



League in Action

July 20, 2022

President's Message

Is there no rest for the good? Well maybe a little. We do have a bit of downtime in summer BUT we are already gearing up for the fall voter registration push.

Don and Kathy will be organizing the high school drives for fall, and we already have many dates on the calendar for September. Several of them are in Alexandria, so folks in Alexandria please note! Also, if anyone in Alexandria learns of a possible voter registration venue, please email our Alexandria coordinator, **Lori Latalliade**, at the LWVArlingtonVA@gmail.com address.

SEE THE SIGN UP FORMS BELOW!

An EASY way to register people to vote is with our new t shirts!!! On the front is the League logo with the words "Ask Me About Registering to Vote" and on the back is the QR code for Vote411.org! Easy!

Thanks for all you do.

Joan

[Order A T Shirt Today!](#)

We recently submitted a statement to the Arlington County Board urging them to issue a resolution protecting reproductive rights. The Alexandria City Council has already adopted a resolution. https://www.scribd.com/document/580258802/Alexandria-city-council-abortion-resolution#from_embed

[Letter to County Board on resolution to protect reproductive rights](#)

Voter Registration Events:

New citizens - Aug 13 and 20

Keep the Sign Up Sheet Handy - We Are Working on Others.

More Volunteers Needed for Naturalization Services!!!

The August dates for voter registration at the Naturalization Office are out! This

is a joint effort with LWV Fairfax Area.

If you have been to a Saturday event, you know these are especially challenging since they run 2 ceremonies at a time- so we need a TON of volunteers- ideally 24 each day!

August 13 and 20 at the USCIS Regional office at: 2675 Prosperity Ave, Fairfax, VA 20598

Please sign up below-

NATURALIZATION VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS



Karen Darner and **Chris DeRosa** of LWV Arlington and Alexandria City with LWV Fairfax Area co President **Pat Fege** continuing to register naturalized citizens

Arlington/Alexandria Voter Registration Events

August 2, Sept 10, 17, 18 and Oct 1

On August 2, we need two people for the Green Valley "Night Out" event.

We have two on Sept 10, one at the Central Library and one at Columbia Pike Library. **This is part of Welcoming Week in Arlington** - a celebration welcoming immigrants and refugees to our community.

We are all day at Bayou Bakery on Sept 17.

In Alexandria, we have a joint event with the Fairlington Methodist and Presbyterian Churches on Sept 18 and Art on the Avenue on Oct 1.

More to come!

Thanks,
Donald Gurney
Voter Services

[SIGN UP HERE FOR LWV ARLINGTON/ALEXANDRIA EVENTS](#)

Voter Registration Guidelines

Please take a minute to look over these guidelines for voter registration. These are designed to help our members be more proactive. **Even if someone says they are registered**, we can offer them information on the next election and an absentee ballot application. **The more interactive we get, the more people to whom we can give information.**

Also, in the voter registration bags are membership forms, information on our condo election programs and much more. **Please be sure you go through the bags** when you arrive at the sites. **As always THANK YOU.** If you have any questions, please contact **Don** at LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com

[See complete voter registration guidelines here](#)

Interested in serving as a poll worker this year, or know someone who might be?

LWVEF is proud to once again partner with [Power the Polls](#) to recruit thousands of needed poll workers ahead of the important midterm elections. Election officials – and voters! - need us more than ever

<https://www.powerthepolls.org/Vote411>

EVENTS

July 15 - Aug 28

LWVDC needs volunteers to represent the League during performances of American Prophet at Arena Stage this summer.

From July 15th – August 28th, LWVDC will have a table in the lobby of Arena Stage during the run of American Prophet – **a new musical about the life of Frederick Douglass.**

In addition to promoting our on-going LWVDC programs – the table will also be a place where theater patrons can get information about our **Quilts 4 DC Statehood** project because Arena’s Grand Lobby will be transformed during the full run of American Prophet into a gallery featuring over 40 quilts from this Quilt Challenge. (More information on Quilts 4 DC here on our website:

www.lwvdc.org/quilts4dcgallery.)

We are looking for volunteers to tend a table at the Arena Stage during EACH American Prophet performance. Volunteers will be provided flyers, brochures, buttons and other giveaways, information about the quilt project, and information about the League and membership to share with theatergoers. We will have all the information needed so that anyone volunteering is an instant “expert” on all things quilts and LWV!

All you need to do is show up ONE HOUR in advance of the

performance! Tabling materials will be available in a bag for pickup out of the Arena Stage office. You will need to unpack the materials before each performance, be available during intermission, and pack them back up at the end of each performance.

As a perk of volunteering, volunteers will be offered a comped ticket during the performance - so see the show for free! (In the rare situation where the house is sold out, an SRO ticket will be made available.)

We are accepting ONE volunteer per show. You may bring a friend to join you, but be aware that LWVDC cannot guarantee a seat for a second volunteer (though the venue will try to accommodate a guest if possible.)

