



League in Action

June 21, 2023

President's Message

Well, here it is, my last message as President of Arlington and Alexandria City. I can't believe it has been five years, but it has been a wonderful five years. No matter what craziness – human made, or germ made – was visited upon us we rose to the challenge.

I am excited to take the presidency of the League of Women Voters of Virginia and all of the new challenges and opportunities it will present, but a large piece of my heart (and all of my physical body – rumors to the contrary) will remain here.

To Pam Berg and Connie Potter who will be taking the helm, I know that they will keep us moving forward. We have so much ahead of us – the return of Naturalization Services and our chance to register new citizens here in Arlington, two events in Arlington this summer that will assist returning citizens restore their rights and the election this November of all of the members of the Virginia House and Senate! Don't forget to sign up for the required voter registration training on July 11 with General Registrar and Director of Elections

for Arlington, **Gretchen Reinemeyer**. See below for more information.

I am looking forward to continue working with you at these events as my time allows.

Thank you, thank you for all you do. Onward!

Joan

Next Step in Developing Projects with Our Generous Legacy Donation

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, we received a very generous donation from a member who charged us with using the money to “reach people in a way we normally would not.” A five-person committee put together some ideas for the Board to review but now we need to do some more exploration and development of each idea. We also want to explore ways to invest some of this money so we can keep the project going.

[See the committee's ideas here](#)

If you want to get involved in this exciting project, please email us at Lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

ARLINGTONIANS: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: SUPPORT RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS

If you voted in the Arlington County Board election yesterday -- and you did

vote, didn't you???? :) = then take this survey. This will be used by the Board to decide if they will continue RVC in future elections.

[Find Survey Here](#)

Post Election Observation

There will be many **opportunities to observe the processing of ballots from the Arlington June 20 primary**. This is a great learning opportunity and a chance to show a "League presence" at this very important activity.

The address is the Bozman Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd - Room 317. These are events open to the public.

Wear your League shirts or buttons. If there are members of any "Election Integrity Groups" present remain pleasant AND nonpartisan. We are there to observe and learn, not engage people in political debate.

From June 21 - 26 (8 AM-5 PM) there will be the "canvas" of ballots - the accumulating of voting data, This is not a steady process and there may be times you go and there is no activity.

From June 22 - 24 (12 PM-3 PM) they will upload the precinct voting files.

We aren't going to do a formal sign-up process - but again, you should try to get there if you are free to learn more about how our election "sausage" is made.

Have fun!

New dates out for Naturalization Services Voter Registration

Sign up here. We have registered 1528 new citizens since January.



EVENT

July 11

Voter Registration Training

July 11 – 7 PM

Unitarian Universalist Church Arlington

4444 Arlington Blvd Arlington

Join the League and UU the Vote for an in-person voter registration training. Every League member interested in doing voter registration must get trained every year. This will be conducted by Arlington Director of Elections and General Registrar, **Gretchen Reinemeyer**.

Bring a friend who might be interested in helping out with registration.

[RSVP here](#)

Meeting

July 16- 2 PM - Book Group

The book is *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith.

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Look for next newsletter July 5

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