



League in Action

15 May 2024

Presidents' Message

It's time for the Annual Meeting! On Saturday, 15 June, 2:00 – 4:30pm at Walter Reed Community Center located at 2909 16th Street S., Arlington. The Annual Meeting events include adopting a local program for the ensuing year, electing officers and directors, and adopting a budget and other business as needed. The cost will be \$30.00 per member; payable by check or cash at the event.

Our Speaker will be **Deanna Troust** from Truth in Common and she'll talk to us about the intersection of local journalism and mis/disinformation.

Here's Truth in Common's website:
<https://www.truthincommon.org/>

As many of you may recall from our Program Meeting in February, Washington State LWV did a fantastic study on local journalism. In fact, we voted in support of this effort at the Program Meeting as it will be

presented at the LWVUS Convention in June. This is a timely topic; here's the link to the Washington LWV Study:

<https://lwvwa.org/journalism-study> - Washington State LWV

We look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting. An agenda will be forthcoming shortly. **You can sign up here:**

[LWVAAC Annual Meeting 15 June 2:00-4:30pm](#)

Questions? Email me at pberg16@comcast.net.

Arlington & Alexandria Dual Primary Election, June 18

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 will be a Dual Primary Election in Arlington and Alexandria. For more information go to vote.arlingtonva.gov/elections (Arlington) or go to <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections> (Alexandria).

VOTING IN DUAL PRIMARIES: Virginia is an open primary state meaning that voters do not register by political party. Any registered voter is eligible to vote in any primary election. If both the Democratic and Republican parties hold primaries on the same day, voters must choose which party ballot they wish to vote. (Code of Virginia Sec. 24.2-530.)

Dates to Remember:

- Early In-Person Voting begins Friday, May 3, 2024
- Deadline to Register to Vote is Tuesday, May 28, 2024
- Same Day Registration begins Wednesday, May 29, 2024. You can only do this in person.
- Deadline to Apply for Absentee Ballot, 5 PM, Friday, June 7, 2024
- Last day of early voting, 5 PM, Saturday, June 15, 2024
- Mail ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before June 18, 2024, and received by 12PM, June 21, 2024



From Our Friends at NAACP

LWVAAC is excited to announce a new voter registration partnership with NAACP

Arlington Branch. We are joining the NAACP's on-going voter registration efforts in affordable housing properties managed by AHC, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), and Wesley Housing. **If you would like to receive notices** when registration opportunities come up, **contact Pam Berg** (lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com) to either (1) place your name on the voter registration volunteer list or to (2) check that your name is already on the list.

More News from NAACP: May Food Distribution Voter Engagement Events

The NAACP is partnering with our affordable housing partners to hold voter engagement events at food distributions in Arlington throughout May. We are aiming to reach residents with important information and resources for the upcoming primary election on June 18th.

We call it voter engagement because it is more than voter registration -- we hand out non-partisan information about early voting opportunities, talk about this year's elections, help with restoration of rights, and even provide citizenship information depending on the situation.

Affordable housing is full of potential voters who aren't reached by other organizations. We can only reach them with your help. Please [visit this page to sign up](#) for one of our upcoming events. Thanks for all you do!

LWVUS Convention

The Convention will be a hybrid event held from 27-30 June 2024 at the Washington Hilton ([Washington Hilton](#)). Any League member is eligible to attend LWWUS Convention; but we (LWVAAC) will only pay registration fees for our delegates. Both in-person and virtual delegates have full access to all convention events and the ability to submit motions, debate, and vote on plenary items. There are add-on events not covered by the registration fee: (1) lobby day; (2) Saturday Night Reception; (3) Saturday Night Dinner; and (4) Saturday Night Reception and Dinner Combo.

If you would like to be a delegate representing LWVAAC, please email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com. We'll accept folks on a first come, first served basis. Once we have our delegation team assembled, we'll meet together to strategize how we'll cover the Convention.

Update 5/15/24: So far, no one has volunteered for the three delegate positions. (Hint, hint!)

If you want you to attend as an observer register here:

[LWWUS National Convention Registration \(2024\)](#)

Other Convention-Attending Alternatives? LWWUS is looking for volunteers from local area Leagues to support our upcoming Convention. All volunteers will receive complimentary access to all Convention activities (minus Lobby Day and the Saturday dinner) on the day that they volunteer. Plenary access would be as a non-voting observer only.

If you intend to be a delegate you MUST register and pay. You can still volunteer for non-plenary positions. Delegates can't volunteer for plenary jobs.

Discounted parking will be available for people coming in just to be volunteers.

If you have any questions please email cdavis@lww.org. Click on the Sign-Up Genius link to see what volunteer positions are available.

[Convention Sign-Up \(Sign-Up Genius\)](#)



An agenda for the 56th Biennial League of Women Voters National Convention in Washington, DC, and online, June 27 – 30, is now available!

[LWV CONVENTION 2024 AGENDA](#)

League members are invited to attend National Convention as voting delegates or as observers. Check out the [registration information on the Convention website](#) to learn more. Registration is open until June 10.

