



League in Action

February 5, 2020

President's Message

Bring us your Wares!

LWV VA has signed a consignment agreement with Pennywise Thrift Shop in Fairfax. The money raised will go to LWV VA. Right now they are looking for houseswares, dishes, pots, flatware, bowls, etc.

Things must be in good condition – and be worth at least \$4. They will also take any Valentine's Day goods. In March and April they will also take spring and summer clothes for children and adults.

In October it will time for Halloween products and Christmas starts Nov 15. This is a great way to support the League while de-cluttering!

You need to drop off the goods at my house so please email me at Joan@joanporte.com to make sure I am in town.

Joan

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Huge congratulations to Arlington League leaders **Seema Kakad Jain** and **Nancy Tate!** They will be featured in an exhibit, "**Women's Work: Then and Now,**" showcasing exemplary female leaders over more than a century of Arlington history.

Please join us in celebrating Seema, Nancy, and the other honorees on **Thursday, March 5**, at the Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. The reception is at 6:30, followed by a talk by Liza Mundy about her book *Code Girls*.

The exhibit, which runs throughout March at the Arlington Central Library, commemorates Women's History Month. The exhibit features 29 women leaders nominated by 20 community organizations.

The Arlington League nominated Seema and Nancy because they so perfectly fit the exhibit's goal of celebrating "groundbreakers, trailblazers, visionaries and leaders influential to your organization's work and mission."

Please congratulate Seema and Nancy for this richly deserved honor.

[RSVP for the event here](#)

Women's History Month Grand Opening

WOMEN'S WORK: THEN & NOW EXHIBITION

A CELEBRATION OF
ARLINGTON WOMEN



FEATURED GUEST
AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR.

LIZA MUNDY



THURSDAY, MARCH 5

6:30 p.m.: Reception: light refreshments served.

7p.m.: Talk, Liza Mundy, author of "Code Girls"

RSVP requested. Free. All ages.



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Public
Library**

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LIBRARY.ARLINGTONVA.US/EVENTS

CENTRAL LIBRARY



1015 North Quincy Street | 703-228-5959

Data Entry!

We can use a few more data entry folks to compile lists so we can remind our newly registered students to vote. **Thanks** much to **Alice Moore** and **Roberta Jameson** who are working on this but we could use a few more people to enter

names and addresses. Contact [Joan](#) if you can help out.

We are again taking a table at the Offenders Aid and Restoration OAR fundraising breakfast

Thursday, 2 April 2020 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott. Breakfast is free but attendees are asked to make a donation to OAR. Contact **Pam Berg** for more information pberg16@comcast.net

Committees

Feb 16 - 3 PM –**Book Club** - contact **Debby**

Churchman dchurchm@yahoo.com

The book is **Bari Weiss' *How to Fight Anti-Semitism***

Feb 17 – 7 PM **Redistricting** – contact **Jackie Rivas** jackiejr@verizon.net

or **Ann Sharp** sharpab2828@gmail.com

Feb 19- 7 PM **Election Integrity** – contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**

lkoteengerchick@gmail.com

Feb 24 - 7 PM **Affordable Housing** – contact **Carol Brooke**

changetheclimate555@gmail.com

EVENTS

Feb 18

Come to our Centennial Soiree! Mrs. Peacock's Champagne Lounge 6-9 PM. We'll be toasting to the 100 years of activism of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th Amendment. We will also be celebrating the many men and woman who fought for the right to vote for all women through games. We might toast the passage of the ERA (another cause championed by the League.)

Tickets are \$25 and include hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Champagne and other beverages extra.

Wear white or your favorite roaring 1920's or 2020's attire!



[RSVP/Tickets](#)

Feb 12

There is still time to come to League Day – Feb 12

We have added an evening reception on Feb 12 free to anyone attending the luncheon. We have invited all members of the General Assembly.

This will be a very special League Day!

[RSVP](#)

Wed, Feb 12, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, plus optional activities on Thurs, Feb 13, 9:30 AM - 3 PM.

