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**League in Action**  
17 January 2024

**Presidents' Message**

Want to be inspired? Check out this new musical opening in New York; some of you may already know about it: [SUFFS The Musical](#). Scroll down on the *Suffs* webpage and watch Shaina Taub perform 'Keep Marching'. We'll keep our eyes peeled for news of a Washington show; but it also looks like there are matinees in April in New York for those interested in a day trip.

Now, on to *our* show! There's a lot of stuff going on. Here's a list of upcoming events:

**16 January – 1 February – High School Voter Registration** (still need volunteers!)

**4 February – Annual Program Meeting** (1:30-2:00pm)  
**4 February – Day of Action 2024** (2:00pm-4:00pm)

**(NOTE: We need some extra volunteers during the event to assist with public engagement (i.e., check-in, fielding questions about the League, engaging with attendees). Email me at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net) if you can help with this.**

**6/7 February** – League Day Richmond; overnight and single day options available.

**Please sign up** for these events below.

**NOTE: Early voting for 5 March Presidential primary starts Friday, 19 January.** Find all the information here:

- [Arlington Elections](#)
- [Alexandria Elections](#)

**Note: The memorial meeting for Sue Swisher, beloved LWV member, will be held at her retirement home, Goodwin House, 3440 S Jefferson St, Falls Church, VA 22041, on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10:00 am in the auditorium. All are welcome.**

**Local Upcoming Events to Sign Up For:**

**Winter 2024 High School Voter Registration Volunteering**

We still need volunteers to conduct lunchtime registration at all of the high schools and visit senior social studies classes at HB Woodlawn, Wakefield, W-L, and Yorktown. All the students we register will be eligible to vote in the March 5 Super Tuesday Presidential Primary.

**This is a critical push to get our newest voters registered! Students registered will be able to vote in the 5 March Presidential primary, the June 18 Congressional primary, and the general election in November. It will be their first vote!**

**Sign up for the classroom teacher(s) and time(s) you want and lunchtime voter registration (only sign up on rows with a teacher's name or "Lunch"). Yellow highlighted areas are the slots available.**

**Sign up: [H.S. Voter Registration Sign-Up](#)**

**All volunteers should take the online Virginia Voter Registration Drive Training.** Sign up here: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registration-training/>

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**Sunday 4 February 1:30-4:00pm.** LWWAAC Annual Program Meeting and Day of Action at Walter Reed Community Center; 2909 16<sup>th</sup> Street S., Arlington. This is an important annual event and **all members** are encouraged to attend. The event will follow this format:

- 1:00 – 1:30pm Room set-up
- 1:30 – 2:00pm League Members only Annual Program Meeting.
- 2:00 – 4:00pm Open to the Public/Day of Action
- 4:00 – 4:30pm Room clean-up

**The Annual Program Meeting is for reviewing existing national positions in advance of the 2024 LWVUS Convention.** This also allows for LWWAAC to review our own current positions and recommend changes or updates. In advance of the 4 February Annual Program Meeting, please review the local positions and come prepared to submit changes/updates on 4 February (if you have any).

[LWWAAC \(Local\) Positions \(Current 2024\)](#)

More information will follow (via email) on guidance for members at the Annual Program Meeting. There are a few LWVUS items that will need to be accomplished as well.

Following the Annual Program Meeting, we will open to the public for a Day of Action 2024. This event will allow League members to engage with our subject matter volunteers/experts on issues important to the League AND also allow members of the public to learn what our League is doing. This will be a great time to see old friends and make new ones!

Both the LWWAAC Annual Program Meeting and Day of Action are two separate events even though they're occurring back-to-back. Please sign up for **both** events separately, here.

**Annual Program Meeting (League members only):**

- [LWWAAC Annual Program Meeting \(2024\)](#)
- LWWAAC Day of Action:**
- [Day of Action \(2024\)](#)

Administrative note: Weather contingency for 4 February is as follows:  
Annual Program Meeting: Convert to Zoom (same time; 1:30pm).  
Day of Action 2024: TBD

**Wednesday 7 February. LEAGUE DAY!** Leagues throughout the Commonwealth gather in Richmond for our annual advocacy event. This is your opportunity to meet with your legislative representatives in Richmond along with your fellow League members. This event is in-person only; all travel and lodging is self-funded.

You have some options here: If you want to come down the night before (6 February) we have a special room rate and you can attend a reception starting at 6:00pm. You can come down early on Wednesday, 7 February, and attend the 9:00am breakfast with speakers before heading off around 11:00am to engage with your representatives. All of the details are in the sign-up here:

- [LWV-VA League Day Reception & Breakfast Tickets](#)

**NOTE:** If you're going and you've signed up and paid above, please fill out this additional sign-up for LWWAAC members. We can better coordinate drivers/riders and hotel roommates.

*Please make a point to sign up as soon as possible to avoid last minute challenges with ride coordination and appointments with your state representatives. Signing up now or soon helps a lot with overall administration and management of this trip.*

- [Arlington-Alexandria League Day Sign-Up](#)

This is an annual League event; if you've never been, give it a try! Questions? Email me at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net).

**Volunteer Opportunities**

We still have a number of opportunities available for volunteers. Look for them at our Day of Action 2024 event on 4 February and also the next newsletter on 7 February.

**General Announcements**

**2024 General Assembly Legislative Session:** 2024 Virginia legislative session began **Wednesday, 10 January**. You'll want to keep these websites handy:

[Legislative Information System \(LIS\)](#) Use this site to follow legislation through both houses.

[Virginia General Assembly](#) Use this site for a more comprehensive portal to the legislature.

**Do you speak Spanish? Want to help turn Spanish-speaking citizens into new voters?** For this election cycle, our League plans to both develop basic voter education materials in Spanish and to reach out to a number of groups of Spanish-speaking adults. We need folks to help translate materials, as well as people to do voter education with adults. Help! Please let Ann Sharp ([sharpab2828@gmail.com](mailto:sharpab2828@gmail.com)) or Debby Churchman ([dchurchm@yahoo.com](mailto:dchurchm@yahoo.com)) know if you're willing to share your skills.

**Women's Legislative Roundtables**

Our Women's Legislative Roundtables (WLRs) will be hybrid this year as they were last year. Because this is a "long" session of the General Assembly, the WLRs will run from the first day of session, Jan. 10, 2024 until March 6, 2024. They will be one hour long, from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM.

All events will be hybrid except the March 6 wrap up which, like last year, will be only virtual. The in-person segment will take place in the new Virginia General Assembly Building, 201 North 9th Street, 7th Floor North Meeting Room, Richmond. At each WLR, we will have speakers update us on our various legislative priorities.

See the schedule and RSVP today  
<https://LWWWLRT2024.eventbrite.com>

**LWV VA January 2024 Virginia Voter**

[Read the Voter here](#)

**High School Voter Registration preparation**



(l to r) Don Gurney, Doug Scheffler, Liz Scheffler, Faye Pritchard, Bill Pritchard, Lori Lataillade, and Kathy Matusiak (standing) prepare supplies for High School Voter Registration effort that started this week.



Kathy Matusiak and Faye Pritchard prepare supplies for High School Voter Registration.

*Photos by Pam Berg*

**LWWAAC 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, 21 January**, at 2:00pm. Our next book is *Indigenous Continent* by Pekka Hamäläinen .

**Look for next newsletter February 7**

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