



League in Action

2 October 2024

President's Message

Here we are! In our last two weeks of voter registration for 2024. Please check out the remaining opportunities for voter registration below.

If you haven't signed up for our Candidating Forums (Arlington County and Alexandria City), please do so now! Arlington and Alexandria events will run simultaneously on Sunday, 6 October, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Come on out and talk to the candidates!

[Candidate Forum: Arlington County Event Sign-Up](#)

[Candidate Forum: Alexandria City Event Sign-Up](#)

A poster for the Candidate Forums. At the top is the LWV logo and the text "LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS* OF ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA CITY". Below that is the title "Candidate Forums" in a large blue font, followed by the date and time "Sunday, October 6, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m." in red. The poster is divided into two columns. The left column is for Arlington County, listing the location as Walter Reed Recreation Center and mentioning candidates for the Arlington County Board and School Board. The right column is for Alexandria City, listing the location as Central Library and mentioning candidates for the Alexandria City Mayor and City Council. Below the columns are two QR codes for registration. At the bottom, it says "Thanks to our event co-sponsors!" and lists logos for Virginia, NCJIVA, and the League of Women Voters.



Anne Murphy (center) flanked by Co-Executive Directors, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, Ms. Kim Bobo (left) and Reverend Dr. LaKeisha Cook (right).

LWVAAC was thrilled to learn that our long-time member Anne Murphy was the first-time recipient of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) Volunteer of the Year award for the Northern Virginia Region. Anne has also been a long-time volunteer for VICPP; you can read about them [here](#). Congratulations Anne!

General Voter Registration Information



LWVAAC volunteers register voters at National Night Out

We have several voter registration opportunities before Election Day! Please review the current LWVAAC sign-up sheet below to participate!

Opportunities include:

- October 5: Farmers Markets and Crystal City
- October 12: Crystal City (last opportunity!)
- October 13: Columbia Pike Market, Paws in the Park
- October 26: Paws on the Pike

Note: For our October 26 event, we will be pushing post-registration public messaging including sharing information about same-day voter registration, voting and election information, etc.

[LWVAAC Voter Registration Sign-Up](#)

REMEMBER: You need to complete the Virginia Department of Elections Voter Registration Training **before** you sign up to volunteer. To complete the training (about 45 minutes), click here:

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


Election Messaging: This year, in addition to 'Are you registered to vote?', we are also messaging 'Have you checked your registration?' Voters can be inadvertently deleted during episodes of voter roll maintenance. This year we're taking the extra step in Arlington and Alexandria to remind already registered voters to check their registration status. In Virginia, you can check your status here: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>.

Additionally, if you choose to vote by mail/absentee ballot, we *strongly recommend* the use of drop boxes this year or mailing your ballot *at least* 10 days before November 5. Please encourage your neighbors and voters to do the same! Any questions? Reach out to us at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.


The League of Women Voters of Falls Church is hosting a Mis- and DisInformation event on Sunday, October 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Meridian High School, 121 Mustang Alley in Falls Church.

They have invited Aaraj Vij and Jeremy Swack of [VerbaAI](#) to speak about "Combating Mis- and Disinformation in Elections." VerbaAI has partnered with the League of Women Voters of Virginia to create the Election Facts website. Aaraj and Jeremy will talk about the history of mis- and disinformation, how technology has made it worse but could be a tool to identify it, and what each of us can do to address this challenging issue.

Questions? Email lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.



Mt Vernon Branch AAUW



Sherwood Regional Library

Learn About Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

October 15, 2024 1:30pm

Sherwood Hall Library


2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA. 22306

Come join us for an informative session on RCV which will include:


- what it is
- why and how it can strengthen democracy
- what Virginia can/and cannot do with RCV
- a look at where and how RCV has been used elsewhere in US
- what is happening in Arlington & Charlottesville with RCV
- what folks can do now (in Fairfax, Alexandria City)

The presentation will include a voting tabulation activity with the attendees and conclude with a Q&A session.


Our Speakers:



Chris DeRosa is a long-time resident of Arlington. After retiring from Fairfax County Schools as a special education teacher, Chris established a private tutoring business and began many years as a community volunteer. She serves as the leader of the Arlington/Falls Church chapter of Spread the Vote/Project ID, a 501c3 organization which helps community members register to vote and get their DMV IDs. Chris is a member of the League of Women Voters. She co-chaired the Virginia League's Redistricting Committee and helped bring fair maps to the Commonwealth. She now sits on the Board of UpVoteVirginia and is helping to bring Ranked Choice Voting to Arlington and other Virginia localities.



