



President's Message

Folks – mostly just a few reminders of upcoming events in this issue: LWV-VA Study, RCV in Alexandria, LWV-VA Pre-Session, Arlington & Alexandria Pre-Legislative Town Halls, and a date for League Day in January (22 January).

In addition to above, check out LWVAAC member Shelley McCabe's award and checkout an LWV-VA state leadership volunteer opportunity.

Please enjoy your Thanksgiving holidays!



Before we get to the event reminders, LWVAAC is thrilled to share with all of you that LWVAAC member Shelley McCabe has been locally recognized by Pathway Homes, a local 501(c)(3) organization that provides housing for those suffering from serious mental illness. Shelley received the *Joyce Flynn Award*. You can read about Pathway Homes here:

<https://www.pathwayhomes.org/>

Shelley is a long-standing member of our venerated Affordable Housing Committee and has a long professional and volunteer history in housing. She received the *Joyce Flynn* award at Pathway's recent annual breakfast. This award is a lifetime achievement acknowledgement of her enduring dedication to the community. (Joyce Flynn, for whom the award is named, was a strong advocate and community leader for those with serious mental illness.)

You can read more about the event here:

[Pathway Homes Annual Breakfast](#)

Congratulations Shelley!

There is a new leadership volunteer opportunity with League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA). We need a team leader for the **state Mis/Disinformation Group**.

Probably a couple hours a month, you would be leading an existing team of terrific volunteers on efforts dealing with mis/disinformation across Virginia. This group currently meets monthly and responsibilities include setting up meetings

and facilitating discussion and ideas among the team. This group develops independent ideas and also can use LWVUS as a resource for ideas.

Please contact me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com if you're interested.

LWVAAC Review of LWV-VA Study on Right to Vote

LAST CHANCE to sign up for the LWV-VA Right to Vote Study that was emailed to all LWVAAC members on 28 September.

The **in-person** meeting will take place **Sunday, 24 November** at Beatley Library in Alexandria from 1:15pm – 4:00pm. We likely will not use all that time, but we'll be able to take the time we need.

The virtual meeting will take place on **Friday, 22 November** at 3:00pm. Zoom will be sent day before or morning of the meeting.

Please sign-up for whichever session you want to attend (virtual or in-person), here:

[LWV-VA Right to Vote Study Meeting SIGN-UP](#)

Please do your best to **read the entirety of the study** (about 40 pages) and think critically about it and the consensus questions **before** the virtual and in-person meetings. This will go a long ways towards facilitating a robust discussion. There's an additional 20 pages or so of additional documentation.

We hope as many members as possible will attend either the virtual or in-person session. However, for those unable to attend either, we will take written

answers to consensus questions (pages 36-37 in the study) and attempt to meld them into the group consensus of the in-person and virtual meetings. Written *comments* (in addition to the consensus questions) will also be allowed and due no later than **30 November**. They can be emailed to me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Questions? Email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com. You can also request the study link be sent again in the event you don't have the original email.

Volunteers Needed: Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) - Alexandria

Alexandria will elect a new City Council in November; their term will start in January 2025 and go through December 2027 (three years). Alexandria's City Council is an at-large election; electing six members at the same time. This presents us with an opportunity to advocate for RCV in Alexandria.

LWVAAC and UpVote Virginia (<https://upvoteva.org/>) will have an initial meeting sometime after 5 November and before mid-December to discuss planning a way forward. For this initial meeting only LWVAAC members and UpVote members and staff will be present.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Alexandria League members to get involved in a significant long-term effort focused on Alexandria.

If you're interested in being part of this effort, email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Annual Pre-Legislative Town Halls for Arlington & Alexandria

Be on the lookout for upcoming dates for both Arlington and Alexandria Pre-Legislative Town Halls!

These local town halls are an opportunity for Arlington and Alexandria constituencies to meet with their representatives before they head down to Richmond for the 2025 General Assembly Session that gets underway on Wednesday, 8 January.

We're in the process of coordinating these events – one for Arlington and one for Alexandria – and we will provide further information as soon as we have it. These events will likely take place on a week night in November/December.

LWV-VA Pre-Session Scheduled for Wednesday, 4 December

Please note that Pre-Session will be a virtual-only event this year.

Pre-Session is an opportunity for the Virginia Leagues to hear from our current and potential partners about their legislative priorities. For example, we'll have an opportunity to hear about RevUp's (<https://www.aapd.com/about-rev-up/>) 2025 legislative priorities and see where the League aligns on issues. There are usually up to 20 speakers, and the event provides a good overview of other organizations and what they're working on.

Sign up here:

[LWV-VA 2025 Pre-Session Sign-Up Link \(4 December; Virtual Only\)](#)



Spread the Vote table at District 10's Re-Entry Fair. L to R: Chris DeRosa (Spread The Vote & LWVAAC), Surekha Cohen, Faye Pritchard (LWVAAC), and Grace Thomas.

LWVAAC partnership organization Spread The Vote had a tabling event Saturday, 16 November, at District 10's Re-Entry Fair. They helped several returning citizens find out if their voting rights had been restored and also helped a few more file a formal request for rights restoration to the Governor.

Book Club – We've got some movement on our Book Club! After a bit of a hiatus, LWVAAC is looking to restart the Book Club on a bi-monthly basis starting in January 2025 with League member Kari Anderson as the new leader. The meetings will be mostly online (zoom) events; but every once in a while an in-person get together. Are you interested? Contact us at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Exciting news! We have a date for **2025 League Day**. It's Wednesday, 22 January. More information will be coming, but you can pencil it in on your calendar now.

Also coming in January/February 2025: **LWVAAC's Annual Program Meeting**. This is a mandatory annual meeting that allows us the opportunity to review state and local positions in advance of the 2025 LWV Virginia Convention in Fredericksburg in June. More information to follow.

Look for next newsletter 4 December!

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