of the Arlington Historical Society.

Resources

Twitter users are getting ready to share thoughts and information on the suffrage centennial. Here are some accounts to follow. (We will add more as we learn of them.)

@WomenVote100
@SuffCentennials
@CentOfSuffrage
@INSuffrage100

@DailySuffragist
@2020centennial
AlicePaulInstit
@Suffragist

@WomensVote100
@Suff_Postcards
@100thSuffrageDC

Everyone should see Nancy Tate's Centennial Article in the Virginia Voter

[Read her article here](#)

LWV-Arlington Members Zoom to Consensus



July 15 - Election Security Part I

League Joins Efforts to Support Funding in 4th COVID-19 Stimulus

LWVUS has actively been supporting additional measures for inclusion in the next emergency funding stimulus bills related to the coronavirus. The provisions the League support cover \$4 billion in elections funding, economic measures, access to broadband internet, support for the classification of the District of Columbia as a state, and support for families in need of financial or healthcare assistance no matter their immigration or economic status. Read a summary and get links to the full letters below.

WRITE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND URGE THEM TO SUPPORT COVID 19 STIMULUS FUNDING.

[Read the press release here](#)

Arlington Retired Teacher Volunteer Remote Tutors Seek Support for Expanded Broadband Access for APS Students

Provisions in the proposed federal emergency stimulus with League support include funding access to broadband internet. A group of 23 Arlington retired teachers now providing volunteer remote tutoring for APS early childhood English language learners is asking for community support to bring internet access to more Arlington low-income families. They are partnering with Arlington for a Broadband Authority to petition the Arlington County Board to form a broadband authority under The Virginia Wireless Service Authority Act (VWSAA) and build an open access network that connects to all buildings and residences in the county.

Multiple cities and counties in Virginia have already taken this route, the most successful examples being the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority.

[Read the press release here](#)

[Read the FAQ here](#)

[Sign the petition here](#)

★ **WE'RE REGISTERED TO VOTE – ARE YOU?!?** ★



Scan and Register Online Today!

Where Leagues Are Litigating: A Review of FY20

Leagues across the country engaged in more than double the litigation than that of FY19. With more than half the country engaged in litigation in federal and state court due to COVID-19, to combat purging, and to proactively protect upcoming redistricting processes, we have received a notable number of requests from Leagues wanting a comprehensive review of our growing portfolio.

Check out our new article outlining the impressive work Leagues have done nationwide between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. You'll be more than wow'd, you'll be straight up amazed. Read about the **more than 50 cases**.

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More News from National

LWV Responds to Portland Crackdown

LWV - 100 Days and 100 Ways to Get Ready for Election Day

Look for next newsletter August 19



Vote by mail



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