In the morning on Feb 12, come to the Sun Trust Building (919 East Main Street) at 8:30 AM to learn of our positions and goals for the General Assembly before you meet with your legislators. (Make sure you make appointments in advance so you are sure to see them.) Light breakfast will be available at Sun Trust and you will receive informational packets to help guide your visits!

In addition to visiting our legislators, we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters! Our theme is the "Yesterdays and Tomorrows of the League of Women Voters."

Our luncheon speaker will be award-winning journalist and author A'Lelia Bundles, great, great granddaughter of Madame C.J. Walker whose parents and older siblings were slaves but who became the first female self-made millionaire.

Stay over on the 13th to enjoy lunch, a talk on Civil War life for women at the Civil War Museum and a visit to the home of Maggie L. Walker.

Schedule:

Wed, Feb 12

8 :30 AM-10 AM -- Prepare for lawmaker meetings at our Women's Legislative Round Table, Auditorium, Sun Trust Building, 919 East Main Street, Richmond
10 AM - 1 PM- Visits to Legislators and the Senate and House Galleries in the Capitol for recognition of LWV.

1 PM - 3 PM - Celebratory luncheon of the 100th Anniversary of the LWV. Delta Marriott Hotel, 555 East Canal Street, Richmond. \$65 per person. Your choice is steak or vegetarian option.

6:30 PM -8 PM - Reception - all members of the General Assembly invited. This is free to anyone who has purchased a luncheon ticket that day. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served - cash bar for alcohol.

Thurs, Feb 13

9:00 AM - Visit to Maggie L Walker's Home, 600 North Second Street
or more visits to your legislators

1 PM - 3 PM - Lunch, presentation and tour at the Historic Tredegar Civil War Museum, 500 Tredegar Street, Richmond. Lunch will be a chicken Caesar salad. If you require another meal please contact Joan at events@lwv-va.org. \$35 for lunch/tour.

Feb 13

**The History of the African American Community in Arlington -
Feb 13, 7 PM - the Central Library**

See flier attached.

The African American Community in Arlington



Centennial Corner – February 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. Centennial Corner will:

- Highlight important **moments and leaders** in these three histories;
- List **upcoming events** relevant to the anniversaries; and
- Flag suggestions for additional **reading and other resources**.

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).

LWV Policy Agendas, Then and Now

The 19th Amendment was ratified – and the League officially created – in a presidential election year. Not surprisingly, the League had a policy agenda. President Maud Wood Park took the agenda to both the Democratic and Republican national conventions, and both parties endorsed a good number of the League's proposals.

The specific proposals were products of their time, but the general priorities resonate today: child welfare; government support for education, including good pay for teachers and civics instruction for students; women's equality in employment; and a robust program of child and public health.

The League achieved some specific goals, including creation of a federal department of education and a law allowing women to keep their US citizenship when they married non-US citizens.

Source: Document 3: "Suggested Platform Planks by the League of Women Voters," drawn from LWW papers on film and reproduced in Barbara Stuhler, *For the Public Record* (Pogo Press, 2003), 34-35; Louse Young (unidentified, undated document).

Feb 13: Nancy Tate on "Arlington Women Who Fought for the Vote"



Nancy Tate, co-chair of the 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative and former Executive Director of the national League of Women Voters, **will describe what it took for women to win the constitutional right to vote.**

The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified on August 26, 1920, after 72 years of organized effort.

It was the greatest expansion of democracy on a single day in US history, and yet is a story that is little

known. Learn about the suffrage movement in Virginia, and in Arlington, and the resulting evolution of the League of Women Voters.

Thursday, February 13, 2020

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Arlington Historical Society

Reinsch Library Auditorium, Marymount University

2807 North Glebe Road - Arlington 22207

[Read Arlington Historical Society Event Announcement here](#)

Can't attend? You will have another opportunity to hear Nancy speak on Arlington Women Who Fought for the Vote at 7 PM on March 18 at the Shirlington Public Library.



