



League in Action

December 7, 2022

President's Message

I am so pleased to announce that we have the final numbers for the joint League efforts to register new citizens. **We registered 2295 new citizens and all leagues involved contributed 556 volunteer hours. Of those hours, 135.5 hours or 24% were given by Arlington- Alexandria City LWV members!** That is the highest number of hours donated outside of the LWV Fairfax which sponsored the program!

There are plans to continue this program in 2023, so stay tuned. Thank you!

Another big thanks to the four people (**Lisa Backer, Cathleen Phelps, Alice Moore, Sandra Hogue**), who stepped up to be trained in Membership to assist with this program!

Immediate Volunteer Needs

1. We need a co-chair for our student chapter program.

Kristen Shattuck is one of the chairs. However, the person who was going to co-chair has family issues, so we can use someone to assist Kristen in the running of the student chapter programs in the Arlington high schools.

Thanks to **Lori Lataillade** who is working with students from Alexandria High.

2. This is a short-term job: **We need someone to compile a list of Arlington and Alexandria legislators (state and local) and their emails and addresses for our Jan 15 Day of Advocacy.** This should take about an hour or two.

Thanks for all you do.

Joan

PS - CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

We are members of the newly formed Arlington County Re-entry Coalition assisting returning citizens and their families. On Feb 18, the Coalition will host a winter fair for families. They are collection socks, gloves (mittens) and hats for families. So if

anyone has some yarn and some talent, let me know if you can knit a few things! Even if you are like me and don't know one end of a knitting needle from another - and you wish to purchase some, let me know. Thanks

Legislative Priorities Presented to the Arlington County and Alexandria City members of the General Assembly.

Unfortunately, we were unable to host the public comments to members of General Assembly for Arlington County residents this year. We did submit written comments and **Nancy Brown** presented our comments to Alexandria members.

[Read our Comments Here](#)

**In support of the Georgia NAACP and the Center for
Common Ground GOTV campaign**



We wrote 985 postcards supporting the Georgia NAACP's non-partisan get out the vote program for the December 6 runoff. Here's a sampling done by our students at Arlington Tech.

PRE HOLIDAY SALE!!!

We reduced the price of our fleece jackets because they only say LWV of Arlington. (Sorry, we bought them pre COVID when that was our name.)

These are wonderfully warm jackets with great inside pockets for those who like to walk in the brisk air and not lose their keys!

You can also buy one to donate to Path Forward or Carpenter's Shelter!

<https://my.lwv.org/virginia/arlington-and-alexandria-city/lwv-arlington-shop>

\$25



If you would like a yard sign supporting ranked choice voting, please complete this SignUp Genius.

We have five left!

Get a Free Yard Sign Supporting Ranked Choice Voting



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you were at our October 16 Membership Meeting, you heard **Don Gurney** speak of the **need to expand our voter services program**. As he said, "What we have was sustainable when we had 80 members, not when we have 250."

None of these require much time and most are "seasonal." We can use more people to work on:

- **Candidate forums held prior to the primary and general elections**

- **Reaching out to large corporations moving into the area**
- **Outreach to condominiums**
- **Outreach to farmers markets**
- **Preparing voter education materials**

Please let **Don** know at lwarlingtonva@gmail.com if you have interest or questions.

Arlington Community Reentry Coalition

We have been invited to be a part of a new coalition being formed in Arlington to address issues facing recently released prisoners (returning citizens).

The coalition, called the Arlington Community Reentry Coalition is made up of representatives of various agencies in Arlington who work in support of recently released former convicts to the Arlington community. The coalition incorporates a variety of social agencies including the local police department, public defender's office, Catholic Charities, Spread the Vote, AFAC and AHC along with the League and others.

We will be providing information on the restoration of rights and voting information, (of course). They are planning a fair on Feb 18 for families or incarcerated people and returning citizens and which we will have a booth.

We need people who can help work on this information and put together packets that we can provide these people. Please email

LWVArlingtonVA@gmail.com for more information.

We have made contact with the Alexandria Coalition and they are having a spring event - stay tuned.

Sips and Civility – The Revival!!!!

Due to COVID 19, we had to stop our popular Sips and Civility Program. This is designed to introduce topics to the public that might be a bit controversial in a civilized setting and fashion. We had a great turnout for our “Dillon Rule” event just before everything closed.

