



League in Action

June 1, 2022

President's Message

Happy Summer! As we emerge from this (sort of, kind of, maybe, hopefully) post-Covid phase, we are going to be back to engaging each other and the public as much as safely possible. That is why **I encourage you to pay special attention to our events listed below.** There is still time to RSVP for the **LWV VA Council meeting on June 4** and hear updates on the four proposed studies, receive leadership training with LWV VA Board member and Assistant Director, Leadership and Civic Engagement at Virginia Tech, **Jes Davis**, hear our keynote speaker **Kelly Thomasson**, former Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia and **Dorothy Heffron** of Reflect Us on how we can encourage more women to run for office and serve on commissions.

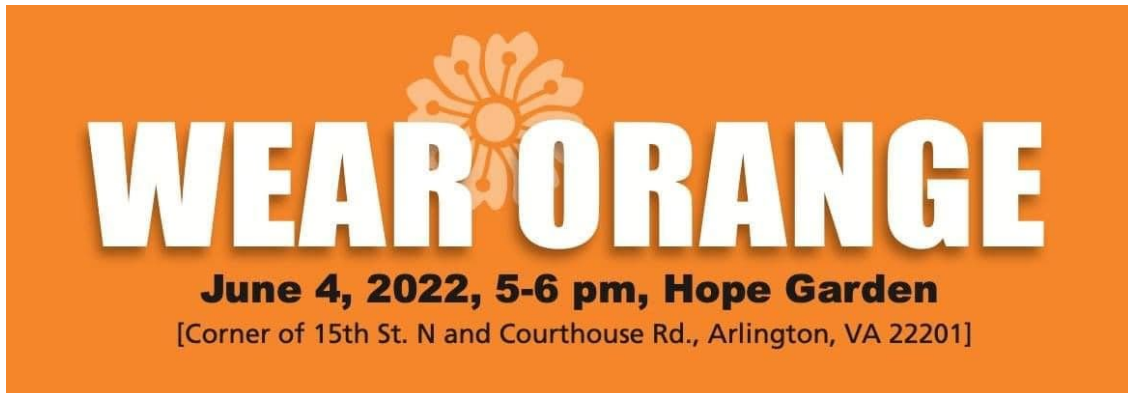
Reservations for our **June 12 Annual Meeting and Rank Choice Voting dessert reception** can be made until June 7. You can bring friends who are interested in the League, but they will not be able to vote at the Annual Meeting. Still, this is a good way to interest potential

members in our work.

On **June 20th**, **LWV Virginia will host a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training** with **Da'Quan Love**, former executive director of the Virginia NAACP. This two-hour, virtual course with the opportunity to increase our DEI commitment and inclusivity by developing meaningful partnerships with organizations serving underrepresented populations and further breaking down barriers.

Also, **we have a virtual voter registration training with Arlington Director of Elections, Gretchen Reinemeyer, July 19, 6 – 8 PM.** *It is important that all League members take this training every year before doing any voter registration training. The laws change frequently so don't think because you took it a year or two years ago, that your knowledge is current.*

See you somewhere!
Thanks for all you do.



LWV-Arlington/Alexandria EVENT

Annual Meeting - June 12

[RSVP here](#)

The business meeting starts at 3 PM - but come early to reacquaint yourselves with League members!

You will also be able to renew your membership - even if you can't come - but we hope to see you!

You must register by June 7!

If anyone wants to try their parliamentarian chops let me know. We need one - although we don't have any major issues. You don't have to be a wizard, just a basic knowledge of procedure. Thanks

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](#)



Voter Registration Events

Big Opportunity to Register New Citizen Voters - June 6, June 11, June 13, June 20 and June 27

LWV Arlington and Alexandria City (LWVAAC) is partnering with LWV Fairfax Area (LWVFA) and other area leagues to register new citizens to vote immediately after their naturalization ceremony. The United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) conducts naturalization ceremonies for groups of 30 about every hour during the day, several days a month throughout the year.

LWV/FA coordinates with United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) on scheduling the voter registration dates and leads the registration efforts. This voter registration opportunity is likely to occur each month. In May the Leagues registered 638 new citizens.



[Sign up via signup genius](#)

We need volunteers for the following events in June. I looks like we will be able to continue working some new citizen events each month.

WHERE: Indoors at USCIS regional office in Merrifield:

2675 Prosperity Avenue

Fairfax, VA 20598

WHEN:

June 6, Monday - 7:30am - 3:00pm (3 X 2.5 hour shifts, 4 volunteers per shift)

June 13, Monday - 7:30am - 3:00pm (3 X 2.5 hour shifts, 4 volunteers per shift)

June 20, Monday - 7:30am - 3:00pm (3 X 2.5 hour shifts, 4 volunteers per shift)

June 27, Monday - 7:30am - 3:00pm (3 X 2.5 hour shifts, 4 volunteers per shift)

There is also a June 11 event at Gunston Hall!

HEALTH INFORMATION: Masks required for all volunteers and full vaccination is highly recommended for your safety.

