



League in Action

March 3, 2021

President's Message

Congratulations to our own Krysta Jones for receiving this award!!

In observance of Black History Month, the Library of Virginia and Dominion Energy acting jointly have named LWV-Arl Board member **Krysta Jones** as one of two Arlington County winners of the **Strong Men & Women in Virginia History** Award. In addition to serving on the LWV-Arl Board of Directors, Krysta produces and hosts the the Arlington League's radio show "Making Democracy Work".

She also works as the new member coordinator of the League of Women Voters of Virginia.

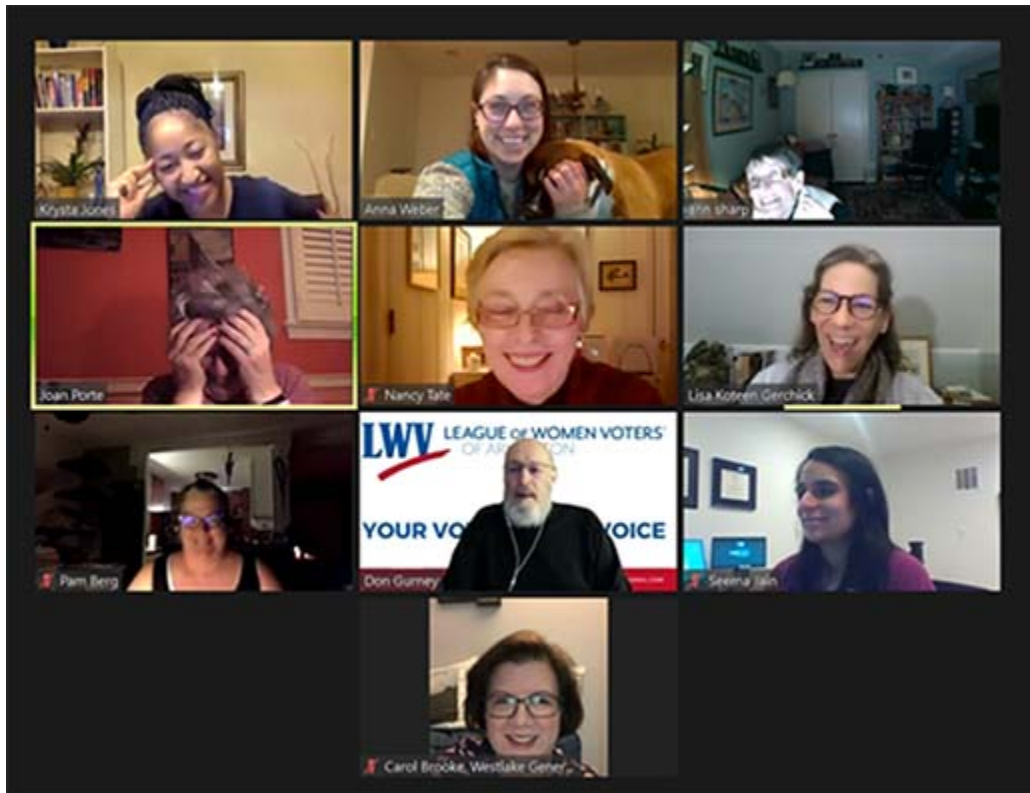
The membership of the League of Women Voters of Arlington celebrates Krysta's efforts to support future leaders in identifying their paths and in making the most of their time and talents in supporting community goals.

[Strong Men and Women in Virginia History as named by the Library of Virginia and Dominion Energy](#)

<p>Evelyn Reid Syphax</p> <p>1916–2009 Arlington County EDUCATOR</p> <p>Evelyn Reid Syphax served the needs of her community as an educator, businesswoman, and local historian.</p>		<p>Lillie Louise Boone Lucas</p> <p>1944– Petersburgh VIRGINIA STATE SENATOR</p> <p>As an entrepreneur and state senator, L. Louise Lucas has been a tireless advocate for residents of southeastern Virginia.</p>			<p>Dr. Lerla G. Joseph</p> <p>1952– Richmond PHYSICIAN</p> <p>A dedicated physician, businesswoman, and community health advocate, Dr. Lerla G. Joseph provides high-quality, value-based health care to underserved populations in central Virginia.</p> <p>Nominated by Terry R. King Prince George County</p>
<p>Stan Maclin</p> <p>1953–2021 Warrenton SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE</p> <p>Through his work in the ministry and as a community activist, Stan Maclin embraced diversity and inclusion and empowered others to work for racial justice.</p>		<p>2021 Strong Men & Women in Virginia History</p> <p> </p> <p>WWW.LVA.VIRGINIA.GOV/SMW</p> <p><small>Photo Credits: Evelyn Reid Syphax: Courtesy of Virginia State Archives and Special Collections; Lillie Louise Boone: Photo of Lillie Boone; Stan Maclin: Photo of Stan Maclin; Dr. Lerla G. Joseph: Photo of Dr. Lerla G. Joseph; Evelyn Reid Syphax: Photo of Evelyn Reid Syphax</small></p>		<p>Krysta N. Jones</p> <p>1978– Arlington County POLITICAL ACTIVIST</p> <p>Krysta Jones is passionate about encouraging and empowering others to make a difference in their communities, state, and nation.</p>	

