



## **League in Action**

July 6, 2022

### **President's Message**

We have just come off our first hybrid LWV US Convention. It was good to have the option to be virtual, but I hope someday we can all be together because nothing beats the excitement of Convention Hall. I was grateful to be asked by LWVUS to speak at a breakout session on our wonderful Get Out the Vote program. I detailed the information we did in 2020, including sandwich boards and yard signs, those thousands of fliers to Meals on Wheels and school lunch programs and those 40,000 postcards. I was on the panel with representatives of the League of Arizona and Wisconsin who had similar programs and our presentation provided other Leagues ideas and was well received.

And the work continues... **Please see below as we have another call from our friends in Fairfax to assist with Naturalization voter registration. Don't forget to keep an eye on our own list of voter registration events** as we prepare for November. That can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W9tTOZoVy8iVU1AuVOwH0vUHq0bn4Tyh/edit#gid=759689192>

We will have a full slate of action for the upcoming year after the July 21 board meeting. **Remember we do need help with the condominium elections, voter services, oral histories, and the Arlington County Civic Federation.**

**Thanks** for all you do.

Joan

## **OUR T-SHIRTS ARE HERE**

Register people to vote with your t shirt!

On the front is the LWV logo – and on the back is a QR code that takes people to vote 411! It is the easiest way to register people and support our League!

They can be used by any League as the logo is the generic LWV logo!

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## **Meg Tuccillo to be recognized by Arlington Cares with Lifetime Service Award**

### **Arlington Cares Annual Celebration of Volunteerism**

**July 12 - 5-6 PM - Virtual**

In celebration of National Volunteer Month Arlington Cares will be honoring seven Arlingtonians including our own **Meg Tuccillo** for their service in a virtual event on July 12 - 5 - 6 PM

[See the announcement and RSVP here](#)

## **Committee of 100 sets leadership for coming year**

Congratulations to our members **Gerry LaPorte** and **Patrick Hope** who were elected to the Board of the Committee of 100. **Gerry** will be President.

[Read the Sun Gazette article](#)

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## **Address to Arlington Black Employees Union for Juneteenth**

Joan was asked to address the Black Employees Union at their Juneteenth Event held at the Bozman Center on June 17 -

[Here are her remarks](#)

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## **League of Women Voters focuses on future at annual meeting**



[Read the Sun Gazette article](#)

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## **LWV-Arl/Ax Affordable Housing Committe expresses support to County Board for Missing Middle Project**

Thanks to our Affordable Housing Committee for their continued work on the Missing Middle Project in Arlington County. They sent this letter to the County Board expressing our continued support for the project.

[Missing Middle Project letter to County Board](#)

**Support the efforts to bring workforce housing to Arlington with your Missing Middle yardsign**

[Order your sign here](#)

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## 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](mailto:LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com)

[See complete voter registration guidelines here](#)

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Virtual Voter Registration Training

## **Annual Voter Registration Training with Arlington Director of Elections Gretchen Reinemeyer**

All League members need to take this training before doing voter registration programs! This is a virtual training that will qualify you for the next year.

This event is open to League and non League members alike.

**Tue, July 19, 2022**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT**

**Online event**

[Sign up for training](#)



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**Voter Registration Events:**

**New citizens - July 9 and July 23**

**Arlington/Alexandria - Sept 17, and Oct 1**

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

**Naturalization Voter Registration Events - July**

USCIS Regional office at: 2675 Prosperity Ave, Fairfax, VA 20598

***New Citizen events - Saturday July 9 and Saturday July 23 -***

*We continue to try to do as many voter registration events as possible at the new citizen naturalization ceremonies. We have already registered OVER 1350 new voters since April - and we are only limited by the number of volunteers we have signing up.*

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! This is a joint effort with LWV Fairfax Area.

[Sign up for new citizen voter registration events here](#)



**Columbia Pike Blues Festival is Back!**



## **Bayou Bakery**

**September 17**

Bayou Bakery is allowing us to do registration all day from 8 AM - 4 PM!

## **Alexandrians Save the Date! October 1 is Art on the Avenue**

– another good registration event in Del Rey!

