

League in Action

November 17, 2021

President's Message

Invite your friends and family to our new and prospective member meeting! Dec 12 – 4 – 5 PM. Please post this information to your listservs and Nextdoor.

"Come" to our virtual meeting to learn about the work of the League of Women Voters and our motto to "educate voters and protect Democracy." For 102 years, the League has registered, fought for and informed Americans." Our work continues to be vital to our Democracy.

New members and prospective members are invited to learn more about our work and events including the "Women Power Democracy" initiative. Veterans are welcome if they want to brush up on the League and find out what we are up to next year.

Remind them about our Women Power Democracy Program-<u>ttps://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-women-voters-</u> launches-women-power-democracy

And all of the work we did in 2020 to protect the vote https://www.lwv.org/blog/20-ways-lwv-empowered-voters-andprotected-democracy-2020

RSVP <u>https://lwvarlalexnewmember.eventbrite.com</u>

Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving, Joan

Thank you and congratulations to our newest chairs.

I am so excited to announced that we have three new chair people stepping up to take on the work of the League.

Advocacy Chair - **Nancy Brown** Program Chair - **Janet Ladd** Candidate Forum Chair - **Kristen Shattuck**

You can help Nancy, by becoming a member of Observer Corp and attending meetings of the relevant County and City governments - most of which are still virtual -- so that we know what is happening on the issues the League follows. Contact me for more information

Thank you all. Joan

Join Outreach Circle

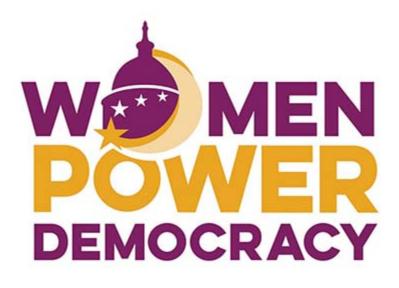
The League is utilizing Outreach Circle for advocacy purposes. This helps us not only reach members but easily record their responses. **To join** go to https://outreachcircle.com/SWX266 and click on "view actions" to sign up.

What was new in 2021 -LWV adopts new programming focus

Fresh focus for the League - four programs under the 'Women Power Democracy' banner

- **Democracy Truth Project:** Countering mis- and disinformation in our government and advancing better public understanding of the democratic and electoral process.
- Expand the Franchise: Increasing voter participation through our VOTE411.org platform and voter registration, education, and mobilization programs, with a focus on underrepresented populations and lowpropensity voters.
- **Democracy Defense Fund:** Protecting voting rights and advancing a more equitable democracy through advocacy and voter protection efforts.
- People Powered Fair Maps[™]: Leading with advocacy, public education, and organizing to create fair, transparent, people-powered electoral mapdrawing processes and eliminate partisan and racial gerrymandering during 2021 redistricting.

Revisit the July press release here



The New Arlington DEI Committee

We are happy to announce the formation of the Arlington DEI Committee! Our goal is to assure that Arlington does all of its work through a DEI lens. Our first step is to develop what that DEI lens is!

We can use your ideas and dedication to full Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for our League.

Meetings are the second Mondays of the month at 11:00 AM. Email <u>LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com</u> for more information or to join!!

EVENTS

Nov 17 TODAY

NO MORE EXCUSES RALLY FOR VOTING RIGHTS

On the morning of November 17th, the League of Women Voters of the US will once again make our presence loud and clear in front of the White House to demand that this Administration stops making excuses, and prioritizes our voting rights NOW!



Going where voting rights activists including the League have gone before

LWV Virginia Pre-Session

9 AM-2 PM



Join the League and our partners for a **preview of our legislative program** for the upcoming General Assembly session.