[Read Arlington Magazine's feature on Krysta's Black History Month award](#)

Board Meetings can be fun!



If you want to join the Board contact nominating chair **Connie Potter** 13cpotter@gmail.com

Nominations for Officers Open

Nominations for the offices of Vice President and Secretary are open. If you or someone you know, who is a member of the Arlington League of Women Voters, would like to be nominated **please contact** a member of the Nomination Committee listed below. **Nominations are due by Monday, March 15.**

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Governor's Challenge and High School Voter Registration

LWV Virginia is once again taking the lead supporting the "Governor's Challenge." **High schools across the Commonwealth will have the opportunity to compete to register the highest percentage of their voting-age population.** Schools that reach or exceed 65 percent registration of their eligible senior class will receive a congratulatory certificate from the Governor.

The Governor's Challenge was created in 2016 and is a partnership of the Office of the Governor and the Virginia Secretaries of Administration and Education, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Elections, and the League of Women Voters of Virginia.

Registering students during COVID is an extra challenge. **If you have ideas or would like to assist** with registration this spring contact **Don Gurney** at donnwren@comcast.net

It's Women's History Month!

Celebrate by helping the League push for the ERA to finally be enrolled into the Constitution.

Act Now to Support the ERA

Observer Corps

Many Leagues have Observer Corps – people who attend meetings of local governments and government groups and file a report. This job doesn't require anyone to speak or join any committees or commissions, just record what they are doing. The reports are used to update members on what is happening and eventually hold public forums to do the same.

We have some members who are tackling certain areas, but we can always use more. THIS APPLIES TO ARLINGTON COUNTY AND ALEXANDRIA CITY – we need observers in both.

All meetings are virtual now and Sunshine Laws require many to remain so.
Which Entities Should We Observe?

- Board of Elections –
- County Board/City Council – Monthly Meetings

Arlington Open Door Mondays

- Transportation Commission -Vision Zero Parks and Recreation
- Climate/Environment – C2E2
- School Board –
- Historic Preservation Commissions
- Sanitary/Sewar Boards

- Infrastructure Meetings –
- Budget Meetings
- Diversity/Social Equity Offices

If you are interested or want more information, email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Postcard season is not over; we are now helping LWV DC with statehood!



The LWV DC Needs Help in Their Indefatigable Fight for Statehood!

Can You Write a Postcard to Friends and Relatives Around the Country?

LWV DC has a postcard writing campaign underway and can use our help. They have packets of ten mailers in each. The mailers are really two postcards hinged together. One is set up to write a personal note and add the recipient's

address. When the recipient opens up the mailer, there is a short message about DC statehood and then a return card that is already addressed to the DC League. All they have to do is sign their name and their zip code, detach it from the first card and drop it in the mailbox. When LWV DC gets it they will add it to our collection of petition-signers in support of DC statehood that they will present to Congress.

LWV DC will provide the stamps!

Complete the Sign Up Genius form if you want a packet(s). There is a comment slot to note if you want more than one.

These need to go out this month. Depending on the size of the response, LWV DC will either mail the cards to you or we will have a pick up spot.

Do You Want a Statehood Yard Sign?

They are free and will remind your neighbors of this important issue. You can sign up for one at the same link below.

