



## **League in Action**

February 2, 2022

### **President's Message**

Hi all. As we move into 2022, I have a few save-the-dates for you so get out those calendars.

**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!

BUT NOW IT IS VALENTINE'S DAY AND THE LEAGUE'S 102 BIRTHDAY SO IT IS TIME FOR OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PROJECT!!! We need some positive energy and birthday joy! SO, **sign up to send a Valentine to our state and local elected officials**. We are fortunate

in this area that our General Assembly Delegates and Senators support the League positions on expanding and protecting the vote.

**When you sign up, you will receive information on our legislative priorities, addresses, our Valentine thank you cards and stamps.**

If you would like to spread the joy to members of the Arlington County Board or Alexandria City Council, please feel free!

**Sign Up**

**here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FA5AD28A5F49-feb14th>

**IF you have any questions,** please contact me at

[LWVARLINGTONVA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LWVARLINGTONVA@GMAIL.COM).



**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.

Local League presidents will be setting up meetings with members of the General Assembly for League Day. Contact your local League president to join one of these meetings. When you RSVP you will have a choice to mark how you will attend. We hope to see you in whatever form is easiest for you but an in-person visit makes the biggest impact.

#### **2022 WLRT Schedule\* - February and March**

*Forums are Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. To view past 2022 WLRTs, click on the link(s) below.*

**Feb. 2 – Today** - Vouchers and Tuition Tax Credits to Private Schools: “Portability of Funds diverted from Public Schools to Private Schools”.

**Feb. 9** – Child Protection

**Feb. 16** – 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.](#)



## **CELEBRATING 101 YEARS OF EMPOWERING VOTERS AND DEFENDING DEMOCRACY**

**LWV** LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS

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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 TORGENSEN, PE, Planner, Stormwater Planning Division,**  
Fairfax County, VA

Topic: Why does flooding occur in Fairfax County?

Questions? Email [kmatusiak@comcast.net](mailto: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](#)

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## News from National

### **Adam Ambrogi Joins the League of Women Voters as Senior Director for Voting & Elections**

1/24/2022

The League of Women Voters is proud to announce Adam Ambrogi as Senior Director for Voting and Elections. Adam joins the League's growing team and will expand the organization's impact on voting rights and election administration.

[Read the news release here](#)

## **LWV of Texas Sends Letter to Texas SOS Requesting Voter Registration Forms**

1/21/2022

LWV of Texas and Campaign Legal Center sent a letter to Texas Secretary of State John Scott in response to his office's practice of severely limiting voter registration forms provided to voter registration organizations in the state — in violation of the National Voter Registration Act.

[Read the news release here](#)

## **LWV US January Highlights**

[Read the Highlights here](#)

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## How long must we wait?



**"The League of Women Voters filed an amicus brief to the suit brought by the Attorneys General of Virginia, Illinois and Nevada to force the National Archivist to do...his...job and record the amendment. We call on Attorney General Miyares to continue the fight for equality and to hold the National Archivist accountable. HOW LONG MUST WE WAIT?"**

[Read LWV VA President Deb Wake's full statement here](#)



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## Virginia Voter, February 2022



**President's Message: It Began with a Tea**

**Hidden Histories highlights community connection to The Mariners' Museum founding**

**Concerns With the Governor's Charter School Plans**

**The Future of the Commonwealth: YOUR LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!**

**League Day, 2022: Restoration of Returning Citizens Voting Access**

**Council 2022 – Save the Date: June 4**

**Memories of Bernice Colvard**

*Part III – Housing Segregation and Its Legacy*

**The American Dream: For Whites Only**

**The Commission on the Status of Women 66 is coming!**

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

### **Important Dates in February**

Feb. 1

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**Black History Month begins**

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Feb. 2

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**International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation**

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**Women's Legislative Round Table, 8:30 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.**

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Feb. 9

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**Women's Legislative Round Table, 8:30 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.**

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Feb. 11

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**International Day of Women and Girls in Science**

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Feb. 14

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**LWV's Birthday and Day of Action**

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Feb. 15

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**General Assembly Crossover: last day for the House and Senate to consider their own bills.**

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Feb. 16

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**Women's Legislative Round Table, 8:30 a.m.** Click [here](#) to register.

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**Feb. 20**

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**World Day of Social Justice**

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**Feb. 21**

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**Presidents' Day**

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Feb. 23

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**Women's Legislative Round Table, 8:30 a.m.** Click [here](#) to register.

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## Janet Boyd testifying



- on behalf of LWV Virginia in favor of campaign finance reform bills to the House Privileges and Elections subcommittee

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## **Pam Berg testifying**



- on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Virginia supporting voting rights

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## **78 years ago in Arlington -**

(spotted on Facebook by Chris De Rosa)

**Arlington Historical Society**

**Facebook Post**

**January 28, 2022**

On this day in Arlington history, January 28, 1944, seventeen Arlington women met to consider the formation of a unit of the National League of Women Voters.

According to the meeting minutes held by the Center for Local History, Mrs. Kathryn Stone presided over the meeting. She spoke about her recent meetings with a group of women living in Buckingham and with the President of the District League of Women Voters. She told the attendees that all had agreed that there should be an Arlington League of Women Voters.

[Read the full Arlington Historical Society post here](#)

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### Meetings

Feb 9 - 7 PM - **Civics**

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

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

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

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**Look for next newsletter February 16**

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