



## **League in Action**

December 1, 2021

### **President's Message**

Hi, I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving!

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 will be arranging transportation - stay tuned.

**New and prospective members or veterans who want to brush up on League, are invited** to attend our meeting on Dec 12 at 4 PM – see below for RSVP information. Bring a friend and introduce them to the League.

**Stay tuned** for information on our January planning meeting and our advocacy day of action!

It is a busy time in the League – well when is it ever NOT a busy time!

**A reminder for you early planners**, your dues to LWV Arlington and Alexandria is tax deductible in accordance with IRS laws for 501 (c) (3) organizations. Please make your tax preparer aware of your dues and other donations to the League and thank you for your support.

Thanks for all you do.

Happy Holidays

Joan

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### **Join Outreach Circle**

The League is utilizing Outreach Circle for advocacy purposes. This helps us not only reach members but easily record their responses. **To join** go to <https://outreachcircle.com/SWX266> and click on “view actions” to sign up.

### **The New Arlington DEI Committee**

We are happy to announce the formation of the Arlington DEI Committee! Our goal is to

assure that Arlington does all of its work through a DEI lens. Our first step is to develop what that DEI lens is!

**We can use your ideas and dedication** to full Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for our League.

**Meetings are the second Mondays of the month at 11:00 AM.** Email [LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com) for more information or to join!!

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## EVENTS

**Dec 1 TODAY!!!**

### **LWV Virginia Pre-Session**

9 AM–2 PM



Join the League and our partners for a **preview of our legislative program** for the upcoming General Assembly session.

Confirmed speakers include:

Virginia Commissioner of Finance, **K Joseph Flores**

Virginia Commissioner of Elections, **Christopher Piper**

LWV Virginia Advocacy Chair, **Denise Harrington**

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth and Director of African American Outreach,

**Traci J. DeShazor**

Campaign Legal Center, **Austin Graham**

NAACP Virginia, **Da'Quan Love**

Reflect US, **Amanda Pohl**

Sierra Club, **Connor Kish**

Voter Registrars Association of Virginia, **Brenda Cabrera**

Virginia Housing Alliance, **Brian Koziol**

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, **Lori Haas**

National Popular Vote, **Eileen Reavey**

National Alliance on Mental Illness Virginia, **Kathy Harkey**

Justice Forward Virginia, **Brad Haywood**

One Virginia 2021, **Liz White**

Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence, **Jonathan Yglesias**

Virginia Promise Partnership, **Krysta Jones**

Coalition of Small and Rural Schools, **Dr. Peter Gretz**

[RSVP here](#)

**Dec 12**

**LWV Arlington and Alexandria City  
NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER MEETING**

Dec 12 - 4 PM

If you are new to the League or just want to brush up on League, join us for this virtual get together.

[RSVP here](#)

**Jan 4**

**Citizen Presentation to Members of General Assembly-**

**Jan 4 – 7-8 PM**

Ellen Bozeman 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 26

### **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.

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## **Register for the Racial Equity Summit Dec 7 and help spread the word**



[For more information and to register click here](#)

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## News from National

## **LWV Statement on Guilty Verdict in Trial for the Murder of Ahmaud Arbery**

11/24/2021

LWV of the US and LWV of Georgia issued the following statement in response to a jury finding Travis McMichael, Gregory McMichael, and William "Roddie" Bryan guilty of the murder of Ahmaud Arbery.

[Read the statement here](#)

## **LWVUS and LWV Wisconsin Joint Statement on the Acquittal of Kyle Rittenhouse**

11/19/2021

The League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin issued the following joint statement in reaction to the not guilty verdict in the Kyle Rittenhouse murder trial.

[Read the statement here](#)

## **LWV of Texas Joins Partners to File Federal Lawsuit to Block Racially Discriminatory Redistricting**

11/17/2021

LWV of Texas joins partners in filing a lawsuit against racially discriminatory maps in Texas.

[Read the press release here](#)

**LARGEST DIRECT ACTION TO DATE: Voting Rights Activists  
Arrested at White House After Fifth Direct Action  
Demanding that Biden Do More to Protect Freedom to Vote**

11/17/2021

Hundreds of voting rights activists escalated demands for the White House to act on voting rights in an action that resulted in the arrests of more than 200 participants.

[Read the press release here](#)





**LWWUS staff, board of directors, and the executive team rallied alongside hundreds of activists from across the country last week to call on President Biden to lead on #VotingRights.**

From left to right:

- **Lali Watt**, LWWUS board of director
- **Dr. Deborah Ann Turner**, LWWUS board president
- **Celina Stewart**, LWWUS chief counsel, senior director of advocacy and litigation
- **Sania Irwin**, LWWUS board of director
- **Jeanette Senecal**, LWWUS senior director of mission impact
- **Virginia Kase Solomón**, LWWUS CEO

#NoMoreExcuses #WomenPowerDemocracy

**We showed up!!**



**Don Gurney** at the Nov 17 protest for Voting Rights.



**Anne Murphy** with fellow voting rights activists

## LWV US November Highlights

[Read the Recap here](#)

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### Redistricting News

## SCOVA Names Grofman, Trende as Special Masters to Draw New State Maps

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

## 2021 LWV-VA Annual Report

[Read the report here](#)

### Virginia Voter, December 2021

President's Message: Power to the People

*Deb Wake, LWV-VA President*

Pre-Session is Wednesday, Dec. 1

Women's Legislative Roundtables

*Joan Porte, LWV-VA First Vice President*

Mobilizing the Disability Vote

*Lilian Aluri, REV UP Voting Campaign Coordinator*

Reviewing League Positions

*Carolyn Caywood, LWV-VA Program Director*

Preparing for the 2022 Virginia Assembly Session

*Denise Harrington, LWV-VA Advocacy Director*

Think Globally and Act Locally for CEDAW

**Jill Follows**, LWVFA Co-Chair Action & Advocacy

Changes Coming to DEI!



[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

## Important Dates in December

**Dec. 1**

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**Legislative Pre-session (virtual)** Partner organizations share their legislative priorities. [Click here to register.](#)

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**Dec. 10**

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**Human Rights Day**

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**Dec. 12**

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**International Universal Health Coverage Day**

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**Dec. 14**

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**State Board of Elections meets 1 p.m.**

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**Dec. 19**

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**Deadline for the Special Maps master to SCOVA**

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### Meetings

Alexandria members invited to join our meetings!

Jan 12 - 7 PM - **Civics**

Contact Joan [Joan@joanporte.com](mailto: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](mailto:Joan@joanporte.com)

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**Look for next newsletter December 15**

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