



League in Action

May 3, 2023

President's Message

Thanks to the incredible generosity of one of our members, who insists on anonymity, we are the recipients of a \$15,000 donation! Our only directive is that we use this money in a new way to further voting education/registration.

The Board has established a committee to develop a plan of action. Voter Services Chair, **Don Gurney** and Vice President **Laura Leussing** are on the committee, and we need three other people to volunteer.

This is an exciting prospect that will broaden our work! Let's be sure we honor this wonderful gift. For information or to serve on the committee email me at LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Thanks.

Joan

LWV Food Waste Toolkit

The League published this neat guide to reducing food waste. Americans waste an extraordinary

[See the toolkit here](#)

LWVARL Podcast with Krystal 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](#)

High School Voter Registration starts on May 10

VOLUNTEER NOW

We need volunteers to support the schedule below and to be aware that class room visit training is available on May 10

May 10 and May 11 - Yorktown (lunch periods only)

May 15, 16 and 17 - W-L (class rooms and lunch periods)

May 18 and 19 - Wakefield (class rooms and lunch periods)

May 24 - Arlington Community HS (lunch period only)

May 25 - Langston and New Directions

May 25 - Arlington Career Center

Training for the class room visits will be provided on May 10 at Central Library from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Any volunteer that has not registered voters for a while, it would be good idea to take the on line Virginia voter registration training here:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registration-training/>

Thanks,

Donald Gurney, Voter Services Chair

VOLUNTEERS Sign up Here - Be sure you sign up for a time slot that has a teacher's name or is a lunch period.

Sign up for voter registration training here

New dates out for Naturalization Services Voter Registration for May

Sign up here. We have registered 1100 new citizens since January.



We Have Openings for Several Voter Registration Events in Arlington and Alexandria City Too!

**Including the Columbia Pike Farmers Market on May 7 and the
Courthouse Farmers Market on May 13.**

Sign Up For Voter Registration Events



EVENTS

May 21

LWV of Arlington and Alexandria Annual Meeting

May 21, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Walter Reed Community Center

2909 16th St S 22204

It is time again for our Annual Meeting. **Our featured speaker is Liz White**, Executive Director of UPvote Virginia who will explain how Ranked Choice Voting will work in the June 20 Arlington primary.

We will also vote on the Board slate of officers, the new year budget and program adoption.

Light refreshments will be served after the business meeting.

This event is open to members and prospective members, although only current members will be allowed to vote.

[RSVP here](#)



June 2- 4

41st Biennial LWV-VA Convention

Preserving Democracy in the 21st Century

Mark your calendar and register for our 2023 Convention, June 2- 4 in beautiful Williamsburg!

Whether you are a delegate or an observer, we hope to see you June 3-4. We have a fantastic line up including Professor **A.E. Dick Howard** who will be our Saturday banquet keynoter. Professor Howard rewrote the Virginia Constitution in 1971 to guarantee Black voting rights and was a chief consultant to Governor Terry McAuliffe's efforts to restore rights to returning citizens. He is widely acknowledged as an expert in the fields of constitutional law, comparative constitutionalism, and the Supreme Court. Howard is the Warner-Booker Distinguished Professor of International Law at the University of Virginia.

We have a fantastic lineup of speakers and workshops in addition to the business meetings and election of a new board!

[To register and learn hotel information, click here.](#)

News from National

To support your advocacy for League positions consult -

LWVUS Impact on Issues 2022-2024

Impact on Issues is designed to help League members use LWVUS public policy positions effectively at the national, state, local, and regional levels. The intention is to inspire Leagues to use national positions to act in their own communities.

Impact on Issues has been organized so that "Taking Action" is front and center followed by the League Principles. Then, for quick reference, the LWVUS public policy Positions in Brief summarize the more detailed positions in the sections that follow. For each of the major issue areas, the listing gives the full official statements of positions in bold type.

[LWVUS Impact on Issues 2022-2024](#)

Ranked choice voting training Arlington Library April 19



Deputy Director of Elections **Tate Fall**



**LWV-Arl/Alex & UU the Vote Ranked Choice Voting in
Arlington April 26**







Rank Choice Voting exercise - Groups of people who voted for each cookie with their first choice



First cookie to pass winning threshold!

LWV Arlington Candi-dating 2023
Apr 30









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 May 17



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