Liz White is the founding executive director of UpVote Virginia. After spending the better part of the last decade on nonpartisan redistricting reform, she wanted to expand the scope of her democracy reform work to elevating the voices of Virginia voters through policies like Ranked Choice Voting. Liz helped grow Virginia's redistricting reform movement, including developing and leading the Presence at the Polls program, which sends volunteers to polling places during elections to educate voters about nonpartisan issues. Liz has a BA from the College of William and Mary and comes from a background in the arts. She currently lives in Chesterfield with her husband and two children.



Janice Morris is the co-lead of the League of Women Voters of Arlington/Alexandria "Ranked Choice Voting" team. She worked on Capitol Hill and in Crisis Communications and focuses her efforts on initiatives that increase the voice of the voter and reduce polarization.

The meeting is free and open to the public.
For more information:
AAUW.MtVernon@gmail.com



ICYMI: Arlington Public Library's Courthouse Branch offers free tech help ([both walk-in](#) and [by appointment](#)). New this month! They have launched free [job and resume help](#). Please share widely.

LWVAAC Review of LWV-VA Study on Right to Vote

League members should have received an email with the link to the Right to Vote Study this past week. We plan to host an in-person study discussion meeting on Sunday, November 17 and virtual meeting on Friday, November 22. More details to come! If you have questions, please reach out to lwwarlingtonva@gmail.com.

LWVAAC Needs Your Help!

There are several opportunities to get involved with the LWVAAC's work over the coming months, including:

LWVAAC Gift Policy Committee

We are looking for volunteers to work on our LWAAC gift and donation policy for members that cover a variety of situations (i.e., condolences, retirements, etc.). Interested? Please reach out to lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Election Integrity & Security Email Listserv

Our Election Integrity & Security Committee is looking for a new leader! The goal of this committee is to share election security information so our membership is informed. We know we are living through an era of election distrust and we know the best way to combat this is through factual, verifiable information sharing.

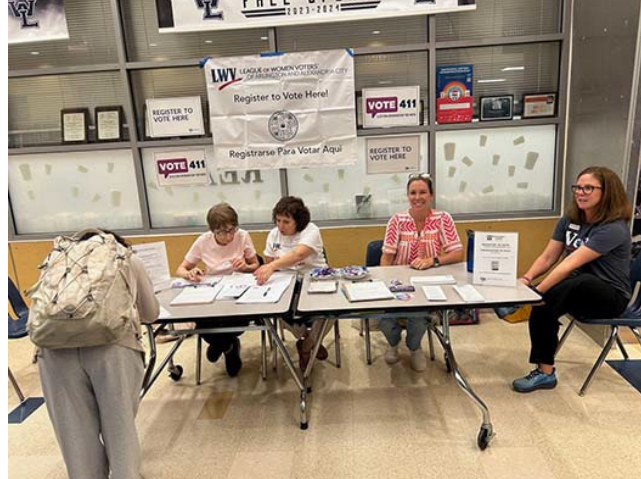
Are you interested in joining this committee and/or serving as a committee leader? Email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

While we look for a committee leader, we will continue messaging to this committee with relevant articles, videos, and resources, similar to a listserv capacity. If you'd like to be included in these email distributions email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Voter Services and Volunteers Complete High School Voter Registration

Our new Voter Services team, Beth Withers, Susan Lewis, and Lisa Backer, successfully completed the Fall 2024 High School Voter Registration efforts demonstrating a fantastic hand-off from Don Gurney to Beth, Susan, and Lisa. As many of you know, this is one of the most important parts of our mission. A

huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers and a heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to Don Gurney, Beth Withers, Susan Lewis, and Lisa Backer. Well done!



Peggy Halpern, Lynne Willhoit, Morgan Poyant, Beth Withers

Calling all readers! Join Our Book Club

After a bit of a hiatus, LWVAAC is restarting the Book Club on a bi-monthly basis starting in January 2025. The meetings will be mostly online (Zoom) events; but will have in-person meetings on an adhoc basis. Are you interested? Contact us at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Look for next newsletter 16 October!

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