We are grateful that Sampriti Ganguli has agreed to chair the revised Sips committee and she has two great ideas, one of a Money in Politics event and another for look at City Council vs County Board rule. She can use some help with event planning, menus, speakers etc. This is a fun project. If interested or you want to learn more contact her - sampriti@gmail.com

NEEDED: PEOPLE INTERESTED IN SUPPORT OF BROADBAND
EXPANSION

**Help Support Broadband Expansion in Arlington and
Alexandria City with Our Task Force.**

The Affordable Connectivity Program is now being promoted by Arlington County, and the county is asking for community assistance in getting the word out and helping eligible residents to navigate the process. <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Community-Planning-Housing-Development/Digital-Equity/Affordable-Connectivity-Program>

At its September meeting **the board of LWV-Arlington and Alexandria City voted to establish a broadband task force** to support expanding awareness of programs to make broadband more widely available and to help eligible residents make use of these programs to apply for service.

Also, **the LWV VA broadband interest group is looking for volunteers** to track proposed VA legislation relating to broadband expansion. Volunteers are needed during the legislative session to track up to five bills each using the Lobbist-in-a-Box tool for use with Virginia's Legislative Information Service. Training is provided. Questions? Contact Roberta Jameson at arlLWVnews@gmail.com

If you are interested, let Joan know - lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com

by Roberta Jameson

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 one.
Contact LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com for information.

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

EVENTS

Dec 7 - TODAY

LWV Virginia Pre Session

Mark your calendars and be sure to RSVP to our virtual Pre-Session, December 7, 2022, from 9 AM – 2 PM!

This is always a great event and a terrific way to learn of the legislative priorities of the Virginia League and our nonpartisan partners for the upcoming General Assembly session!

To date speakers include:

Dr. James Fedderman, President, Virginia Education Association

Brenda Cabrera, Director of Elections and General Registrar, Fairfax City, and
Chair of the Voters Registrars Association of Virginia

Andrew Goddard, Legislative Director, Virginia Center for Public Safety

Janine Greenwood and Denise Murden, Co-VP Public Policy, AAUW

Bob Shippee, Legislative Director, Virginia Sierra Club

Lisa Sales, President, Virginia NOW

James W “Jay” Speer, Executive Director Virginia Poverty Law Center

Nicole Porter, Senior Director of Advocacy, the Sentencing Project

and many more to come!

[RSVP for Pre Session](#)

Jan 15

LWV of Arlington and Alexandria City Day of Action and Program Planning Meeting

It Is Time for Advocacy!

Our first in person Day of Action in three years

Mark your calendars for January 15, 2023. Come and bring your friends and family to our day of action – postcard and email event!

Whether you are interested in supporting Ranked Choice Voting, the National Popular Vote, affordable housing, campaign finance, the right to marry, women's reproductive rights, gun safety, environmental justice, returning citizens or anti-racism activities, join us! You can write a postcard, (or email if you bring your Ipad or phone). We will also have information on how you can write letters to the editor and take other actions!

This is your chance to catch up on the legislation moving through the General

Assembly and to make an impact!

Our Day of Action starts at 2:30 PM at the Shirlington Library.

From 2:00 - 2:30 P there will be our annual Program Planning Review when we will get an update on the Planning Program Study now underway and review any existing positions of ours and LWV VA for possible review.

<https://my.lwv.org/node/25657/positions>

<https://lwv-va.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/LWV-VA-Pos-In-Brief-2021-June-21-Final.pdf>

[RSVP Here - Bring Your Friends](#)

LWV US November Highlights

[Read the Highlights here](#)

LWV VA Virginia Voter December, 2022

[Read the Voter here](#)

At the Arlington and Falls Church City Expungement Clinic Dec 3



Anne Murphy and **Chris DeRosa** are ready to register people at the Arlington and Falls Church City expungement program.



Great refreshments supplied by LWV Arlington/Alexandria members.



Joan with Commonwealth attorney, **Parisa Deghani Tafti**.

Meeting

December 20 - 2 PM - Book Group

The book is *Forget the Alamo: The Rise and Fall of an American Myth*
by Bryan Burrough, Chris Tomlinson, and Jason Stanford

Contact **Joan** LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com

Look for next newsletter December 21



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