**Events Sponsored by
Arlington County Government Network for Women Leaders (WOW)**

Suffragist Sash Making Workshop

February 28, 1-4 pm, Central Library Maker Space

Celebrate 100 years of women's right to vote by making your very own protest sash. Sashes were worn by supporters of women's suffrage, and were worn to rallies, parades and street-speaking events to show solidarity and communicate a clear message. WOW, is hosting this do-it-yourself workshop to show you how to create your own sash. **Drop in** for an hour any time between 1-4pm on Friday, January 28. All skill levels are welcome, and materials will be provided. **The event is free, but RSVPs are requested** to help us plan appropriately.

Author Talk: Liza Mundy author of *Code Girls*

March 5, 7-9 pm, Central Library

*As noted above, our own **Nancy Tate** and **Seema Kakad Jain** will be among the honorees at the reception **preceding** this event. **Please join us** at 6:30 pm at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. You are asked to RSVP [here](#)."*

Celebrate Women's History Month at Arlington Public Library. On March 5, bestselling author Liza Mundy will speak at Central Library on her book, ***Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II***. This talk will accompany the formal opening of an exhibition at Central Library that pays tribute to the lives of Arlington women past and present. "Code Girls" were actively recruited on the home front and ensconced at Arlington Hall, a former girls' school, which became the headquarters of the U.S. Army's Signal Intelligence Service. Mundy's research uncovers the truth about the army of women code-breakers behind the scenes of the war, and brings to life the

forgotten history of these unsung heroes of WWII. 7-9 pm, Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St. Refreshments will be served.

100th Birthday Celebration for Arlington County
March 16, County Board Room, Bozman Government Center, Time TBD

It's Arlington's Centennial, Too!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the naming of Arlington County. The year-long celebration will feature author events, activities and panel discussion with the theme: "Looking Both Ways: Arlington at 100, a Century of Progress." The evening of March 16, the County Board will host an actual "birthday" celebration with cake and remarks by Board Members. March 16, 1920, is the date the name "Arlington" was changed from Alexandria County through an act of the General Assembly.

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.

Women's History Month Proclamation Ceremony
March 31, County Board Room, Bozman Government Center, Time TBD
Kathrine Switzer, the first woman to run the Boston Marathon in 1967, will be the keynote speaker for Arlington County's Women's History Month Proclamation Ceremony which takes place on Thursday, March 31 at noon. Ms. Switzer will share her personal story of being the first woman to run the Boston Marathon and

talk about her advocacy for women in sports. Switzer is the founder of 261 Fearless Inc. a global non-profit organization created to empower and unite women through the creation of local non-competitive running clubs, education programs, communication platforms and social running events.

Women's History Month Exhibit

Month of March, Central Library

Throughout Arlington's history, women have been groundbreakers and trailblazers, important forces working for better education, libraries, and conservation. Women helped found Arlington's first hospital, and they fought for civil rights. Their contributions to the growth and development of their community were immense, and Arlington today would not be the same without them. An exhibit, **"Women's Work: Then and Now,"** will feature profiles of historic and contemporary women whose contributions have influenced the Arlington community. The exhibit will draw from the Center for Local History's "Women's Work" project to include profiles of trailblazers such as Margarite Syphax, Gertrude Crocker and Carrie Johnson and will feature profiles of contemporary women, including past Women of Vision Award Winners and nominees from partner organizations, including, as we now know, our own Seema Kakad Jain and Nancy Tate! Significant contributors from each of the County's departments will also be recognized.

Women's Leadership Summit

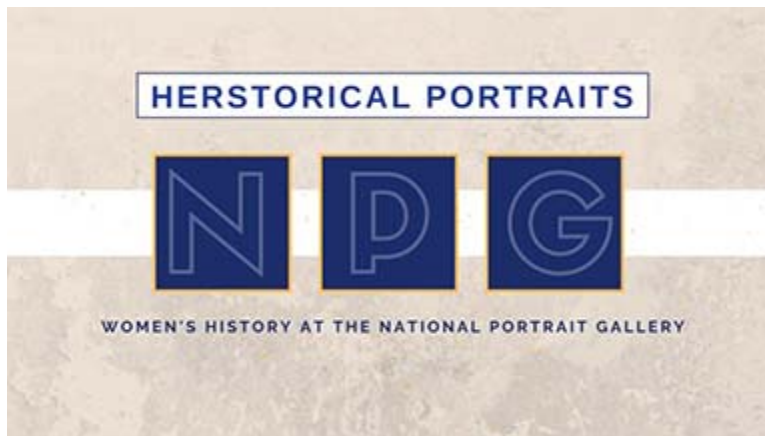
April 29, 8am-1pm, County Board Room, Bozman Government Center

