



League in Action

May 19, 2021

President's Message

This one I am simply going to entitle – **YOUR SUPER POWER NEEDED!**

HELP WANTED

We all have a gift – a talent or just a strong interest in an area that we can develop. **Now, as we gear up for yet another pivotal election, is your time to use that talent to help us reach our goals.**

Consider this an old-fashioned HELP WANTED page!

OUTDOOR VOTER REGISTRATION – **We hope to have more opportunities this summer to register voters.** These will only be done outdoors, and you will have plastic and PPE - only fully vaccinated members please apply. Contact Don Gurney at donnwren@comcast.net.

WE CAN DO OUTDOOR VOTER REGISTRATION AT THE WALTER REED COMMUNITY CENTER VACCINE SITE THIS WEEKEND -- SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - WITH

SHIFTS COVERING THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY ON SATURDAY AND THE AFTERNOON ON SUNDAY.

Please sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kycD_F6CSwbJgIbSNf5-fPOpHAgnQRDIHdHcYQ7Ep8/edit?usp=sharing

BROADCAST MEDIA – VIDEO EDITING AND PRODUCTION – We can take our radio show at Arlington Independent Media to a digital program, but we need people who know how or are willing to learn how to edit video.

Contact Krysta Nicole Jones krysta.n.jones@gmail.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA – WEB - **Rachelle and her team do a great job** keeping the website up to date and our word out on social media, **but they can use some help** especially as we get closer to the election. **Contact Rachelle Walker** m.rachelle.walker@gmail.com.

CONDOMINIUM ELECTIONS – **Another way we serve the community is by managing condominium elections.** If you are good at details, **contact Marjorie Hobart** at marjhobart@aol.com.

VOTER GIRL – Are you a current or former teacher, scout leader, community, or church youth coordinator or just really good with kids? **We need you to help with our Girl Scout Voter Girl Program** a virtual event this September to allow Girl Scouts of all ages to get their Civics/Democracy Badges. Contact Claudia Scott

claudiascott.va@gmail.com.

ORAL HISTORY – **We are preserving the stories of people** making Arlington a better place! **Contact Beth Cogswell** bethcogswell8@gmail.com.

DEVELOPMENT – **Fundraising is the backbone of any organization. You don't need a specific fundraising background. Do you like to write, put on events, contact businesses? We need you – email Joan** at LWvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

VISITING CONDOMINIUMS AND APARTMENTS – This program was put on hold during COVID for obvious reasons, but **we hope to soon get back to visiting these buildings and providing them with our packets** explaining what we do – **email Joan** at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Notes from LWV call with Representative Don Beyer

On May 11, as part of the Rep the League Program of LWVUS, LWV Falls Church President **Allison Brown**, LWV Fairfax Area Co President, **Anu Sahai**, **Sarah Kemp** (our wonderful note taker) from LWV Falls Church and LWV Arlington President and Vice President, **Joan Porte** and **Carol Brooke** had a virtual meeting with **Congressman Don Beyer**. Here are his responses to the questions designed by the LWV US Advocacy Team.

[Read the notes on the call with Representative Beyer here](#)

EVENTS

May 22-23

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO RSVP TO THE LWV VIRGINIA 40TH
BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

MAY 22 -23, 2021

[RSVP here](#)



May 24

Invitation - Arlington Civic Association Task Force in Governance and Election Reform

(TIGER)

Public Forum - considering changes to Arlington's 90 year old form of government

The Arlington County Civic Federation is initiating a series of public meetings to inform citizens about the work of its Task Force in Governance and Election Reform ("TiGER), which is considering whether the Civic Federation should be recommending changes in Arlington's 90-year-old form of government.

The first meeting was on Monday, May 17th - titled Lessons from Other Local Government, Electoral, and Governance Reforms Processes: Fort Worth, Texas and the California Voters Rights Act (CVRA).

The second forum is on Monday, May 24 at 7 PM, and will cover this topic: Lessons from Other Local Government, Electoral, and Governance Reforms Processes: Portland, OR.

[Register for Zoom link here](#)

June 3

Virginia Civics Trivia June 3 – 7PM



Tell your friends – put on your neighborhood Listserve – spread the word.

We are voting for the Executive officers and the General Assembly – but what do we know about their functions? Find out!

[RSVP for link here](#)

June 5

Come to Our Annual Meeting: June 5, 10 AM

Samia Byrd

Chief Race and Equity Officer

Arlington County

and

Parisa Dehghani-Tafti

Commonwealth's Attorney, Arlington County and the City of Falls Church

[RSVP here](#)

[Find meeting booklet here](#)



Save the date

July 11 – 2 PM

Save the date for **required voter registration training** by the State Board of Elections

June Primary Election - Arlington and Alexandria

Request a mail ballot by May 28, 2021. **Early voting began** April 23, 2021.

See Vote - Arlington information here

See Vote - Alexandria information here



Committees

June 13 – 2 PM – **Book Group**
Ratification by Pauline Meyer
Contact **Joan** - Joan@joanporte.com

Look for next newsletter June 2



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