



League in Action

May 18, 2022

President's Message

As I write this, it is still too cold to plant my garden but trust me, it is spring! That means that our annual meeting is right around the corner. **Come one, come all to our IN PERSON annual meeting on June 12 at the Hilton Garden Inn Shirlington.** We will have a one-hour mix and mingle outside and do ranked choice voting with food!!!

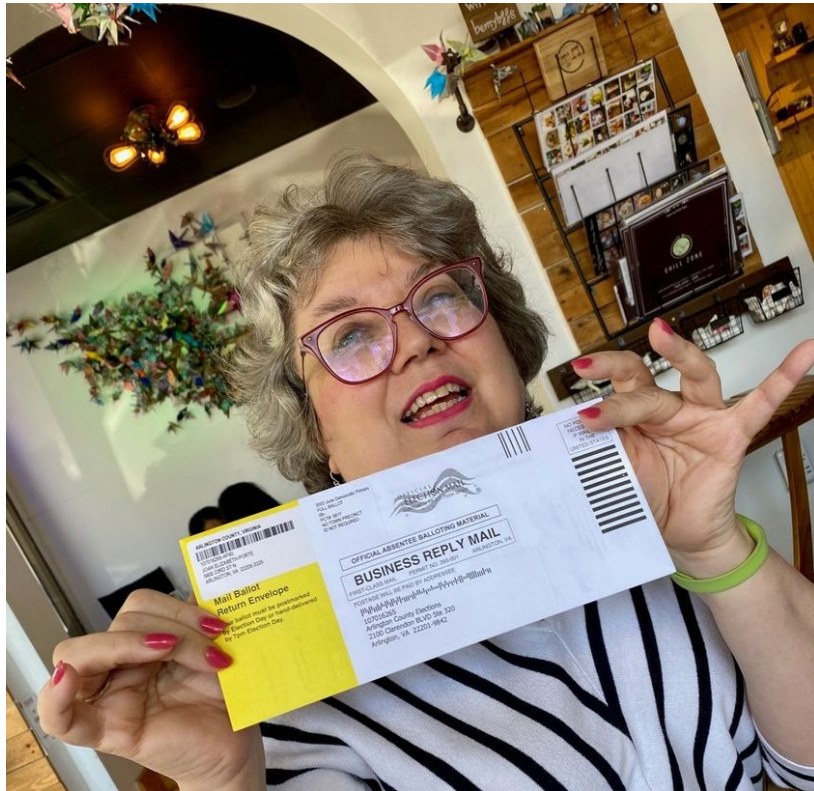
The meeting will be inside, but the room is large enough for us to space appropriately.

2 PM – Mingle

3 PM Business meeting

Hope to see you!

[RSVP](#)



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!

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

Voter Registration: If you live in a condo or apartment or

your home is part of a home-owner association, please reach out to them and ask if we can do a non-partisan voter registration this summer. This is great if done in conjunction with a summer festival but we can set them up anytime. For questions contact Don at donnwren@comcast.net

Thanks

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PS Oh and don't forget to vote!

May 31 – Last day to register to vote in June 21 primary

Voter Registration Events

Columbia Pike Blues Festival is Back!

June 18

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!

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 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](#)

Save the date

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.

News from National

League Condemns Racist Mass Shooting in Buffalo, NY

5/16/2022

BUFFALO, NY & WASHINGTON — The League of Women Voters of Buffalo-Niagara, the League of Women Voters of New York State, and the League of Women Voters of the United States issued the following statement on the mass shooting in Buffalo, New York:

[Statement of LWV-Buffalo/Niagara and LWV-US](#)

From the Supreme Court Steps

On Tuesday, May 5, the League's national organizing director, **Alma Couverthie**, spoke on the steps of the Supreme Court regarding the leaked draft opinion in [*Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*](#) that would overturn the reproductive rights established in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.

[Remarks on the Leaked Roe v. Wade Draft Opinion](#)



LWV/Planned Parenthood Reproductive Rights March

More than a dozen of our members joined Planned Parenthood March for Reproductive Rights in Washington, DC on May 14.



Cathleen Phelps, Judy Collins, Laura Leussing and Don Gurney traveled, rallied and marched together.



Cathleen Phelps and Janet Weber on the march



Nancy Brown and Susan Sarcone adding their support



New Citizen Voter Registration



LWV Arlington Alexandria members **Lori Lataillade** (left) and **Chris De Rosa** (right)) join Fairfax's **Patrice Hutton**, registering new citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies in Fairfax.

Thanks to this joint League effort spearheaded by **LWV Fairfax Voter Registration Chair, Arina Van Breda**, they have registered more than 1100 new citizens this month! Thank you LWV Fairfax for asking us to join in!

Meetings:

May 23 – 7 PM Virtual - **Affordable Housing** – contact **Joan**

Joan@joanporte.com

Look for next newsletter June 1

Cycle of Life

Congratulations to our wonderful webmaster, **Rachelle Walker** and her husband, **Ben**, on the birth of their daughter!

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