



## **League in Action**

January 20, 2021

### **President's Message**

It is Inauguration Day in America – a hallowed tradition. In a time of illness, sedition and distrust, American goes on. We have done it before, and we will do it now. Yes, we are facing both sedition and illness together but we are tough! However, we know that Democracy requires...demands...action and if ever there was a time for action, it is now.

Thanks to all who came to our January membership meeting. If you couldn't join us or haven't had a chance to check out our opportunities for action this year please take a minute to look at these links.

Our focus this year will be on local advocacy and our Civics Program. These groups are NOT just for Arlington members, we are looking forward to the input of Alexandria members!

Sign up here to get involved in new issues of interest.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1R4u8laIXSaCZmi\\_VPuPJbOeCDBgHbn\\_W1kwrvDkzyQY/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1R4u8laIXSaCZmi_VPuPJbOeCDBgHbn_W1kwrvDkzyQY/edit#gid=0)

We also have current committees that can always use more support! Sign up here.

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We are very excited about our Civics Program! We need civics education - not for our students, but for the adults! Get involved in this program that will serve as a prototype for the State!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NCbrnAMO1\\_96zsFz7rbTUg7bso\\_EFgJuN0z9Jo0S\\_K4/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NCbrnAMO1_96zsFz7rbTUg7bso_EFgJuN0z9Jo0S_K4/edit#gid=0)

There is never a good time to be a bystander....especially now.

Thanks,  
Joan

### Speaking in “One Voice”

Just a reminder that **no one can speak for the League unless it is the president or someone designated by the president**. So, for Arlington that would be me, for the state that would be Deb.

We had an unfortunate instance in another league where someone wrote a very inflammatory letter and mentioned her affiliation to the League. Say whatever you want as a private citizen – but check with us before you include the League!

Thanks ,

Joan

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## LWV-Arlington Supports Ranked Choice Voting

Joan has written to Arlington Registrar/Director of Elections **Gretchen Reinemeyer** in support of Ranked Choice Voting, and she states that the League stands ready to provide any assistance with the implementation including the important public education aspect of bringing RCV to Arlington.

[Read Joan's letter here](#)

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## EVENTS

**Jan 27**

**League of Women Voters of Virginia – League Day** Jan 27

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Albeit in a virtual format, League Day, our day of learning and advocacy will go on! We will have advocacy training and an update on our legislative priorities.

Keynote speaker: **Adele McClure**, The Legislative Black Caucus

We will also be hearing speakers on the following topics:

**-Criminal justice reform**

**-Marriage Equality**

**-Increased broadband**

Senator **Adam Ebbin** of Virginia's 49th district, Delegate **Don Scott Jr.** of Virginia's 80th district and Delegate **Vivian Watts** of Virginia's 39th are speaking. There will be other members of the General Assembly in attendance.



[RSVP here](#)

## Meetings with Your Members of the General Assembly

League Day, our day of advocacy "in" Richmond is January 27, 2021. Of course, this year, everything will be virtual. Normally, after our League Day festivities end, we visit the offices of our members of the General Assembly. We are doing that again this year but by Zoom.

The schedule for meetings is:

**Senator Janet Howell - 12 PM**

**Delegate Rip Sullivan - 12:50 PM**

**Delegate Patrick Hope - 1:15 PM**

**Delegate Alfonso Lopez - 2:00 PM**

**Delegate Mark Levine - 2:30 PM**

**Senator Adam Ebbin - 3:00 PM**

We are waiting to hear from **Senator Favola**.

Depending on schedules, we might be meeting with staff members but that is fine! Staff knows how things work - it is actually a good thing to meet with them!

We will have about 15 -20 minutes on each call. We will have talking points and positions papers from LWV VA.

[Please sign up here](#)

**February 2 and 22**

## League of Women Voters of Arlington – Dialogue on Race and Equality

Feb 2 - 7 PM-9 PM

Feb 22 – 1 PM–3 PM

The same event is running twice – please sign up for one.

The LWV Arlington is participating in the Arlington County "Dialogues on Race and Equity" initiative. We will be conducting two small interactive virtual dialogues among League members to learn and discuss race and equity in Arlington. These are private, hands-on work. **Kristen Shattuck**, League Member, will facilitate the Challenging Racism curriculum. Everyone has different experiences, backgrounds, insights, opinions, and beliefs about race and equity.



There are two meetings – please only sign up for one.

**Space is very limited – only 20 people for each event - so if you RSVP but learn you cannot attend, please cancel so we can open it to someone else.**

**Feb 2 - 7 - 9 PM**

**Feb 22 - 1 - 3 PM**

[RSVP here](#)

### **February 3**

#### **League of Women Voters of Virginia – Women’s Legislative Roundtables**

(WLRT) 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

WLRTs will be virtual – so tune in and see all of the great work the League is doing this year.



**Feb 3 – 8:30 AM – come to one come to ALL!**

[RSVP here](#)

## **February 22**

### **Join the League of Women Voters of Virginia for TRIVIA NIGHT - in honor of the birth of Congressman John Lewis**

Feb 22- 6 PM

How will you be commemorating Congressman John Lewis' birthday (February 21)? Join your LWV - VA friends for a fun evening of virtual trivial via Zoom and Kahoot (a web based learning/trivia platform) on February 22 from 6pm-7pm.

Try your hand at questions like "Was the LWV founded by Carrie Nation, Carrie Catt, Carrie Fisher, or Carrie Stanton Blatch? " Or, who said "Ain't I a Woman?" You bring your snacks and beverages, we will supply the platform, questions and fun! Register today.

Please have two different devices available - for example a cell phone and a laptop.

[RSVP here](#)

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### **League Condemns Domestic Terrorist Attack on the U.S. Capitol**

[Read LWVUS statement on the events of January 6 here](#)

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## Committees

Jan 24 – 2 PM – **Book Group** - NEW DATE FOR THIS MONTH – contact **Joan** –

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

Book: ***The Money Makers: How Roosevelt and Keynes Ended the Depression, Defeated Fascism and Secured a Prosperous Peace***

by **Eric Rauchway**

Jan 25 – 7 PM – **Affordable Housing** - contact **Joan** – [Joan@joanporte.com](mailto:Joan@joanporte.com)

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**Look for next newsletter February 3**

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