

League in Action

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Presidents' Message

If your reading this newsletter, it was put together by Roberta Jameson – our longstanding newsletter editor and producer.



On behalf of LWVAAC, **Connie Potter** and I had the honor of taking **Roberta** to lunch this past week to celebrate her long service with us. Roberta has been producing our newsletter for nearly six and a half years. I trust that I speak for all of us when I say we have a deep appreciation for all that Roberta has done for us: not *only* the newsletter, but short-notice voter registration volunteer

announcements, and media advertisements for all of our events (i.e., public meetings and candidate forums), to name a few. Over the next several weeks, Roberta will be training our new newsletter team: **Sabine Mead Mexia** and **Elizabeth (Beth) Gabrosek**. With an abundance of gratitude all around, we'll say farewell to Roberta and welcome to Sabine and Beth.

In-Person Voter Registration Training! Did You Miss It?



We had a terrific turnout for our In-Person Voter Registration Training on Sunday, 14 July. **Gretchen Reinemeyer** (Arlington Registrar) and **Tania Griffin** (Communications and Outreach Coordinator) from the Arlington Elections Office provided the training again this year. A shoutout to Gretchen and Tania for doing a great job.

If you missed the training you can still take it online here:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registration-training/>

Voter Registration Volunteer Opportunities

We have a number of upcoming voter registration opportunities – what we have so far is listed below. The sign-up sheet does contain all of these events at this time; so, you can sign up for what we have through 15 October. October 15 is the last day of voter registration; after that it becomes Same Day Voter Registration during early voting and election day itself.

I want to take this opportunity to let everyone know that we are getting increased requests for voter registration and we anticipate more to come. Fortunately, we're also getting increased requests for folks who want to volunteer. To this end, we'll ask your patience with multiple announcements as we try to accommodate additions and changes as soon as possible throughout this upcoming voter registration cycle in advance of November elections.

Lastly, voter registration at local high schools will start in early September; you can anticipate more opportunities to volunteer for voter registration for that effort as well. Finally, please be mindful that we are training a new Voter Services Leadership Team. Don Gurney will be guiding them through these processes over the next few months. If you have questions about any of this, reach out to us at: lvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Here is the Sign-Up Sheet for Voter Registration:

[LWVAAC Voter Registration Sign-Up Sheet](#)

In July and early August, we have the following events:

Farmers' Markets:

Crystal City on **Saturday July 20**

Courthouse on **Saturday July 27**

Columbia Pike on **Sunday July 28**

Lubber Run on **Saturday August 3**

Crystal City on **Saturday, August 3**

George Mason Art Installation:

Arlington on **Friday July 26**

Remaining Farmers' Market Events (As of 17 July)

August 10 Courthouse

August 14 Rosslyn

August 18 Columbia Pike

August 22 Ballston

August 31 Lubber Run

September 11 Rosslyn

September 14 Courthouse

September 15 Columbia Pike

September 19 Ballston

September 28 Paws on the Pike & Clarendon Day

October 2 Rosslyn

October 5 Lubber Run

October 10 Ballston

October 12 Courthouse

October 13 Columbia Pike

NOTE: Other events, such as the Rosslyn Jazz Festival and others, will be added as we get them. The above is what we have on farmers' markets at this time. Expect updates as they occur.

REMINDER: In order to register voters with LWVAAC, you need to have completed Virginia Department of Elections training if you haven't done so already:

[Virginia State Voter Registration Online Training](#)

CALLING ALL POSTCARDERS!!

That time of year will soon be upon us! We'll need volunteers for GOTV!

GOTV = Get Out The Vote

This is an important element of the voter registration effort! It's the follow up. All of the folks that we register will be sent a postcard in advance of the November election to remind them that they (1) *registered* to vote and (2) they should make a plan to vote!

We need volunteers willing to do this work and we'll start taking volunteers now. Please email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com and I'll put your name on the list for the 2024 Postcarding Group.

Got questions? Email me at above address.

Interested in Fighting Mis/Disinformation? Now you can actually GET INVOLVED!! The League of Women Voters of Virginia in partnership with [VerbaAI](#) has established a fact checking website which uses AI to find political statements and then check them against known and trusted sites. These include Snopes, PolitiFact, LeadStories, and Fact Check.org.

[VerbaAI Election News](#)

The website will be active through the November general election and beyond.

League members are also active in locating and submitting questionable stories for review. If you want to join in, go through LWVVA website (here):

[LWVVA Combat Mis/Disinformation](#)



Laura Leussing, Nancy Corbett, and Judith Selzer registering voters in Alexandria.

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[July 2024 Virginia Voter](#)

LWVAAC BOOK GROUP

Arlington/Alexandria City League Book Club is chaired by **Pam Berg**. Want to join? **Email Pam** at pberg16@comcast.net. Book Club meets every third Sunday at 2:00 PM via Zoom (link will be provided).

The next meeting is TBA.

Look for next newsletter August 7



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