



## **League in Action**

January 6, 2021

## **President's Message**

Happy New Year! Well, we made it – we are on the other side of 2021! I hope you and your family had the best possible and safest holiday season.

As we gear up for the 2021, please take a look at the events section of this newsletter. We have our first meeting of the year and our annual Day of Action on **January 17**, and LWW Virginia's League Day – our day of advocacy "in" Richmond on **January 27**. (we will be virtual this year.) We will still be setting up virtual meetings with our members of the General Assembly after the formal agenda. Speakers will include **Adele McClure** of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, Delegates **Vivian Watts** and **Don Scott** and **Senator Adam Ebbin**.

We also have an opportunity for you to join in a dialogue on race in February as the League joins in the County's efforts to increase awareness of this important issue.

**Thank you** for all you did during this difficult year. Here is to the future.

Congratulations to our member, **Matt De Ferranti** who has been elected Chair of the Arlington County Board.

Joan

Happy Birthday to our founder **Carrie Chapman Catt** - January 9.

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## **EVENTS**

**Jan 13, Jan 20 and Feb 3**

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

(WLRT) 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Our traditional WLRTs will start with the beginning of the General Assembly on January 13. As this is a short session, there will be three WLRTs (and League Day on Jan 27 – see below.)

**There is also special advocacy training** after the Jan 13 WLRT - it is great preparation for the 2021 session!

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



**Jan 13, Jan 20 and Feb 3 – 8:30 AM – come to one come to ALL!**

[RSVP here](#)

**January 14**

**REVIEW OF SECOND PART OF LWV VA ELECTION LAWS POSITION - Day 2**

Election Security

**Thursday, January 14, 3:00 PM - Part E, Ranked Choice Voting**

For more information and Zoom link contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**

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[Read Election Laws Study Part 2 here](#)

**January 17**

**Membership Meeting and Day of Action!**

Our first membership meeting of the New Year – **2:00 PM – 3:15 PM**

What are our post election, 2021 goals? I will give you a sneak peek – it includes a Civics Education program and much more local advocacy.

Join us as we roll out our new programs in the new year!

Advocacy Day of Action! **3:15- 4:30 PM**

Yes, we are virtual but we are no less effective. This is your opportunity to let the General Assembly or your local board/city council hear from you on issues important to the League!

[Learn More About our Legislative Positions](#)

[...and our advocacy challenge](#)

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**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.

We will be setting up “virtual visits” to our members of the General Assembly - stay tuned for sign ups!



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**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**

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The League of Women Voters of Arlington members donated 15 of our new fleece jackets to the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network. THANK YOU!

[Visit our Virtual Shop for These and Other League Goods!](#)

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## **Virginia Voter Guide to Action for 2021**

In the January edition:

### **Redistricting Commission**

by **Sara Fitzgerald** LWV-Falls Church

### **Women's Legislative Forums & League Day**



by **Joan Porte** LWV-VA First Vice President  
**Mary Crutchfield**, LWV-VA Second Vice President

### **Legislative Update**

by **Julia Tanner**, LWV-VA Action Coordinator

### **Advocacy Training**

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[Read the January Virginia Voter here](#)

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## **LWVUS Statement on the Joint Session to Certify the Presidential Election**



The role of Congress this week is to confirm that the votes sent are the ones the electors certified. Congress has no legal ability to change those results.

Read LWVUS statement on the certification of the election here

## Committees

Jan 14 – 7 PM – See above for the second part of the **Election Security** Position Study  
Reivew – contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick** [Lkoteengerchick@gmail.com](mailto:Lkoteengerchick@gmail.com)

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)

Look for next newsletter January 20



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