



League in Action

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Presidents' Message

I want to take this opportunity to catch you up on latest leadership changes at LWVUS and ourselves, LWVAAC.

At the 2024 National Convention last week **Dianna Wynn** was announced as the new President of LWVUS and **Celina Stewart** was announced as the new CEO. You can watch their comments here:

[New LWVUS CEO Celina Stewart Speech](#)

[New LWVUS President Dianna Wynn Speech](#)

Closer to home, at our own Annual Meeting on Saturday, 15 June, the following members were selected to comprise our new leadership for 2024-2025:

President, **Pamela Berg**

Vice President, **Debby Churchman**

Secretary, **Judith Collins**

Treasurer, **Elizabeth Scheffler**

Director, Voter Services **Donald Gurney**

Director, Vote 411 **Anna Weber**

Director **Ann Sharp**

Director **Laura Leussing**

Change in Voter Services Leadership. While Donald Gurney's position as Voter Services Director continues through 2025, we now have our new Voter Services team going forward.



2024 LWVAAC Annual Meeting where **Kathy Matusiak** (left) and **Don Gurney** (right) [and a stealthy **Connie Potter** with flowers! (in back)] were honored for their contributions to voter registration. Don Gurney has served as our Director of Voter Services for the past eight years; Kathy Matusiak, alongside Don Gurney, has led the High School Voter Registration efforts.

LWVAAC's new Voter Services Leadership Team is: **Beth Withers, Susan Lewis,** and **Lisa Backer**. We are thrilled to welcome Beth, Susan, and Lisa to this important role. Thank you to all three for stepping up to this position(s). Training for the new team will start in July.

In-Person Voter Registration Training!

It's that time of year again!! Please join us in person for our Annual Voter Registration Training presented by the Arlington Elections Office Sunday, July 14th 2:30pm – 4:00pm EDT. Training will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Church; 4444 Arlington Boulevard.

Please sign up so we can anticipate number of attendees:

[Annual Voter Registration Training](#)

Got questions? Email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com



USCIS Voter Registration Opportunities: As of 1 July we only have **one** date at USCIS in July. Always subject to change at short notice, but that is all we have for now. **We will be there on Saturday, July 13** for at least 7 ceremonies (280 new citizens). I am hoping that they will add more candidates to the schedule, so we have the full complement of 400 new citizens. Either way, we need lots of help.

We will also do data entry on Monday July 15.

Here is the link: signupgenius.com/go/20F0D48AFA82FA7F94-47066961-2024#/

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Voter Registration Opportunities in Alexandria 9 & 16 July:

We need a total of **4 volunteers** to conduct voter registration at the following two apartment buildings (2 volunteers each).

* **July 9** - Spire Apartments - **4:00pm - 6:30pm**

* **July 16** - St. James Plaza Apartments **2:30pm - 4:30pm**

* **Addresses on Sign-Up Sheet**

Judith Selzer will bring the voter registration materials to each venue.

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kMO55NNQuHYpF5mn7i9OEL6WQT4jBuNb/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108204542125106087466&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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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 LWWVA website (here):

[LWWVA Combat Mis/Disinformation](#)

One More Critical Volunteer Position Need Filling; Please Consider!

We **still** need a second person for the Newsletter position. We have one person onboard and are looking for a second to share the workload and provide some depth/back-up in this important position. Please email me at pberg16@comcast.net. If you're interested, but maybe unsure still, let's have the conversation! I'm happy to talk with you about what's involved.

News from National

Your Democracy Update

[LWVUS July 2024 Highlights](#)

LWV VA July 2024 Virginia Voter

[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 July 17



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