



## **League in Action**

November 3, 2021

### **President's Message**

As this goes to print we don't know the outcome of yesterday's election – but we do know how much we have done to promote the right to vote.

In addition to the voter registration efforts under the great direction of our Voter Services Chair, **Don Gurney**, we write 250 postcards and delivered over 400 fliers to the homes of black voters who voted in 2020 but did not yet vote this year. Thank you to the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation for providing funding for this effort!

We also mailed more than 200 vote reminders to people we have registered over the past two years.

Now our focus turns to the upcoming session of the General Assembly – but let's take a moment to breath. As you can see from the Events section below, we have several GA programs planned – but this is the time of thanks and gratitude. I know I am grateful for all of you and your work. So let's take a few minutes for ourselves and then--- well you know,.. it is back to work!

Thank you!

Joan

## **OUR PODCAST IS STARTING UP AGAIN!**

**Thanks to Charlene Yang for taking over leadership. However, she can use your ideas and THE HELP OF ANYONE WHO HAS VIDEO EDITING SKILLS OR WANTS TO LEARN! Please email her at [Charlenetyang@gmail.com](mailto:Charlenetyang@gmail.com). This is a great avenue for our work - please consider helping!**

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### **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.

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### **November is Native American Heritage Month**

Arlington Public Library presents -

**Do You Want To Learn More About D.C.'s Indigenous History? There's An App For That!**

Wed., Nov. 17, 6:00 - 7:00 PM online

**Dr. Elizabeth Rule** will present a walking tour map using the Indigenous DC app, which features sites of importance to Native peoples across the Nation's capital.

[Register or RSVP](#)

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## 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 [LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com) for more information or to join!!

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## EVENTS

**Nov 3 - TODAY!**

**Stand with Civil and Voting Rights Activists**

Wednesday, November 3, 10 AM ET: With 2022 midterms less than one year away, youth activists are leading the call for action on voting rights! Join [in person](#)

or

[via livestream.](#)

## Nov 10

Wednesday, November 10, 10 AM ET: Civil and voting rights activists, religious leaders, and League members will make their voices heard in Lafayette Park.

[Find updates here.](#)

**NO MORE EXCUSES:  
VOTING RIGHTS  
NOW!**

**Rally & Protest at the White House**  
11.3.21 and 11.10.21

    

[Read the statement here](#)

**Nov 14**

## **LWV Virginia Advocacy Training**

Sun, November 14, 2021 - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

Brush up on your advocacy skills with LWV Virginia Advocacy Chair, **Denise Harrington**. Get ready for the 2022 General Assembly!

[RSVP here](#)

**Dec 1**

## **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**

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth and

Director of African American Outreach, **Traci J. DeShazor**

Campaign Legal Center, Legal Counsel, **Austin Graham**

**Amanda Pohl**, Program Director, Reflect US

**Connor Kish**, Sierra Club

**Brenda Cabrera**, Voter Registrars Association of Virginia

[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](#)

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-from LWV-Arl member **Julie Rosenberg** - Thanks Julie!!

TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM INVITES YOU  
**Unheard Histories: Understanding Racism in our  
Communities**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**SEP 29 - OCT 20 - NOV 10**

**7:00-8:30PM**

This three part webinar series is intended to help us learn about Black communities where we live and to see how these neighborhoods, and our neighbors, have been and remain subject to racist policies. Each session will provide historical context, dynamic storytellers and, importantly, calls to action to combat racist policies.

[See the flyer here](#)

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**News from National**

## **LWV Joins SCOTUS Case Challenging Texas Abortion Law**

10/27/2021

LWVUS joined an amicus brief in support of plaintiffs in Whole Women's Health v. Jackson, a case before the US Supreme Court challenging a recently enacted Texas law that severely limits abortion services and deputizes private individuals to enforce the law.

[Read the news release here](#)

## **LWV US October Recap**

[Read the Recap here](#)

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### **Redistricting in the news**

#### **Letter to the Editor - Washington Post**

from Pam Berg

Virginia residents shouldn't lose heart. Unlike that of other states, Virginia's gerrymandering typically protected the incumbents of either party. This type of gerrymandering fundamentally allowed elected representatives to pick their own voters rather than the voters picking their own representatives.

Though this current political environment makes things difficult for the commission, the intent behind the 2020 redistricting reform is still a solid move



toward a healthier democracy where citizens are a relevant part of this process. Nearly two-thirds of Virginians from all across the commonwealth voted in favor of this reform; they were right to do so so that the voters can have the say they are entitled to rather than the other way around.

## LWV VA November Virginia Voter

Building Blocks of Democracy Videos

by **Deb Wake**, LWV-VA President

Failure of the Virginia Redistricting Commissioners

by **Brent Tarter**

Housing Segregation and its Legacy

By the **LWV-VA Affordable Housing Issues Group**

Get a Head Start on the 2022 General Assembly

by **Joan Porte**, LWV-VA First Vice President

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

## Important Dates in November

### Nov. 1

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First day of National American Indian Heritage Month

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### Nov. 2

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Election Day

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### Nov. 11

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Veterans Day

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**Nov. 14**

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Advocacy Training.

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**Nov. 15**

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State Board of Elections meet

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**Nov. 16**

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International Day for Tolerance

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Universal Children's Day

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**Nov. 25**

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Thanksgiving

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International Day for the Elimination of the Violence Against Women

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Native American Heritage Day

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## Meetings

**Alexandria members invited to join our meetings!**

Nov 18 - 7 PM - **Civics**

Contact Joan [Joan@joanporte.com](mailto: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 [Joan@joanporte.com](mailto:Joan@joanporte.com)

Nov 22 - 7 PM - **Affordable Housing**  
contact [lvarlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:lvarlingtonva@gmail.com)

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**Look for next newsletter November 17**

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This portion of the White House fence, in front of which suffragists picketed in 1917, can now be found at the recently completed [Turning Point Suffragist Memorial](#) in Lorton, VA.



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