



League in Action

February 16, 2022

President's Message

Hello,

I ask you all to look ahead to July 1 and a new fiscal year. That is the beginning of the League's new year as well. That is also when we have a new board, however, to make that new board, we need people to step up and serve. **The nominating committee is working hard to find people – and you will see below a piece by Chair Anne Murphy, on the positions that are open.** Please consider giving some of your time to serving on the board. The League IS YOU and it does NOT run itself. As the old saying goes, many hands make the work easier.

This is important to remember about the League. Just because someone says they want to stay on the board, that is not a done deal. It is up to the nominating committee and that committee alone to produce the slate they feel best serves the League. So, they need a good pool from which to pick.

While I am asking, we are also looking for an ASSISTANT VOTER SERVICES PERSON(s). As you all know, Don Gurney has been doing yeoman's work as chair of Voter Services for many, many years. Our

work is expanding. Thanks to Lori Latillade who will help with Alexandria events **but we need one or two Arlingtonians who will also help out**. Voter services is what we do! Everyone has a few minutes – please email Don if you want to learn more about this. donnwren@comcast.net

Thanks for all you do.

The more people who volunteer, the less work everyone has to do!

Joan

A NOTE FROM YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

On June 12, at our League's 2022 annual meeting, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of Leaguers' names for election to the Board. As members, we vest a lot of admiration and gratitude to these men and women who make available their talents, skills, interests and above all, their enthusiasm for shaping our League's response to prevailing issues in Arlington and the city of Alexandria.

Perhaps, the League is "calling to you" to join the leadership team and contribute your enthusiasm and willingness to work collaboratively with a dynamic team to shape and grow the LWV of Arlington and Alexandria!

We need to fill these positions:

President

Treasurer

Four directors seats

We also need a new membership chair, and an assistant Voter Services Chair (these can be off board.)

The Nominating Committee invites you to answer the League's call and contact us to learn more about this opportunity to grow your own skills and enhance your talents and above all to share in the dynamic and crucial work of the League. Step up and reach out to any one of us to respond to our invitation. Your initial contact is simply to learn more, so don't hesitate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please let us know that you are interested by March 1.

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Volunteers needed for voter Registration in Arlington High Schools March 1 -17

What you need to know:

1. Arlington Public Schools (APS) has invited the League to register students in the Arlington High Schools. We need enough volunteers to visit 40+ classes to register eligible students to vote. Normally we have two volunteers visit each class, While we do not have the class schedule, save the days you want to volunteer from the list below of days we will be at each school:

- March 7 - 8 - Wakefield
- March 9 - 10 - Washington-Liberty
- March 11 and March 14 - Yorktown
- March 15 - Arlington Community High School and Arlington Career Center
- March 16 - HB Woodlawn
- March 17 - Langston

As soon as we receive the class room schedule for each school we will notify the membership for volunteers to sign up for specific classes (you can sign up for multiple classes.

2. Training for volunteers will be held on Wednesday February 23 and Monday February 28 at the Central Library from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

3. APS currently requires all volunteers to apply to enter the schools including providing proof of vaccination. You can [fill out the application online](#) and [find additional information regarding volunteering on the APS](#)

[website](#). According to the APS Social Studies Supervisor, since voter registration is not a regular occurrence, you won't have to complete the training module noted in the online application. That is for volunteers who enter school on a regular basis. As soon as you decide to volunteer fill out the volunteer application, indicate the schools you plan to visit, and provide your proof of vaccination, since the process can take a few days.

4. If you have not done so already, you can take the Virginia Department of Elections online voter registration training course here: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registration-training-video/> . After the course, if you fill out and sign the Voter Registration Request and Affidavit, you will be certified to register voters in Virginia through June 30, 2022. If asked, you do not need to order any voter registration forms.

by Don Gurney

Women's Legislative Roundtable

Every year during the General Assembly session, LWV-VA provides a nonpartisan forum open to the public on Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m., to discuss and share information on issues and legislation.

Legislators are invited to discuss bills they are sponsoring and answer questions. Leaders of nonprofit groups share their priority issues. LWV-VA lobbyists and Issue Group Leaders give updates on LWV-VA priority issues.

This year, you can attend in person or virtually. In-person meetings will be held at the ***Tidewater Room in the SunTrust Center, 919 East Main Street, Richmond***. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination is required for entry.

Click [here](#) to register to attend in person or virtually.

2022 WLRT Schedule* - February and March

Forums are Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Feb. 16 – Today - Money in Politics: Reform

Feb. 23 – Dark Money: Honest Ads

Mar. 2 – Floods: Full Disclosure of Flood Zones

Mar. 9 – Final Legislative Push

**Please note that topics are subject to change.*

[Click here to register to attend in person or virtually.](#)



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EVENT

Feb 26



Presents a Free
Virtual Workshop on

FLOODING

Plans to Prepare for Climate Change Impacts on
Stormwater Management
in the DC, MD & VA region

Saturday, February 26, 2022
10:00 am to 11:30 am

Register at [Bit.ly/NCAWKSH2022](https://bit.ly/NCAWKSH2022) by Thursday, Feb. 25
to obtain meeting links

GUEST SPEAKERS:

DANIEL MEDINA, PhD, PE, Stormwater Program Manager,
City of Alexandria, VA

TOPIC: A Holistic Approach to Rainwater Management in Ultra Urban Environments

FRANK W. DAWSON III, Division Chief, Watershed Restoration Division,
Dept. of Environmental Protection, Montgomery County, MD

Topic: Stormwater Management and Flooding: How to Meet Both Objectives

CATHERINE TORGERSEN, PE, Planner, Stormwater Planning Division,
Fairfax County, VA

Topic: Why does flooding occur in Fairfax County?