[Sign up for voter registration](#)

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## **EVENTS**

**July 6, August 9, September 24, October 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.**

**The July program, July 6 (TODAY) at 7 -8 PM is "Privilege: A Conversation Starter."** What is privilege? What is your definition of it? How can you come to terms with yours and that of others? How do you talk to people about it? All of these questions and more will be discussed at this training.

**On August 9<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**August 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, LWVNCA 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](#)

### **September 10**

In-Person Events are BACK!

## **Fall Workshop 2022 in Fredericksburg!**

**Plan to attend our first in-person event since March 8, 2020.** A full day of energizing and educational workshops, networking and lunch is planned!

**Madeline Doane**, former Virginia Director of Campus Votes, kicks the workshop off. She will help us understand how better to engage college students.

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

We will also learn more about advocacy and issue groups, how to maximize and promote Vote411, gain new members, and enhance program planning.

**Saturday, Sept. 10. 8:30 AM-3 PM**

**Hilton Garden Inn Fredericksburg  
1060 Hospitality Lane, Fredericksburg, VA, 22401**

The Hilton is offering a special rate of \$114 plus tax for September 9. *You must make reservations by August 12 to secure this rate.*

Book your room by:

Calling the hotel directly (540-548-8822) and reference the League of Women Voters of Virginia Workshop

**OR**

Booking [online](#) and follow these steps: **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.

Registration is \$60. Breakfast and lunch are included.

Look forward to seeing your face in person!

To register, click [here](#).

For more information, click [here](#) to contact Joan Porte.

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## News from National

### **League of Women Voters File Lawsuit Against South Dakota's Senate Bill 180**

6/28/2022

The League of Women Voters of South Dakota and the League of Women Voters of the United States filed a federal lawsuit challenging Senate Bill 180.

[Read the press release](#)

### **League of Women Voters of the United States Elects**

## **New Board of Directors for Next Biennium**

6/27/2022

WASHINGTON — This weekend, the League of Women Voters of the United States elected a new national board of directors that will serve through June 2024.

[Read the press release](#)

## **President Biden Signs Gun Safety Bill in Law**

6/25/2022

WASHINGTON — Today League of Women Voters of the United States CEO **Virginia Kase Solomón** issued the following statement after President Biden signed the bipartisan gun safety legislation-

[Read her statement](#)

## **Supreme Court Strips Americans of Constitutional Right to Abortion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision**

6/24/2022

WASHINGTON — Today 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 the 6 – 3 Supreme Court decision of Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, which overturns the constitutional right to abortion as recognized for nearly 50 years in the landmark cases of Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey:

[Read their statement](#)

## **Supreme Court Makes It Harder to Keep Guns Out of Public Spaces**

6/23/2022

WASHINGTON — Today, the US Supreme Court ruled 6 – 3 in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen that New York’s 100-year-old law restricting certain individuals from carrying concealed weapons in public places is unconstitutional, effectively weakening gun safety laws around the country.

[Read the press release here](#)

## **Students & Rhode Island Department of Education Agree to Strengthen Civics Education**

6/15/2022

PROVIDENCE — Litigation filed by Rhode Island students seeking to establish a constitutional right to a civics education ended with an agreement that both sides agree will strengthen civics education in the state. The League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Rhode Island filed an amicus brief in the case — Cook v. McKee — highlighting the powerful connection between civics education and voter participation.

[Read LWV US statement here](#)

## LWV US June Highlights

[Read the Recap](#)



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## Meetings

July 17 - 2 PM - **Book Club**

Virtual

The book is *The General's Cook*: - A Novel by Ramin Ganeshram

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

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

Virtual - contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**

[lkoteengerchick@gmail.com](mailto:lkoteengerchick@gmail.com)

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

Virtual

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## Circle of Life

With sorrow we report the loss of LWV Arlington Alexandria President Barbara Sherrill. Barb was also President of the League of Women Voters of the National Capitol Area. There was no service due to a COVID outbreak at the Jefferson. Barbara was buried on Tuesday, June 28, at Darnestown Presbyterian cemetery in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Our condolences to her family and many, many League friends.

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## Look for next newsletter July 20

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