



League in Action

October 5, 2022

President's Message

We are in the homestretch of voter registration season. Thanks to all who have come out to register people, in high schools and events around the County and City.

Here is a new date to hold on your calendar.

One is Jan 15 our Day of Action – our first in person advocacy day since the advent of COVID. This is the day when we come together and write postcards, sign petitions, and learn more of the issues our League and the LWV Virginia are advocating on. Location TBA – time 3- 5 PM.

And please if you are an Amazon shopper, don't forget to **designate LWV Arlington and Alexandria as your Amazon Smile recipient**. It is a great way to send "passive money" to the League!

Thanks

Joan

Hope to see you all at Walter Reed on October 16 at our first in person new member orientation (3 -3:30 P) and full member meeting (3:30 – 5:00 PM). We will outline our upcoming activities including our increased voter services program and answer all questions about where we are going!!!

RSVP

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/membership-meeting-and-new-member-orientation-tickets-421285224447>

The Arlington County Board is seeking comments on a proposed Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) method pilot for the 2023 County Board June primary election.

The League is in support of RCV and encourages Arlington members to comment in their own words as individual citizens on its benefits. Some information is below. If you have any questions, email the board at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

The deadline is November 4, 2022.

Benefits:

- **Gives voters more meaningful choices:** Ranked choice voting allows candidates from outside the two major parties to compete. It helps create a richer dialogue on the issues and increases the diversity of views available for voters to consider.
- **Eliminates spoilers and strategic voting:** Ranked choice voting allows voters to support their favorite candidate without worrying that they might "throw their vote away," or worse, split their votes with like-minded voters and unintentionally help elect the candidate they like the least.
- **Reduces negative campaigning:** Candidates running in ranked choice elections must ask for second and, sometimes, third choice rankings. Voters are less likely to rank a candidate highly who is negative toward their preferred candidate.
- **Reduces the influence of money in politics:** Campaigns and special interest groups spend a lot of money on negative advertising. By making negative advertising less effective, ranked choice voting reduces the need for, and influence of, money in politics.

If you need more information:

https://campaignlegal.org/democracyu/accountability/ranked-choice-voting?gclid=Cj0KCQjw7KqZBhCBARIsAI-fTKKcTY2ormgtKJHQ7quzRJ-946p8W8onvy0uJo7W21jZNvpQBn3sVgAaAiZpEALw_wcB

[Link to Make Comments](#)

Comments to Virginia Department of Education on Proposed Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia's Public Schools

The League of Women Voters is dedicated to ensuring equal rights and equal opportunity for all. This is your opportunity to comment in your own words as individual citizens on the removal of the 2021 standards and the development of new standards.

The deadline is October 26.

[Link to Make Comments](#)



[Voting FAQ From LWV Virginia](#)

IT IS VOTER REGISTRATION SEASON!

Arlington/Alexandria Voter Registration

MANY EVENTS

More events on Oct 8

Some of these events are in Alexandria - we have many more members in Arlington - so please lend a hand there! No passport required!

You must have taken an in person training or the training on the Virginia Board of Elections website

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

Voter registration for the November election ends on Oct. 17,
and we will be busy until then.

Thanks,
Donald Gurney
Voter Services

SIGN UP HERE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS

If you are not already a member of LWV Arlington and Alexandria, please consider joining!

We are turning up our voter registration events and our Get Out the Vote programs. It is all hands on deck for Democracy! Active students ages 16 - 26 pay no dues and we have scholarships available for anyone who needs one. Contact LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com for information.

[Join or donate to the League!](#)

[See complete voter registration guidelines here](#)

Early voting is in progress

Check your ballot - check your polling place - check ID requirements

[Find Arlington County Elections information here](#)

[Find City of Alexandria Elections information here](#)



Find it all at one place at VOTE411.org



Support Arlington's Broadband Survey - take the echeckup here

EVENTS

Oct 12

The Virginia Budgetary Process 101

With Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Vivian Watts

October 12, 7 PM - Online

Join Chairman of the Virginia Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, **Janet Howell**, and Virginia House Finance Committee member, **Vivian**

Watts, for an informative look at the Virginia Budgetary Process. This is the deep dive that members of the League of Women Voters of Virginia have been asking for just as we gear up for the new legislative session.

This will be a virtual presentation, Oct 12, 7 PM.

You will have the opportunity to ask a question when you RSVP. This will save us time at the event and be sure that we can get everyone's question answered.

[RSVP here.](#)

Oct 13

8th District Virtual Candidate Forum

Thu, October 13, 2022 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EDT

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, Falls Church and Arlington and Alexandria City invite you to a virtual candidate forum to meet the candidates for the 8th Congressional District of Virginia. They are (in the order they will appear on the ballot;)

Donald S. Beyer, Jr (D) Karina A. Lipsman (R) Teddy Fikre (I)

You will have the opportunity to post a question when you RSVP. We will make every attempt to get to all.