Questions? Email kmatusiak@comcast.net

The League of Women Voters National Capital Area wishes to thank you for your interest in this important topic.

[Register for the workshop here](#)



[Download flyer here](#)

Save the dates

April 24,

1 PM – will be our virtual **Post Legislative Session**. This is where we bring together our Delegates and State Senators to get a recap of what happened in the 2022 Session and get to ask them questions. This is open to the public so stay tuned for an invite and be sure to pass it along!

June 12

2 PM – Our **Annual Meeting**. We are going to do our best to arrange an outdoor meeting. This will help assure that we can still see each other

even if the beast COVID is bothering us again. If you have a good venue idea, please let me know!

LWV/NICD Network Resources and Opportunities to Help us Meet this Moment

Join the LWV and the National Institute of Civil Discourse as they offer training and share valuable tools for Leaguers to help local leaders engage and rebuild trust in your own communities.

Planning Ahead (times/time zones indicated are those of the hosting organization):

Feb 16, 2022 Wednesday 2pm (Eastern)	<i>Civic Infrastructure and Asset-Based Community Development.</i> Sponsored by the National Conference on Citizenship. Featuring John McKnight, who co-developed the theory and practice of asset-based community development (<i>Building Communities from the Inside Out</i> , 1993); Harold McDougall, who coined the concept of civic infrastructure (<i>Black Baltimore: A New Theory of Community</i> , 1993); and, moderated by Paula Ellis, NCoC board member and civic journalism pioneer. The discussion will focus on how we think about strengthening citizenship and democracy in America. <u>Click here to register for this event.</u>
Feb 17, 2022 Thursday 2pm (Eastern)	<i>An online workshop for new and experienced moderators.</i> Sponsored by National Issues Forums. For most of us, it's a new experience to sit down with others to talk about a complex public problem. And, it can be challenging to consider different perspectives in ways that are thought-provoking and deliberative. Moderators can make the difference in these discussions. While the skills of moderating are not hard to grasp, it takes conscious effort and practice. Many Leagues already use NIF issue guides and consider them an essential tool in conducting community conversations. Take advantage of this opportunity for training, conducted by skilled mentors in the field. <u>Click here to register for this event.</u>

<p>Feb 19, 2022 Saturday <i>10am (Mountain)</i></p>	<p><i>Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation: What is it? How Can It Benefit Our Community?</i> Sponsored by the LWV of Greater Tucson. Featuring Jose Rico, Exec. Dir. for Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Greater Chicago who will speak to the topic of <i>Truth: What is the History of TRHT?</i>; Dr. Tia Brown McNair, VP for Diversity, Equity, and Student Success and Exec. Dir. , TRHT Campus Centers, Assn. of American Colleges and Universities, who will speak to the topic of <i>Racial Healing: How Does It Happen?</i>; and, Stacey Ledbetter, creator of groundbreaking “Expanding our Horizons” experience, connecting community and police cadets who will speak to the topic of <i>Transformation: What Are Others Doing?</i> Click here to register for this event.</p>
<p>Feb 22, 2022 Tuesday <i>5pm (Eastern)</i></p>	<p><i>LWVUS Community Call.</i> League members convene for cross-learning and relationship-building. Click here to register for this event.</p>
<p>Feb 23, 2022 Wednesday <i>5pm (Pacific)</i></p>	<p><i>January 6, 2021 was just practice.</i> Sponsored by Jews United for Democracy & Justice and Community Advocates, Inc., part of their <i>America at a Crossroads</i> series. Featuring author and Pulitzer prize-winning writer for <i>The Atlantic</i>, Barton Gellman and Madeleine Brand, co-host of KCRW’s legal affairs podcast, <i>The Legal Eagle Files</i>. Click here to register for this event.</p>
<p>Feb 28, 2022 Monday <i>7pm (Eastern)</i></p>	<p><i>Early Presidents and How They Shaped the Presidency.</i> Sponsored by the National Constitution Center America’s Town Hall Constitutional Conversations Uniting Thought Leaders from All Sides of the Debate. Co-sponsored by the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University. Featuring presidential historians discussing America’s first presidents and how they shaped the office as we know it today. The discussion will be moderated by Jeffrey Rosen, president/CEO of the Nat. Constitution Center. Click here to register for this event.</p>

News from National

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RESPONDS TO SUPREME COURT DECISION TO UPHOLD ALABAMA’S GERRYMANDERED CONGRESSIONAL

MAPS

2-8-22

WASHINGTON & MONTGOMERY—Today the League of Women Voters of the United States CEO **Virginia Kase Solomón** and the League of Women Voters of Alabama President **Kathy Jones** issued the following statements on the Supreme Court decision failing to rein in racial gerrymandering by allowing the Alabama congressional maps to stay in place.

“The Supreme Court’s decision to allow the Alabama congressional maps that were previously ruled unlawful is shameful and deeply disappointing,” said League of Women Voters CEO **Virginia Kase Solomón**. “The federal court saw the reality of these maps — a dilution of voting power for Black Alabamians and the long-ranging impact this plan will have for the next decade. This is a classic example of race-based gerrymandering that is in violation of the *Voting Rights Act*. This is what happens when there are no set federal criteria for how maps are drawn and no *Voting Rights Act* to provide adequate protections for targeted communities.”

[Read the full statement here](#)

Happy 102!



We are celebrating the 102nd birthday of the League by thanking our elected officials who support League initiatives. #lww102

Meetings

Feb 20 - 2 PM - **Book Club**

Guest of Honor, Booker T Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and the White House

Dinner that Shocked the World by Deborah Davis

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Look for next newsletter March 2

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