Announcing Special Speaker Kimberly Teehee

We're also excited to announce our special [Saturday dinner speaker](#), Kimberl Teehee! Ms. Teehee is director of government relations for the Cherokee

Nation and senior vice president of government relations for Cherokee Nation Businesses, as well as a delegate-designate to the US House of Representatives from the Cherokee Nation. We are honored to have Ms. Teehee as our special guest at our Saturday dinner. Be sure to add a Saturday dinner registration option to your Convention registration to join us!

Program Planning Recommendations

League program is the education and advocacy platform that the League of Women Voters adopts during each biennial Convention to move our mission forward. [Find the proposed program on the Convention website](#), along with details.

An email listserv has been created for Leagues proposing studies and concurrences to post information on their proposals and for all League members to review and engage in discussion. League members may [join the listserv \(groups.io\) here](#). For any questions concerning program, email progplan@lww.org.

Recommended Board & Nominating Committee Slate

The LWWUS Nominating Committee is pleased to present the slate of officers directors, and nominating committee members for 2024 – 2026. Read their short bios and nomination statements [on the Convention website](#).

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

The Convention bylaws report is now available [on the Convention website](#). This report includes bylaws amendments proposed by the LWWUS Board to be voted on by delegates at Convention.

Resolutions

The LWWUS Convention Resolutions process will open in May. LWWUS staff will outline the resolutions process, requirements, committee selection, and key dates in a [webinar on Friday, April 26](#) (moved from April 19). An additional webinar will be held in May, and office hours will be held leading up to the final deadline. See the [resolutions page](#) on the Convention website to sign up for these events.

All information related to National Convention, including registration and hotel bookings, can be found on the [Convention Website](#).

In League,

The LWWUS Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ranked Choice Voting Education Event – 15 May **TODAY**

LWVAAC is hosting the second of three Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Educational Events on Wednesday, 15 May, at Arlington Central Library from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. The presentation will be provided by the Arlington Elections Office.

Sign up here:

[RCV Central Library Event \(15 May\)](#)

Ranked Choice Voting Education Event – 1 June

LWVAAC is hosting the third of three Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Educational Events on Saturday 1 June, at Walter Reed Community Center from 1:30 - 2:30 PM. The presentation will be provided by the Arlington Elections Office.

Sign up here:

[RCV Walter Reed Community Center Event \(1 June\)](#)



PAST EVENTS

If you missed the Alexandria Mayoral Candidate Forum, you can watch it

here on our YouTube Channel:

[Alexandria Mayoral Candidate Event](#)



Invitation from our partner Moms Demand Action

Wear Orange Saturday, June 8

Join Moms Demand Action Arlington to honor victims and survivors of gun violence SATURDAY, June 8.

[See the flyer here](#)

Arlington County and the City of Falls Church will hold a June 8 gun buyback event for which contributions are welcome.

[See the donations request flyer for the June 8 gun buyback](#)

[See the June 8 gun buyback event flyer here](#)

At it's March meeting the Arlington County Board approved an ordinance to establish a voluntary Firearms Buyback Program. The ordinance authorizes the County Manager to establish a firearm buyback program, in which unwanted or unneeded firearms may be surrendered by any resident of Arlington County or the City of Falls Church in exchange for gift cards, cash or vouchers. The ordinance also authorizes the County Manager to work with private entities to fund or sponsor the program. Unwanted or unneeded firearms will be surrendered to and disposed of by law enforcement officers in accordance with federal and state laws. See the press release [here](#).

Engagement Opportunity

The Arlington County Library has reached out to us (LWVAAC) and is interested in hosting voting & elections events at the library throughout the summer and into the fall. **Does this sound interesting to you?** Let's talk! **Email me** at pberg16@comcast.net if you'd like to get in on this conversation.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Don Gurney will be stepping down as Voter Services Chair this summer. Don has held this position for over seven years and he has done an outstanding job. **Kathy Matusiak** has served alongside Don for that duration of time – especially with the High School Registration effort. Their combined effort over many years has resulted in thousands of new voters. As many of you know, voter registration is a

key priority for the League. Voter Services includes overall voter registration management, voter education, as well as Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts and coordinating logistics and volunteers. We need a dedicated team to step up and take over voter services. **Please give this opportunity serious consideration;** an inability to fill this position will result in missed opportunities to register voters.

As of **15 May**, we currently have **TWO** candidates for this leadership position; a **third person** will give us the depth we need to sustain this critical function and tangibly help spread the workload.

If you're interested in this, please contact me (Pam Berg; pberg16@comcast.net). By starting to get people in place now, there will be plenty of time for careful and systematic turnover and training.



News from National

LWV VA May 2024 Virginia Voter

[May 2024 Virginia Voter](#)

LWVAAC BOOK GROUP

Arlington/Alexandria City League Book Club is chaired by **Pam Berg**. Want to join? **Email Pam** at pberg16@comcast.net. Book Club meets every third Sunday at 2:00 PM via Zoom (link will be provided).

The next meeting is TBA.

Our next book is *Feminist Theory* by Bell Hooks.

Look for next newsletter June 5



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