(Please note that all visitors must comply with Arena's Covid policy – currently requiring ID and proof of vaccination and full masking while in the building. More information on the arenastage.org website under Safety Protocols.)

[SEE THE OPEN SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP HERE](#)

About the show:

American Prophet

By Frederick Douglass, Marcus Hummon & Charles Randolph-Wright

Music & Lyrics by Marcus Hummon - Directed by Charles Randolph-

Wright

ARENA STAGE - Kreeger Theater - July 15 – August 28, 2022

Charles Randolph-Wright (Arena's Born for This: The BeBe Winans Story, Broadway's Motown the Musical) returns to Arena Stage with a groundbreaking musical powered by Frederick Douglass' own speeches and writings. Coupled with soaring new melodies and an original script from Grammy Award-winning songwriter Marcus Hummon and Randolph-Wright, Douglass rises as a fierce abolitionist and distinguished orator. Filled with an electrifying new score, this world premiere celebrates the revolutionary legacy of one of history's first freedom fighters, whose fire is needed now more than ever.

Aug 9, Sept 24, Oct 16

From LWV Virginia

A Series of DEI Trainings and Workshops!

LWV Virginia is sponsoring a series of terrific DEI trainings coming up. In fact, **we will have one every month through October! All events are virtual and free although registration is required.**

We will be treated to programs by Challenging Racism, whose mission statement is, "To empower and inspire people to disrupt racism one compassionate conversation at a time." These programs have a limit of 100 people per event, so **if you RSVP but find that you can not come, please cancel your order.** It is not required to take each one, but it is helpful. **These**

trainings are only open to members of the League.

On August 9th at 1 – 2 PM , we will turn to the idea of “Bias: A Conversation Starter.” How can we have an effective conversation with people whose ideas of bias vary widely?

We start the fall with our September event on the 24th from 10 – 11 AM is entitled “Equity: A Conversation Starter.” What is the difference between equity and equality? How do we embrace the idea of discussion equity or the lack thereof?

Our final program is a two-and-a-half-hour seminar on how each of us can “Get Started: Challenging Racism Every day.” What opportunities do we have to spot and effectively combat racism at every turn? This will occur on **October 16 at 1 PM - 3:30 PM.**

[RSVP for these events here](#)

Aug 13

League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area

August 13 Virtual Workshop on Transportation

10-11:30 AM online

On August 13, 2022, LWNCA will be hosting a workshop on regional issues in

transportation. The workshop is entitled **“Trains, Buses and Automobiles: How to Integrate Equity, Transit, Land-Use & Transportation Resiliency for Regional Advocacy.”** It will be held virtually from 10 to 11:30 AM. A “Save the Date” flyer is attached. Additional information on the speakers will be coming soon, along with a registration link. The workshop will be free and open to all League members and the public.

[See Transportation Workshop flyer here](#)

Sept 10

LWV Virginia Fall Workshop

We are so excited to be able to come back together for Fall Workshop 2022.

Our morning speaker is **Amber Wilt, Virginia Director of Campus Votes.** She will help us understand how better to engage college students in these next two important election cycles!

Our luncheon keynote speaker will be **Mr. Peter Adams, Director of Education for the News Literary Project.** The Project has an exciting plan to mobilize educators, students, and the public to collectively push back against misinformation in all its forms.

Invited guest **Richard C. Schragger, Perre Bowen Professor, University of Virginia,** and author of “The Failure of Home Rule Reform in Virginia: Race, Localism, and the Constitution of 1971” who will help us explore the intricacies of the **Dillon Rule.**

Other trainings include:

"We Need to Do Program! Now What is That Anyway?" with LWV VA Program Chair, Carolyn Caywood.

"Dealing with Volunteer Burnout: Empowering Our Members, Defending Their Drive" with LWV VA Membership Director Andrienne Konstas.

Hilton Garden Inn 1060 Hospitality Ln, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Rooms for the night of Sept 9, are available at the Hilton for a special rate of \$114 per night plus tax. You must make reservations by August 12 to get that rate. You can book calling the hotel directly at 540-548-8822 and reference the League of Women Voters of Virginia Workshop or book by using the code below. Visit:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dcafhqi-hilton-garden-inn-fredericksburg/> Select: 9/09/2022 check in and 9/10/2022 check out
Click: Special Rates Enter: LWVVA in "Group Code" section Select:
Check Rooms & Rates.

Breakfast and lunch are included in the \$60 registration fee.

COVID PROTOCOL:

We will be asking all attendees to show proof of vaccination with at least one booster, or a PCR test taken within 24 hours, or we will rapid tests available.

We will have car pools from Arlington!

[RSVP for Workshop](#)

News from National

LWV and SPLC Call on Supreme Court to Defend Equal Representation for Black Alabamians by Striking Down Alabama Congressional Map

7/18/2022

LWV of Alabama, LWV of the United States and partners submitted an amicus brief to the Supreme Court in Merrill v. Milligan, outlining how Black Alabamians have been systematically deprived of their right to elect candidates of their choice to represent their interests in Congress.

