



## **League in Action**

7 February 2024

### **Presidents' Message**

There's been lots of activity in our League these last few weeks! Don Gurney, Kathy Matusiak, and Lori Lataillade – along with scores of volunteers – have finally completed their winter high school voter registration drive. This is a monumental effort; and, if you've been a part of this work, you know how rewarding it is. Check out the pictures below!

We've also completed our annual Program Meeting and our Day of Action at Walter Reed this past weekend. More information will be coming on the results of the Program Meeting in subsequent newsletters. Our Day of Action was a great event and we drew in a couple new members and some potential partners. Pictures of the event are below.

Extra special thanks to all of our volunteers for the high school voter registration events and our Day of Action 2024 event.

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[Remembering Dr. Deborah Turner](#)

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**Early voting for 5 March Presidential primary has begun.** Find all the information here:

[Arlington Elections](#)

[Alexandria Elections](#)

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## **Winter High School Voter Registration**

*by Dan Gurney*

From 16 January – 2 February **forty-six** volunteers from the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City (LWVAAC) and partner organizations **registered 520 high school students to vote.** This included 482 students from Arlington high schools and 38 from Alexandria.

**For the 2023-24 school year LWVAAC has registered a total of 566 students** including 528 from Arlington high schools and 38 from Alexandria.

Many thanks to Arlington Public Schools, Saint Stephens, Saint Agnes School, and all the volunteers from LWVAAC and partner organizations who worked together to make these voter registration drives such a success.

**On January 17 at Wakefield we registered/preregistered 90 students**  
in spite of the confusion caused by starting 2 hours late.



At the table are **Joan McDermott, Joyce Brooks, and Tilly Blanding.**



The volunteers were great in adjusting to all of the schedule changes caused by the weather delay. **Tilly Blanding** was fantastic in rounding up eligible students and bringing them to the lunch time table to register.

**We registered 104 students at Yorktown on Jan. 18.**



Yorktown - **Joan McDermott** and **Rachel Meltzer**

**We registered 28 students at Washington-Liberty on Jan. 22.**



Washington-Liberty - **Liz** and **Doug Scheffler**



Washington-Liberty - **Majorie Hobart, Kathy Matusiak, Don Gurney, Bill Pritchard and Mauri Bishop**

**On Jan. 25 we registered 57 students at HB Woodlawn.**



**Liz and Doug Scheffler in class**



**Lisa Kaplowitz and Lynne Willhoit**

**Many thanks to the all the volunteers who stepped up on short notice when we had to reschedule our voter registration efforts at Yorktown on Jan 19.**

**We did a very good job at Yorktown on Jan. 30.**

**We registered 66 students. That brings the total number students we registered at Yorktown to 176. Bravo!**



**Kathy Matusiak and David McAleavey in a classroom**



**Lynne Willhoit, Mary Ann Bolton, Nancy Brown, Amity Horowitz, and  
Judy Connally**



**Mary Ann, Nancy, Amity, and Judy** registering students

**Many thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up on short notice  
when the snow forced us to reschedule our voter registration events**

**at Wakefield on Jan. 16.**

We did a good job at Wakefield even though a teacher canceled voter registration scheduled for three classes. In spite of that we still registered 51 students.

**The total number of students registered in the two days at Wakefield was 141. Good show!!**



**Ann Garrison** in a class room



**Lisa Kaplowitz** in a class room





Many volunteers in Wakefield commons: **Judy Collins, Susan Sarcone, Joyce Brooks, Melissa Gulyes, Don Gurney, Tilly Blanding, and Kathy Matusiak**

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Here are some photos from the 4 Feb. LWVAAC Day of Action 2024.



Condo Elections Team members **Marjorie Hobart** and **Kari Anders**



Advisory Council on Teaching and Learning (ACTL) LWVAAC Chair **Marietta Palmer** speaks with a visitor.



LWVAAC Voters with Disabilities POC **Richelle Brown** talks with **Judith Selzer**.



LWVAAC Membership Team (left to right) **Lisa Backer** and **Alice Moore**



Some of the members of our Affordable Housing Committee, left to right - **Anne Murphy**, **Laura Leussing**, **Pat Findikoglu**, and **Shelley Murphy McCabe**



**Marietta Palmer, Sandra Richardson, Marie Barnes, Lisa Koteen Gerchick, Lori Lataillade, and Katie Blanding**

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## **LWV VA February 2024 Virginia Voter**

[Read the Voter here](#)

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### **LWVAAC BOOK GROUP**

Arlington/Alexandria City League Book Club is chaired by **Joan Porte**. Want to join? **Email Joan** at [joan@joanporte.com](mailto:joan@joanporte.com). **Book Club meets every third Sunday at 2:00 PM** via Zoom (link will be provided).

The next meeting will be **Sunday, 18 February**, at 2:00pm.

Our next book is *Young and Restless; The Girls Who Sparked America's Revolutions* by Mattie Kahn.

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