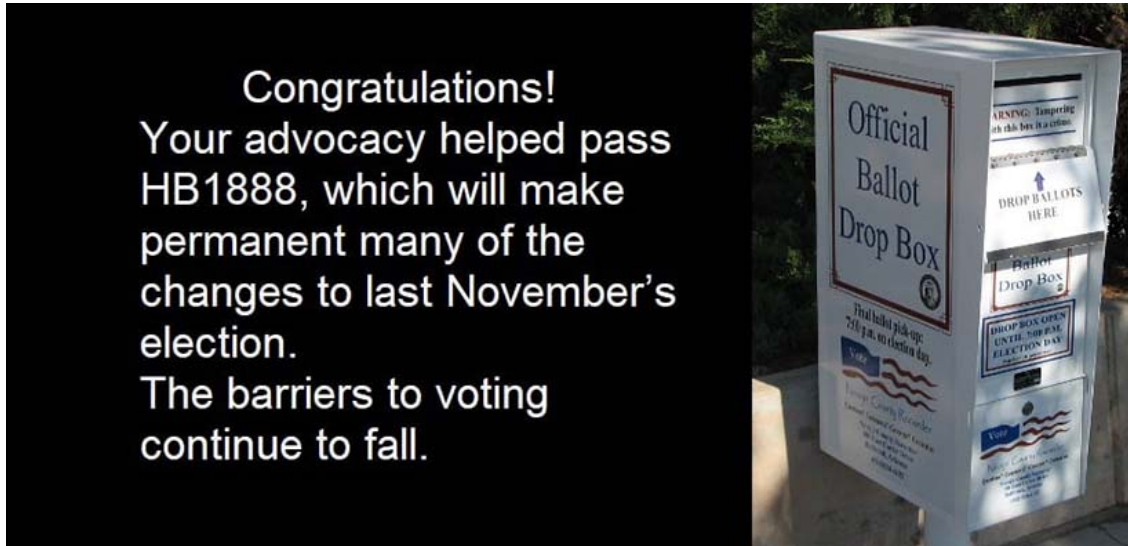
[Sign up for postcards or yard signs here](#)

Preserving Our Work

Do you have any Arlington League memorabilia from last year's election? The Arlington Library is creating a "time capsule" of the wild, wacky year we called 2020. I have our voter registration packets and buttons and stickers but I did not save an actual yard sign or door hanger. (I know, right?)

They are also looking for physical objects relating to the Census and the 19th amendment.

If you have something please email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.



EVENTS

March 9

Post Legislative Forum - General Assembly Roundup with State Legislators

The League of Women Voters of Arlington presents our annual Post Legislative Session with Arlington/Alexandria Representatives to the General Assembly.

Learn about all of the legislative changes made during this recent session of the General Assembly.

You will be able to ask questions of our Delegates and Senators and learn what new laws were passed.

March 9, 2021

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM (EST)

[RSVP here](#)



She is me.

Save the dates!

May 21- 23

LWV VA virtual Convention

This year's theme is *Democracy for All – Now is the Time*.

Contact Joan if you want to be a delegate!

June 5

Our **Annual Meeting** will be June 5, 2021 – 10 AM

Yes, we will still sadly be virtual but at least we can be together in some way.

News from National

[Read the LWV-US February update here](#)

News from LWV-VA

A Victory for Voters in Virginia's 38th Senate District

Enforcement of witness requirement for absentee ballots waived for the March 23 Special Election

The League of Women Voters of Virginia has been granted a consent decree waiving enforcement of the witness requirement for voters casting absentee ballots in the 38th district Special Election to be held March 23.

"While the pandemic is ongoing, we are pleased the judge sided with voters to provide a safe method for them to cast their ballots without risking exposure," said **Deb Wake**, president of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. "We are thankful for the work of ACLU attorneys who have acted on behalf of the League and Virginia voters throughout the pandemic."

It is time to log your action! **The Advocacy Challenge ends April 14, 2021.** Please log all of your testimony, calls, emails, letters, and meetings with elected state officials and their staff, and letters to the editor. This could help your Local League win the Challenge and helps inform advocacy planning. Go now to bit.ly/LWVVAChallenge.

Virginia Voter March 2021

What brought you to the League?

President **Deb Wake**

Advocacy and Testimony Roundup: Beyond Voting & Elections

Julia Tanner, Advocacy Coordinator, LWV-VA

[Read the March Virginia Voter here](#)

Committee Meetings:

Please join one of our committees or **come read** a book with us!

March 15 - 1 PM - **Civics** - contact **Joan**

Joan@joanporte.com

March 15 – 7 PM – **Redistricting** - contact **Ann Sharp**

sharpab2828@gmail.com

March 17 – 7 PM - **Election Integrity** – contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**

lkoteengerchick@gmail.com

March 21 – 2 PM – **Book Group**

Vanguard: *How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All* by Martha S. Jones contact **Joan**

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March 22 – 7 PM – Affordable Housing – contact **Joan**

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Look for next newsletter March 17





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