



League in Action

December 15, 2021

President's Message

January is a busy month in the League!

As we enter into a New Year and a new General Assembly Session, **remember the the LWV Virginia will hold their informative Women's Legislative Roundtables, WLRTs, every Wednesday morning from 8 AM - 10 AM.** These will be hybrid this year, so you will have the option to attend in person or virtually. Each week will feature speakers on our legislative priorities.

League Day – our Lobby Day in Richmond will be Jan 26 and I hope many members can go to Richmond and speak to our legislators. We can arrange transportation. **If you prefer to go virtually, we will still have virtual meetings with our General Assembly delegates and senators. Email me with questions - lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com**

Next up - Position Review - Jan 18 7 PM. Without current positions, we can not advocate for anything! We will be reviewing both local and national positions this year. This is a vital piece from which all advocacy emanates and will be virtual this year. See below for more information.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Joan

More on WLRTs from December Virginia Voter -

Women's Legislative Roundtables

Joan Porte, LWV-VA First Vice President



Women's Legislative Roundtables (WLRTs) are weekly deep dives into our legislative priorities. The 2022 Legislative Session runs Jan. 12- March 12. WLRTs are held each Wednesday during the session. This year, you can attend in person – at the Tidewater Room of the SunTrust Center, 919 East Main Street, Richmond – or log in to view virtually! **League Day, January 26, will also be a hybrid event.** Local League presidents will be setting up meetings with members of the General Assembly for League Day. Contact your local League president to join one of these meetings. When you RSVP you will have a choice to mark how you will attend. We hope to see you in whatever form is easiest for you but an in-person visit makes the biggest impact!

Click [here](#) to register.

Here is our schedule of topics:

Jan 12 – Automatic Restoration of Returning Citizens Voting Rights

Jan 19 - Absentee Ballots Witness Requirement Removal

Jan 26 – League Day (Save the date!)

League Day at the General Assembly

January 26, 2022 @ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Annual day to meet your delegates and senators and lobby for LWV public policy priorities.

Feb 2 – Vouchers and Tuition Tax Credits to Private Schools; “Portability of Funds diverted from Public Schools to Private Schools”.

Feb 9 – Child Protection

Feb 16 – Money in Politics – Reform

Feb 23 – Dark Money – Honest Ads

Mar 2 – Floods – Full Disclosure of Flood Zones

Mar 9 – Final Legislative Push

[Sign up here](#)



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EVENTS

Jan 4

Citizen Presentation to Members of General Assembly-

Jan 4 – 7-8 PM

Ellen Bozman Center

2100 Clarendon Blvd – Boardroom

Citizens and Citizen Groups may address the members of the General Assembly representing Arlington at an in-person event sponsored by the Arlington County Board and the League. **Anyone who wishes to address the members, should arrive no later than 6:45 PM.** Each speaker will have about 90 seconds to tell them what you would issues are important to you during this General Assembly Session.

Please share with any Arlington citizen groups with which you are involved.

[RSVP here](#)

[League members who would like to help with this event please sign up here.](#)



SAVE THE DATE

Jan 18

Position Review-- The Key to Advocacy

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:00 PM (EST)

Join us for this virtual review of our local and national positions. **This is a vital task for every League because we must have a position before we can advocate to our elected officials.**

We will review these positions to see if they are current or discover what might be missing.

Positions can be found here: <https://my.lwv.org/node/25657/positions>

Learn what makes us tick!

[RSVP here](#)



News from National

LWV Responds to SCOTUS Decision on Texas Abortion Law

12/10/2021

The US Supreme Court ruled in *Whole Women's Health v. Jackson* that abortion providers have the right to challenge a Texas law banning abortion after six weeks and deputizing private citizens to carry out the law.

[Read the League's response here](#)

League Remembers Senator Bob Dole

12/6/2021

The League of Women Voters board president **Dr. Deborah Turner** issued this statement on the passing of **Senator Bob Dole**.

[Read the statement here](#)

Redistricting News

SCoVA Posts Draft Maps and Invitation to Hearings

On December 8, the Supreme Court of Virginia (SCoVA) announced that the proposed maps prepared by the Court's Special Masters Sean P. Trende and Bernard N. Grofman have been posted on the Court's public website. The [press release](#) also encouraged the public to comment on the draft maps at public hearings which will be held virtually on December 15 and 17.

[Read the full LWV-VA Redistricting Blog post here](#)

Meetings

Alexandria members invited to join our meetings!

Jan 12 - 7 PM - **Civics**

Contact Joan Joan@joanporte.com

Jan 16 - 2 PM - **Book Club**

Chief Joseph and the Flight of Nez Pierce: The Untold Story of an American Tragedy by

Kent Nerburn - Contact Joan Joan@joanporte.com

Jan 19 - 7 PM - **Election Integrity**

Contact Lisa at Lkoteengerchick@gmail.com

Vote411 Stats



During 2021, nearly 3,000 people from Arlington and Alexandria used Vote411 to learn about local candidates and view election information. This represents a 70% increase from 2017, the most recent comparable election cycle. Across the nation, Vote411 had over 1.7 million sessions during 2021, covering 27,000 candidates for 13,000 races! Over 335 local leagues participated, from 34 states.

by Anna Weber

Look for next newsletter January 5



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