[Read the full news release](#)

Kansas Civic Groups Appeal Dismissal of Voter Suppression Lawsuit

7/18/2022

LWV of Kansas and partners appealed the Kansas Court of Appeals' decision in League of Women Voters v. Schwab, which held that members of the Plaintiffs'

organizations do not have standing to challenge the unconstitutionality of this voter suppression law because they have not yet suffered an injury.

[Read the press release here](#)

President Biden Signs Executive Order on Reproductive Health

7/8/2022

WASHINGTON— The League of Women Voters of the United States President Dr. Deborah Turner and CEO Virginia Kase Solomón issued the following joint statement in response to President Biden’s executive order on reproductive health:

[Read the press release](#)

LWV US Convention Wrap Up

A lot happens at National Conventions. If you would like to catch up on what happened please go here.

<https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/items-passed-2022-convention>

If you have any questions, email [Joan](#).

LWV VA Awarded Powering Democracy Award

Congratulations to the LWV Virginia for winning LWV US “Powering Democracy Award” and to our own **Chris De Rosa** who contributed so much by co-chairing the LWV VA Redistricting Committee

In a virtual awards ceremony League of Women Voters Virginia garnered the LWVUS Powering Democracy Award for its redistricting work as part of the 50+ state campaign to create People Powered Fair Maps. The Powering Democracy Award category showcases how Leagues activated their grassroots network to empower voters and advocate change around key issues, such as protecting voting rights or increasing voter registration and turnout.

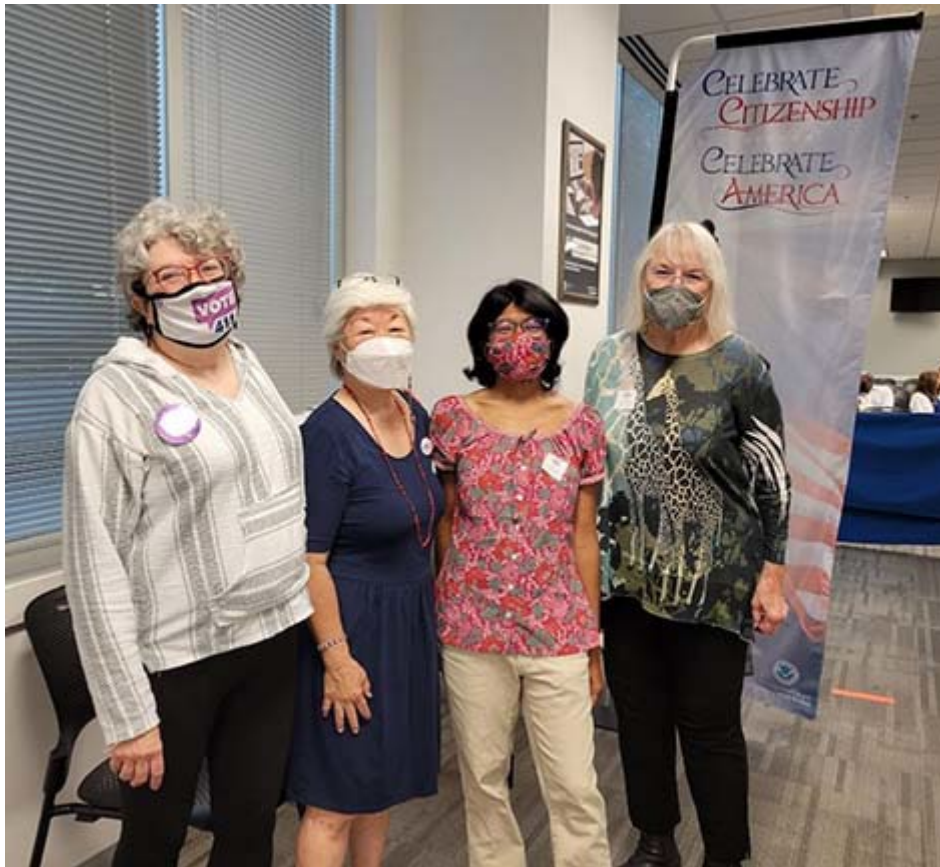
[Read the press release](#)



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with your Missing Middle yardsign**

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Another day of signing up new citizens to vote



Joan Porte, Chris DeRosa, Sampriti Ganguli and Karen Darner at the naturalization services at the Mosaic District Immigration office

Meetings

July 20 - 7 PM - **Election Integrity**

Virtual - contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**

lkoteengerchick@gmail.com

July 25 - 7 PM - **Affordable Housing**

Virtual

August 23 - 2 PM - **Book Group**

Frances Perkins: The Woman Behind the New Deal By Kirsten Downey

Contact Joan LWArlingtonva@gmail.com

Look for next newsletter August 3

Cycle of Life

With sadness, we regret to report the death of our member Jerome Weingart. Before his illness, Jerry was a regular at voter registration events.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sfgate/name/jerome-weingart-obituary?id=33682693>

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