Co-Sponsors to this event are:

Chamber of Commerce of Fairfax City FACS (Faith Alliance Climate Solutions)
Fairfax NAACP, Iota Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
NCNW: Reston-Dulles Section (National Council of Negro Women), Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority, Inc - Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter. AAUW- VA

[RSVP here](#)

Oct 15

**LWV-Arlington/Alexandria City and UU the Vote co-
host Disability Voting Rights Event**

October 15 - 1-3 PM - 1015 N. Quincy Street 22201

If you, someone you know is a member of or works with members of the disabled community, come to our first Disabled Voting Rights event.



Keynote speaker:

Judith (Judy) Heumann, internationally recognized disability rights speaker of whom the “Washington Post” called, “She is considered the mother of disability rights –and she is a ‘badass.’” (Via electronic link.)

Speakers include:

Brian "Keith" McMullen, retired US Army LTC

Taquanda Dixon, Director of Community Support Services, Melwood

Tania Griffin, Arlington Elections Office

Those attending will learn the latest information on voting rights for people with disabilities, information on the November 8 election, and register to vote if need be.

[RSVP here](#)

Oct 16

Membership Meeting and New Member Orientation

Oct 16, 2022 – 3 -5 PM

Walter Reed Community Center - 2909 16th Street South



New members or anyone wanting a brush up on League 101 join us from 3 - 3:30 PM. Then we will have a meeting outlining our fall and winter efforts.

Bring a friend who is interested in joining!

[RSVP HERE](#)

Save the date

Jan 15

LWV of Arlington and Alexandria City Day of Action

Jan 15 - 3-5 PM - Location TBA

Come together, write postcards, sign petitions, and learn more of the issues our League and the LWV Virginia are advocating on.

News from National

LWV US September Highlights

[Read the Recap here](#)

Student-led Arlington County Board and School Board Candidate Forum October 2

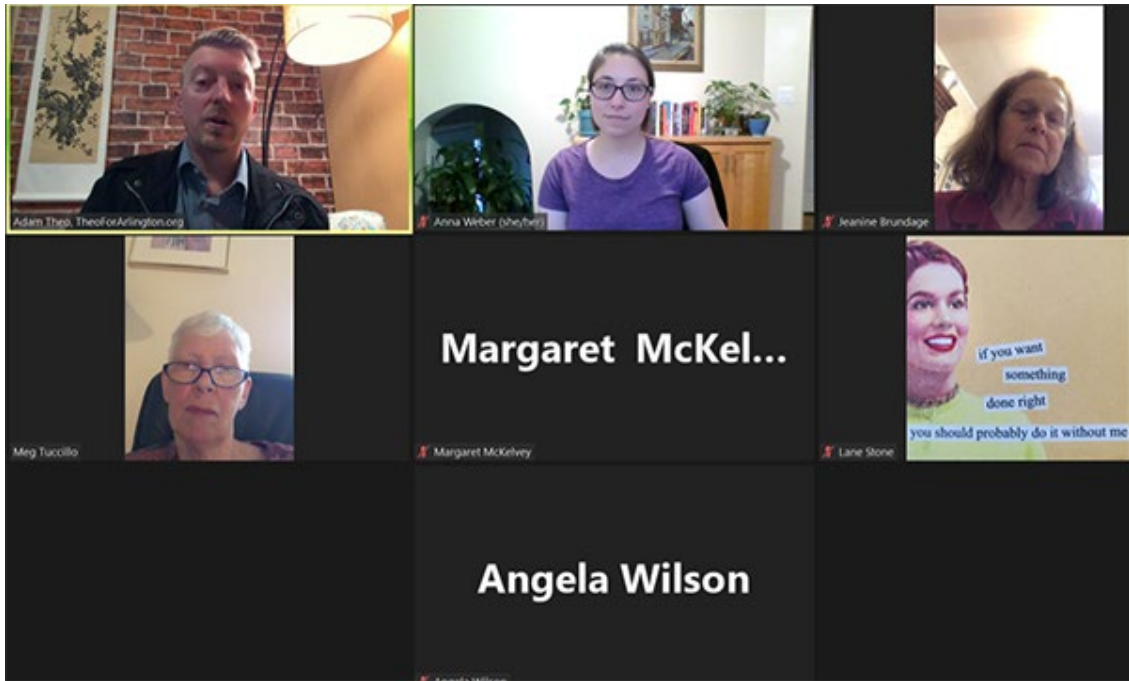
Thanks to **Harper Shattuck** and **Maya Sherlick** - our student coordinators!



Opening remarks



Matt de Ferranti breakout room



Adam Theo breakout room



Audrey Clement breakout room



Bethany Sutton breakout room

Registering voters on Clarendon Day September 24

- some shots from the late shift -





55 people registered!

At ACHS on September 23



Voter Registration Yorktown High School - Sep 21

We registered four students. Eight or more students took blank forms or captured the state voter registration web site on their smart phones to complete the forms at home since they did not have their SSN with them.

by Don Gurney



Sharon Levin and **Kiera Jones** registering a student



Don, Kiera and future voters



Meeting

October 23 - 2 PM - Book Group

Wilmington's Lie (WINNER OF THE 2021 PULITZER PRIZE): The Murderous
Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy
by David Zucchino

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Look for next newsletter October 19



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