



League in Action

June 7, 2023

President's Message

As we head into the “dog days” of summer. We also head into voter registration time. Our high school team headed by Voter Services Chair, **Donald Gurney** and past President, **Kathy Matusiak** have been going gangbusters and have registered more than 200 young people. **Now we turn to summer events**, including the Columbia Pike Blues Festival that is June 17. The sign up is below, please be sure to see if you can fill in a slot.

When we work these events, it is not all about registration! We are also informing people about the June 20th primary and Ranked Choice Voting. Don't be discouraged if everyone says they are registered (but don't forget to ask them if they have 16-year-olds at home and then tell them about preregistration.) If you remind people to vote – that is also part of the game.

Thanks to everyone who made the Annual Meeting a success and a special thanks to my wonderful Board for the goodbye gifts. (Or maybe they were really happy to see me go! 😊)

In case you missed it, below you will find the electronic portion of the Annual Meeting Booklet. Please be sure to read it and see all of the hard work that our League is doing.

Happy Summer,

Joan

[Annual Membership Meeting 2023 booklet](#)

Congratulations to our newest Life Member!

The Honorable **Mary Margaret Whipple** is our newest Life Member, having been a member of the League for fifty years!

She holds a B.A in English from American University and an M.A. in American Studies from the George Washington University. She was appointed to the Arlington School Board in 1976 and served as Chair in 1978-79. She was elected to the Arlington County Board in 1983-95 and was Chair in 1986. While on the County Board, she served as the Arlington representative to the Metro Board in 1985 and in 1988-1995, serving as chair in 1990. She also served as a Virginia State Senator for the 31st District from 1996 - 2012.

We thank her for her service to the community and commitment to the League!

LWVARL Podcast with Krysta Jones on ranked choice voting

Join **Krysta Jones** as she discusses ranked choice voting with **Tania Griffin**, the Communications & Outreach Coordinator for the Arlington Electoral Board, and **Liz White**, the Executive Director for Up Vote Virginia.

[The podcast is on Spotify. Listen here](#)

GET CERTIFIED FOR 2023- 2024 VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS

Organizations like ours, who register people to vote in bulk, need to have yearly training for people who conduct these registration drives. We are lucky again to have the Arlington General Registrar and Director of Elections conduct this training for our members and partners. This will take place on July 11, 7 PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington.

[Register Here for July 11 Voter Registration Training](#)

New dates out for Naturalization Services Voter Registration for June

[Sign up here. We have registered 1528 new citizens since January.](#)



We have openings for several voter registration events in Arlington and Alexandria City - and help is needed to do voter registration and to spread information on ranked choice voting at farmers markets!

-including the Columbia Pike Blues Festival June 17.

[Sign up For voter registration events](#)

[Sign up for registration and Ranked Choice Voting Info](#)

Put up Ranked Choice Voting posters and flyers in Arlington

We are the first county or city in Virginia to use Ranked Choice Voting! We need to be sure our voters understand it and the June 20 primary goes smoothly. Please sign up to hand out posters and flyers educating people on RCV!

Fliers and posters can be found here - put them up in your building/community.

If you need a virtual or in-person training email us!

- o https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1OJg7Wc-_pw_kdDfABvDsWtF1bUjNTECs

Help **Chris DeRosa** and the Ranked Choice Voting Team hang signs supporting RCV before the June 20 primary.

[Sign Up Here](#)

She also has some spots left to talk about RCV with voters. You won't be alone, you will have an experienced team member with you.

[Sign up to talk about RCV with voters](#)



In memory of Pat McGrady, an activist for social justice

LWV-Arlington and Alexandria City is submitting this courtesy resolution jointly with LWV-Fairfax to the LWV VA convention for **Pat McGrady**.

[Read the resolution here](#)

Congratulations and gratitude



-to incoming and outgoing presidents - **Connie Potter, Pam Berg and Joan Porte;**



-to the outgoing board - **Connie Potter, Anna Weber, Pam Berg, Don Gurney, Joan Porte, Ann Sharp and Beth Cogswell;**



-and to incoming board - **Beth Cogswell, Connie Potter, Anna Weber, Pam BergP, Don Gurney, Ann Sharp, Liz Scheffler and Judy Collins.**

41st LWV Va Convention June 2-4



Pam Berg addressing the convention about the proposed Universal Voting Rights study.



Janet Boyd addressing state convention on the Campaign Finance Program



Anna Weber addressing convention on the proposed Environmental Justice Program.



LWV Arlington and Alexandria City delegation to the 41st LWV Virginia biennial convention. Williamsburg, Virginia, June 3 and 4, 2023.

From bottom, **Faye Pritchard, Janet Boyd, Chris DeRosa, Beth Cogswell, Anna Weber, Connie Potter, Joan Porte, Pam Berg, Krysta Jones, Debbie Churchman, Kathy Matusiak, Anne Murphy** and **Judy Collins**.

High school voter registration at Washington-Liberty



We registered a total 83 students at W-L from May 15 - May 17





High school voter registration at Wakefield



We registered 111 students at Wakefield May 18-19. This is more that we registered at any other high school this year.



Volunteers, thanks so much for all your work. It really paid off.

Voter Services reporting by Don Gurner

Moms Demand Action Wear Orange event at Courthouse June 3



Don Gurney in Wear Orange march

Don joined the march to the Clarendon Metro and back to Courthouse and attended the rally. There were about 100 participants. Three of the speakers were high school students at W-L.



Kathy Molina and **Laura Leussing** registering voters



Moms Demand Action speakers



Photos and reporting by Don Gurney

Meeting

June 11- 2 PM - Book Group

One week earlier due to Father's Day

There is no book club in May due to the Annual Meeting

The book is **Poverty, by America** by Matthew Desmond

Contact Joan LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com

Look for next newsletter June 21



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