Confirmed speakers include:

Virginia Commissioner of Finance, **K Joseph Flores** Virginia Commissioner of Elections, **Christopher Piper** LWV Virginia Advocacy Chair, **Denise Harrington** Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth and Director of African American Outreach, **Traci J. DeShazor** Campaign Legal Center, **Austin Graham** NAACP Virginia, **Da'Quan Love** Reflect US, **Amanda Pohl**

Dec 1

Sierra Club ,**Connor Kish** Voter Registrars Association of Virginia, **Brenda Cabrera** Virginia Housing Alliance, **Brian Koziol** Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, **Lori Haas** National Popular Vote, **Eileen Reavey** National Alliance on Mental Illness Virginia, **Kathy Harkey** Justice Forward Virginia, **Brad Haywood** One Virginia 2021, **Liz White** Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence , **Jonathan Yglesias** Virginia Promise Partnership, **Krysta Jones**

RSVP here

Dec 12

LWV Arlington and Alexandria City NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER MEETING

Dec 12 - 4 PM

If you are new to the League or just want to brush up on League, join us for this virtual get together.

RSVP here

Invitation from League of Women Voters Fairfax -

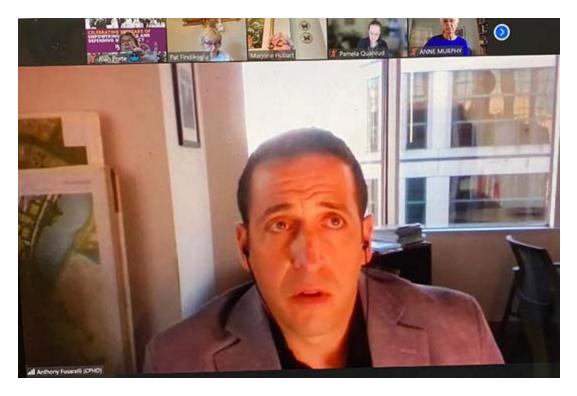
How Recent Voting Rights Reforms in Virginia have Affected Voter Involvement

speaker Scott Konopasek, Fairfax Registrar November21 - 2 PM Online

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax invites us to join them for a presentation by **Scott Konopasek**, Director of the Fairfax County Office of Elections and General Registrar who will speak at the Fairfax League of Women Voters general meeting November21 at 2 PM via Zoom. This is an opportunity to meet Mr. Konopasek, who was appointed to the position in March 2021. He is to address the topic *How Recent Voting Rights Reforms in Virginia have Affected Voter Involvement.*

RSVP here

Affordable Housing Committee meets with Arlington County Housing Director



Meeting with Arlington Housing Director Anthony Fusarelli Nov 5

News from National

LWVNC Asks to Intervene in North Carolina Voter Purge Case

11/15/2021

The League of Women Voters of North Carolina (LWVNC), along with partners, asked to intervene in a lawsuit designed to purge eligible voters from the voter rolls in 40 North Carolina counties.

Read the news release here

Senate Fails to Move John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

11/3/2021

League of Women Voters of the US Board President **Dr. Deborah Ann Turner** issued the following statement in resse to the Senate's first floor vote on the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Read the statement here

Voting Rights Activists Arrested at White House After Fourth Direct Action Calling on Biden to Help to Protect Freedom to Vote

11/3/2021



Voting rights activists escalated demands for the White House to act on voting rights today, in an action that resulted in the arrests of 59 participants, including leading youth activist **Yolanda King**, the 13-year-old granddaughter of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Read the news release here

LWV Condemns FEC decision to Allow Foreign Contributions to Ballot Campaigns

11/2/2021

Voters have the right to know exactly who is trying to influence their votes. Ballot initiatives often align with candidate campaigns and for that reason should be subject to the same restrictions when it comes to outside spending.

Read the statement here

Redistricting News

SCoVA Rejects 1 Republican Nominee for Special Master, Seeks More Names

Read the LWV VA Redistricting Blog here

Meetings

Alexandria members invited to join our meetings!

Nov 18 - 7 PM - Civics

Contact Joan Joan@joanporte.com

Nov 21 - 2 PM - Book Club

Chief Joseph and the Flight of Nez Pierce: The Untold Story of an American Tragedy by **Kent Nerburn** - Contact Joan <u>Joan@joanporte.com</u> Nov 22 - 7 PM - **Affordable Housing** contact <u>lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com</u>

Look for next newsletter December 1



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