

## **President's Message**

Get ready for Transformation!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: When you receive a dues notice for the end of December, please make every effort to pay on time. We will be transitioning to the new dues structure (see below) early next year. <u>It will be critical for our</u> <u>membership team to be able to have a smooth transition to the new</u> <u>system</u>. Thank you!

As many of you know, LWVUS is undergoing big changes and, starting early next year, we will be directly impacted.

On **Tuesday**, **7 January at 7:00pm – 9:00pm**, LWVAAC will host an allmembers meeting to explain Transformation and the upcoming dues structure change. We strongly recommend you attend this meeting; but if you are unable, it will be recorded and distributed to those unable to attend. This meeting is virtual over Zoom. For security purposes, please sign up to attend the meeting here and a zoom link will be provided separately ahead of the meeting. *Please sign up no later than Sunday 5 January*.

LWVAAC 2025 Transformation Dues Structure Meeting Sign-Up

You can learn more about Transformation dues structure (first link) and about

Transformation in general (second link).

Transformation Dues Structure 2025

LWVUS Transformation

Questions can be directed to: lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

# Arlington Pre-Legislative Town Hall

On **Monday**, **16 December**, **7:00pm-9:00pm**, LWVAAC will host the annual Arlington Pre- Legislative Town Hall at **Bozeman Government Center**, **Room #307**, **2100 Clarendon Blvd**, Arlington, 22201.

Sign up here to attend: <u>Arlington Pre-Legislative Town Hall</u>

Note: We're still working on Alexandria's!

# League Member Honored for Housing Work

LWVAAC is delighted to announce our very own member, Pam Quanrud, will be recognized at the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA) Holiday Gathering on Tuesday, 10 December, 5:30pm at Fire Works Pizza, 2350 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, 22201. All are invited to attend!

https://nvaha.org

As many of you know, Pam has done remarkable work in the housing community and she will be recognized for her work as a board member of NVAHA. She was instrumental in seeing through the merger of Alliance for Housing Solutions (AHS) and NVAHA. Pam is being honored as she steps down from the NVAHA Board and undertakes new responsibilities as the Deputy Director at the Death Penalty Information Center.

## https://deathpenaltyinfo.org

Congratulations & best of luck, Pam!



# More on Housing...

Alexandria is starting the process to update its Housing Master Plan. The Department of Housing is looking for input from residents about their thoughts on local affordable housing needs and issues. Please consider completing it yourself <u>and</u> forwarding it on to others in the community. <u>Whether you own or rent, this is an opportunity to provide critical information on this</u> <u>issue</u>. The deadline to submit is January 12, 2025.

Survey link:

## https://www.research.net/r/AlexandriaVA-Housing2040

More information from Alexandria Now - Click on the first link to get to the survey:

Alexandria Now - Survey (2 December)

## Women's Legislative Roundtables 2025

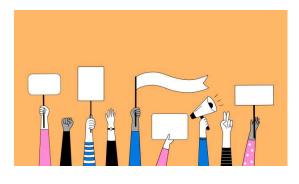
Join us for the 2025 Legislative Roundtables! All will be hybrid - the zoom link will be the same for each roundtable.

The in-person sessions will be held at the Virginia General Assembly 7th Floor Conference Room 201 North 9th Street, Richmond. All begin at 8:30AM and end at 9:30 AM

#### Schedule:

Jan 8 Voting and Elections Jan 15 Gun Violence/Domestic Violence Jan 29 -Education/Physical Health Feb 5 Childcare Feb 12 Environment/Housing Feb 19 – Virtual Wrap Up (Virtual only)

Sign up: 2025 LWV-VA Legislative Round Tables



# Volunteers Needed: Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) - Alexandria

Alexandria will elect a new City Council in November; their term will start in January 2025 and go through December 2027 (three years). Alexandria's City Council is an at-large election; electing six members at the same time. This presents us with an opportunity to advocate for RCV in Alexandria. This is a fantastic opportunity for Alexandria League members to get involved in a significant long-term effort focused on Alexandria. Additionally, this effort will require a good deal of community building and networking; these are opportunities to build long-term relationships in the Alexandria community.

If you're interested in being part of this effort, email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

# Volunteers Needed: Mis/Disinformation Team Leader - LWV-VA

There is a new leadership volunteer opportunity with League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA). We need a team leader for the **state Mis/Disinformation Group**. Probably a couple hours a month, you would be leading an existing team of terrific volunteers on efforts dealing with mis/disinformation across Virginia. This group currently meets monthly and responsibilities include setting up meetings and facilitating discussion and ideas among the team. This group develops independent ideas and also can use LWVUS as a resource for ideas. Please contact me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com if you're interested.

**Book Club** – We've got some movement on our Book Club! After a bit of a hiatus, LWVAAC is looking to restart the Book Club on a bi-monthly basis starting in January 2025 with League member Kari Anderson as the new leader. The meetings will be mostly online (zoom) events; but every once in a while an in-person get together. Are you interested? Contact us at <a href="https://www.lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com">www.lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com</a>.

## **Upcoming Events:**

NOTE: 2025 Annual Meeting will be held <u>Saturday, 3 May</u>. Mark your calendars and save the date NOW! More information will follow; we wanted to get this date on the calendar as soon as possible.

Anticipate an LWVAAC League-wide survey distributed via Mailchimp in December. We have a lot of new members and we want to gauge members' views on where our focus should be heading into 2025.

We have a date for **2025 League Day**. It's **Wednesday**, **22 January**. More information will be coming; but you can pencil it in on your calendar now.

Also coming in January/February 2025: **LWVAAC's Annual Program Meeting.** This is a mandatory annual meeting that allows us the opportunity to review state and local positions in advance of the 2025 LWV Virginia Convention in Fredericksburg in June. More information to follow. We are also planning a LWV101 and Voter Registration review event in the new year. Stay tuned for more details!



LWVAAC members Faye Pritchard, Bill Pritchard, and Anne Murphy attend the Right To Vote Study review on Sunday, 24 November in Alexandria.

# Look for next newsletter 18 December!

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