HOMEWORK: All volunteers must have completed the state mandated training since July 1, 2021, found at this

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

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[Sign up via Signup Genius](#)

June 18, Sept 17, and Oct 1

Columbia Pike Blues Festival is Back!

And it usually yields a good number of voter registrations! **It will be June 18** and we will need several shifts of people! So **please check your calendar and sign up!**

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](#)

EVENTS

June 4

LWV Virginia Council

June 4 – 9 AM–3 PM Virtual Event

Council is a biennial event in the League calendar. State Leagues will host Councils in years the LWV US has a National Convention. There is some plenary work to do, and the rest of the event is educational.

In addition to getting updates on our four program studies, we will have a leadership training with LWV VA Board member and Assistant Director, Leadership and Civic Engagement at Virginia Tech, **Jes Davis**.

Keynote speaker is **Kelly Thomasson**, former Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia and we will hear from **Dorothy Heffron** of Reflect Us on how we can encourage more women to run for office and serve on commissions.

Fee \$25

[RSVP here](#)



June 18

Poor People's March on Washington!

The League is partnering with **Reverend Barber** and the Poor People's Campaign March on Washington. More details to come but make room on your calendar.

There were 140 million Americans living in poverty or one emergency away from economic ruin *before* the pandemic. **Today, millions continue living on the edge of hunger or eviction, without access to health care or living wages.**

They are the people most vulnerable to decisions like the potential overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. They are the people most vulnerable to climate change, systemic racism, and economic oppression.

This June, we're joining the Poor People's Campaign in demonstrating the power of poor and low-income people and demanding systemic change.

WHAT: [Moral March on Washington and to the Polls](#)

WHERE: Washington, DC (find a [rideshare](#) near you)

WHEN: June 18 2022, 10am ET

For those unable to join in-person, digital actions will be available.

Together we can do more.

June 20

LWV Virginia - Juneteenth Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Training with Da'Quan Love, former Executive Director of the VA NAACP

June 20, 7 PM – Virtual

Join LWV Virginia for a free virtual training session with **Mr. Love** as he shows us how to take our DEI work deeper and navigate our questions on the next steps to fully infusing our work with the DEI lens.

[RSVP here](#)

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 from June through October! All events are virtual and free although registration is required.**

Kicking off with our Juneteenth seminar with former NAACP Virginia executive director, **Da'Quan Love**, we will then have four workshops sponsored by Challenging Racism in each subsequent month.

Join us on **June 20th at 7 PM** for the two-hour course run by Mr. Love. This is the opportunity to increase our DEI commitment and inclusivity by developing meaningful partnerships with organizations serving underrepresented populations and further breaking down sometimes difficult to see barriers.

Rsvp here: <https://lwvvadei.eventbrite.com>

For the next four months, 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 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 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.**

You can RSVP for these events at:

<https://lwwvachallengingracism.eventbrite.com>

June 23-26



Registration is open through June 6 for the 55th League of Women Voters National Convention in Denver, CO, and online, June 23 – 26. If you haven't registered yet, go to lww.org/convention!

The Sheraton Downtown Denver is offering discounted room rates of \$209/night to attendees who [reserve before May 30 using this link](#). Rooms are currently available for all nights starting on June 22.

Plenary Reports Available

All [business materials](#) are now available on the Convention platform. There, you will find the following:

- Proposed Bylaws Changes
- Proposed Budgets

- Proposed Program
- LWWUS Board & Nominating Committee Slate

[LEARN MORE AT LWV.ORG/CONVENTION](https://www.lwv.org/convention)

News from National

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5/26/2022

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League of Women Voters of Texas Statement on Mass Shooting in Uvalde

5/25/2022

Today, the League of Women Voters of Texas issued the following statement after a mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas

[Read LWV-Texas statement here](#)

League Statement on Primary Election Postcards

5/24/2022

WASHINGTON – Today the League of Women Voters Education Fund issued the following statement on an error in mailed postcards to voters in Alabama, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania:

[Read LWV US statement here](#)

**League of Women Voters of New York State Files Federal
Lawsuit to Postpone New York Statewide Primaries to
August 23, 2022**

5/19/2022

The League of Women Voters of New York State filed a lawsuit yesterday in United States District Court for the Southern District of New York asking that the Court postpone the June 28 primary for statewide offices to August 23.

[Read the press release here](#)

**Physician Sarah G. Jones and banker and civil rights activist
Maggie Walker honored with statues at Virginia Women's
Monument**



Two final statues were installed at the Virginia Women's Monument on Capitol Square—physician **Sarah G. Jones** and banker and civil rights activist **Maggie Walker**. Thank you to Library historians Mari **Julienne** and **Barbara Batson** for attending and taking these photos!

You can learn more about Jones in her biography at <https://encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/jones-sarah-garland-boyd-1866-1905/> and Walker at https://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/dvb/bio.php?b=Walker_Maggie_Lena

Look for next newsletter June 15

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