WoW will hold our first Women's Leadership Summit as a part of our year of events to celebrate the 19th amendment. You will not want to miss this opportunity to be inspired, gain new skills, and build relationships with your colleagues and local leaders. Our keynote speaker will be former Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan. The Summit also includes a panel discussion, skill

building workshops, interactive mentoring sessions and a resource fair. For more information, please contact Summit Organizer Krysta Jones krjones@arlingtonva.us. Summit registration will be open to non-County employees after January 31 so reserve your seat today! Register [here](#).

Tours Tours Tours (Click on the posters for information and tickets)





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.)

@WomenVote 100
@DailySuffragist
@WomensVote100
@SuffCentennials
@2020centennial
@Suff_Postcards
@CentOfSuffrage
@AlicePaullInstit
@100thSuffrageDC
@INSuffrage100
@Suffragist

Articles by LWV-Arl Members in Virginia Voter

Redefining Women's Advocacy - **Krysta Jones**

An Historic League Day is Coming! The League is
100 Years Old! - **Joan Porte**

Legislative Update - **Anna Weber**

Read the *Voter* here:

<https://lwv-va.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-02-VV.pdf>

Volunteers Turn Out for Expanded High School Voter Registration



Linda Allen and teacher **Patricia Hunt** check voter registration forms
on Jan 22

On this second day at Wakefield we registered 55 students. **This brings the two day total** to 105 students registered. This is much greater than the 71

students we registered last year.



Nancy Brown and **Kathy Matusiak** at Bishop O'Connell on Feb 28

A dozen volunteers registered a total of 143 students to vote at Bishop O'Connell from Jan 27-28.

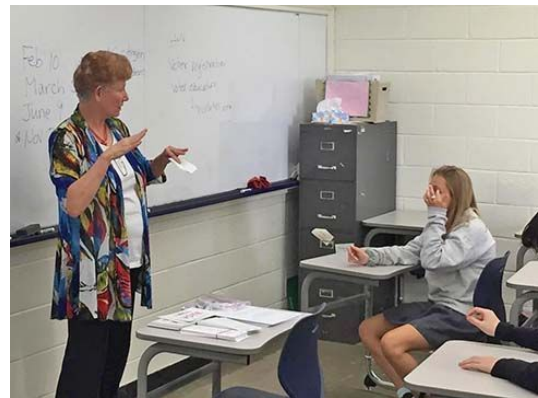


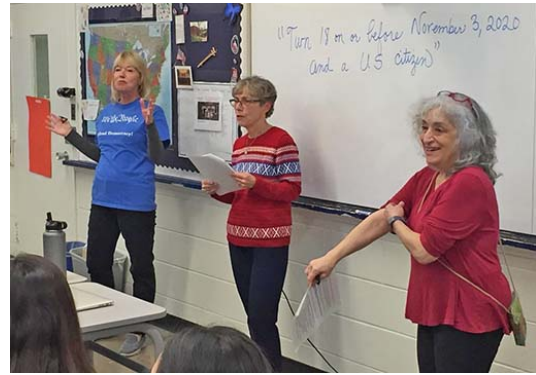
Lisa Koteen Gerchick and students participating in activity
at H B Woodlawn on Jan 30

Three volunteers registered 41 students to vote at HB Woodlawn Jan 30. In addition 19 students indicated they had already registered to vote and 12 students took voter registration forms home to complete and submit on their own.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made our expanded high school voter registration effort including Bishop O'Connell such a huge success!

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Look for next newsletter February 19





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