



League in Action

September 7, 2022

President's Message

I hope you all had a nice summer. As you know, I escape the heat of Virginia in August and spend time in Maine. I tried out my new League t shirt urging people to register to vote on [Vote 411.org](https://Vote411.org) (more information below) one day and had some really interesting responses. One young man on a scooter beeped and gave me thumbs up, three people couples on the beach waved and gave me the thumbs up and another person said, "Thanks for the reminder," and used the QR code on the back! It is a fantastic way to promote voting and the League!

Speaking of voter registration, now is the time. From now until Oct 17 it is all voter registration, all the time! Please take a look at below at the dates – we have many events in both Alexandria City and Arlington! We need lots of volunteers in the next six weeks. We have three events on Sept 10 alone!!!

We have an opportunity to go the Patagonia Store in Alexandria and the Rosslyn Jazz Fest - among many others.

This is what we do, folks!

Thanks for ALL you do!

Joan

We are looking for people to can help us livestream our Disability Voting Rights Registration Event on Oct 15 to Facebook. We have the tripod. This is not super high tech - but need someone dedicated to this one job.

Thanks - let me know

IT IS VOTER REGISTRATION SEASON!

Arlington/Alexandria Voter Registration

MANY EVENTS

**We are joining Mom's Demand Action at Courthouse Farmers Market
on
September 24**

Clarendon Day is Sept 24!
More events Sept 10, 17, 18 and Oct 1

We have three on Sept 10, one at the Central Library and one at Columbia Pike Library. **This is part of Welcoming Week in Arlington** - a celebration welcoming immigrants and refugees to our community.

We are all day at Bayou Bakery on Sept 17. And at Jake's Ice Cream on the 16th!!

In Alexandria, we have a joint event with the Fairlington Methodist and Presbyterian Churches on Sept 18 and Art on the Avenue on Oct 1.

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

League of Women Voters Registers More Than 2,300 New Citizens in Northern Virginia

See our press release announcing the fantastic work we have done with the Leagues of the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Prince William-Fauquier and Loudoun in registering all of these new citizens!!

Thank you to **Arina Van Breda**, of LWV Fairfax for spearheading this amazing project!

[Read the Press Release Here](#)

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!](#)

Help Needed for a Disability Voting Rights Week Event

We are joining the Unitarian Universalist nonpartisan voting action group, **UU the Vote**, to produce an event for Disabled Voter Rights Week. **This will be held on October 15.** Volunteers are needed to help register people.

We also have grant money to develop materials informing members of the disabled community of their voting rights. These can be produced in many forms to reach all members of the community.

If you want to volunteer or learn more about either project, email us at LwvArlingtonva@gmail.com.

Thanks to our advocacy chair, **Nancy Brown**, for serving as liaison with UU the Vote and to **Suzan Chastain**, chair of Arlington UU the Vote and also a League member!

Register people to vote with your t shirt



Order A T Shirt Today!

Voter Registration Guidelines

Please take a minute to look over these guidelines for voter registration. These are designed to help our members be more proactive.

Even if someone says they are registered, we can offer them information on the next election and an absentee ballot application. **The more interactive we get, the more people to whom we can give information.**

Also, in the voter registration bags are membership forms, information on our condo election programs and much more. **Please be sure you go through the bags** when you arrive at the sites. **As always THANK YOU.** If you have any questions, please contact **Don** at LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com

See complete voter registration guidelines here

Interested in serving as a poll worker this year, or know someone who might be?

LWVEF is proud to once again partner with [Power the Polls](#) to recruit thousands of needed poll workers ahead of the important midterm elections.

Election officials – and voters! - need us more than ever

<https://www.powerthepolls.org/Vote411>

Another Women's History Program

The Our History Project is collecting information on ancestors involved in the suffrage movement.

For more information go to: <https://www.ourhistoryproject.org/>

Don't forget our own Oral History Project spearheaded by Beth Cogswell. Her committee is working hard to preserve Arlington League History. Email us for more information!

EVENTS

From LWV Virginia

DEI Trainings

LWV Virginia continues to sponsor DEI trainings coming up. **The events are virtual and free although registration is required.**

We will be treated to programs by Challenging Racism, whose mission statement is, "To empower and inspire people to disrupt racism one compassionate conversation at a time." These programs have a limit of 100 people per event, so **if you RSVP but find that you can not come, please cancel your order.** It is not required to take each one, but it is helpful. **These trainings are only open to members of the League.**

We start the fall with our September event on the 24th from 10 – 11 AM is entitled "Equity: A Conversation Starter." What is the difference between equity and equality? How do we embrace the idea of discussion equity or the lack thereof?

Our final program is a two-and-a-half-hour seminar on how each of us can "Get Started: Challenging Racism Every day." What opportunities do we have to spot and effectively combat racism at every turn? This will occur on **October 16 at 1 PM - 3:30 PM.**

[RSVP for these events here](#)

Oct 2

League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City
Candidate Meet and Greet

Sun, October 2, 2022 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM EDT - Online

Co - sponsored by:

Spread the Vote/Project ID - Arlington/Falls Church

Mom's Demand Action

NoVA Chapter of Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc - Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter

AAUW-VA

Meet and question candidates for the Arlington County Board and School Board.

All candidates for Arlington County Board and School Board have been invited to our informal meet and greet. All attendees will be able to ask questions directly in virtual breakout rooms. This is a fantastic way to get to know the people for whom you will be voting in November.

Reminder: **The last day to register to vote for this election is Oct 17.**

You can do so at <https://bit.ly/VoteArlington>. (This can be used for anyone in Virginia.)

[Register to meet the candidates here](#)

Oct 12

The Virginia Budgetary Process 101

With Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Vivian Watts

Oct 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), AAUW- VA

[RSVP here](#)

Save The Date

For our **membership meeting and new member orientation – Oct 16, 2022 – 3 -5 PM**. Tentative Location: Walter Reed Community Center.

News from National

Second Lawsuit Filed: Missouri NAACP and League of Women Voters Sue State of Missouri, John Ashcroft over New Voter ID Restrictions

8/24/2022

The second lawsuit against the omnibus voter restrictions of HB 1878 seeks to protect Missourians' right to equal protection and the fundamental right to vote.

[Read the news release](#)



League of Women Voters, Missouri NAACP Sue Over Law Criminalizing Voter Engagement Efforts

8/22/2022

Jefferson City, Mo. -- Two nonpartisan civic engagement organizations sued the state of Missouri and Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft in Cole County Circuit Court to block provisions of one of the nation's most extreme laws restricting voter registration activity and distribution of absentee ballot applications. The law violates the right to core political speech by severely curtailing the ability to engage with voters.

[Read the news release](#)

LWVUS August Highlights

[Read the Recap here](#)

September 2022 Virginia Voter

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

Voter Registration - Courthouse Farmers Market - Aug 27

by Don Gurney
Voter Services Chair

We had a good day at the Courthouse Farmers market, registering 6 voters.
Moms Demand Action graciously shared their table with us.



Faye Pritchard, Don and Susan Bruns registering voters.
Julia Durand also participated.



Meeting

September 18 - 2 PM - **Book Group**

Wind Done Gone by Alice Randall.

Contact Joan LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com

September 21 - 7 PM

Election Integrity Committee

Contact Lisa at Lkoteengerchick@gmail.com

Look for next newsletter September 21

Cycle of Life

It is with sadness that we report that our former Vice President Carol Brooke's mother died on August 24. We send Carol our deepest sympathies.

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