



League in Action

January 19, 2022

President's Message

That calendar keeps moving on! We are now in the 2022 "long session" of the Virginia General Assembly. (In Virginia, even number years have a longer session usually lasting from the first Wednesday of January to the second week of March. In odd number years, the Assembly usually ends in mid-February.)

I hope that you have time to attend the LWV Virginia's weekly Women's Legislative Roundtables WLRTs and League Day which is January 26 this year. These are great ways to follow League priorities as they work their way through the sausage making progress of legislating. There is information below on these great events which you can attend virtually this year. We are also setting up virtual meetings with the members of the General Assembly who represent us. Again, read down for sign up information. Let them know we are here!

We also have work to do here. If you are interested in DEI, election security, broadcast media (we have a podcast!), civics, observing the County Board or other government offices, affordable housing, reading good books or producing candidate forums, we have a place for you. Just email me at lvarlingtonva@gmail.com to find out how you can lend a hand.

Thanks for all you do and stay warm.

Joan

Ready to help America vote?

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day is January 25.

To learn more click to watch Poll Working 101:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPDyQEyoaBo>

Are you interested in helping America vote? Visit www.helpamericavote.gov for more information.

Time to make your League Day Appointments

Every year during the session of the General Assembly, LWV Virginia hosts **our Wednesday morning Women's Legislative Roundtables (WLRTs) and our advocacy day, League Day.**

This year the WRLTs start on Jan, 12 and run through March 9. **League Day is January 26.** You can **find the topics for and RSVP to each WLRT here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-legislative-roundtables-in-person-with-virtual-option-tickets-215581559247>.

All of these will be hybrid events meaning you will have the chance to go to Richmond or attend virtually,

On Jan 26, League Day, we will be visiting our State Senators' and Delegates' offices. Due to COVID restrictions, in person meetings are limited to 3 -4 people but we will make it work. Depending on how many people we get in person, we will schedule the appropriate number of meetings to make sure you are covered. We will also host one virtual Zoom session that afternoon for people who do not want to travel to Richmond.

All meetings will be on Jan 26 between 12P - 4 PM.

Please complete the form below with your name, name of members of the General Assembly, and whether you want to attend in person or virtually Again, this is for Jan 26 visits - League Day,. Please respond no later than noon, Jan 21.

[Sign Up For Delegate/Senator Visits Here](#)





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News from National

3 Takeaways from the Biden Administration's Speech on Voting Rights

1-11-22

by Lily McGee

President Biden and Vice President Harris responded to a year of advocacy, including thousands of letters to members of Congress, hundreds of activist arrests, and countless calls to deliver on federal voting rights in a speech in Atlanta, Georgia.

[Read the LWWUS blogpost here](#)



LWV of Georgia Joins Partners to File Federal Lawsuit Challenging Georgia's Racially Gerrymandered Congressional Districts

1/10/2022

The League of Women Voters of Georgia and partners file federal lawsuit challenging racial gerrymandering in Georgia.

[Read the news release here](#)

LWV Statement on First Anniversary of January 6 Attack

1/6/2022

The League of Women Voters of the United States' president Dr. Deborah Turner and CEO Virginia Kase Solomón issued the following joint statement on the anniversary of the January 6th attack at the US Capitol:

[Read the statement here](#)

Redistricting News

Deb Wake and Liz White column:

**Virginia's redistricting process was messy,
frustrating and complicated.**

It still worked.

[Read their January 11 opinion column in the Virginia Times-Dispatch](#)

*Our own Chris De Rosa was one of the
participants in this interview -*

**LWV-VA Radio Interview on "New Voting Maps in
Virginia"**

January 8, 2022

["New Voting Maps in Virginia"](#) – 30-minute Radio Conversation with WEHC's **Teresa Keller** and **Peggy Layne** (LWV-Montgomery Co.) and **Chris DeRosa**, Co-Coordinator, LWV-VA Redistricting Committee.

Aired January 5 on www.wehcfm.com.

by Fran Larkins

[Listen to the conversation here](#)

Meetings

TODAY - Jan 19 – 7 PM - **Election Integrity**

contact lwwarlingtonva@gmail.com

Jan 24 – 7 PM - **Affordable Housing**

contact lwwarlingtonva@gmail.com

Feb 9 - 7 PM - **Civics**

Contact Joan 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

Look for next newsletter February 2



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