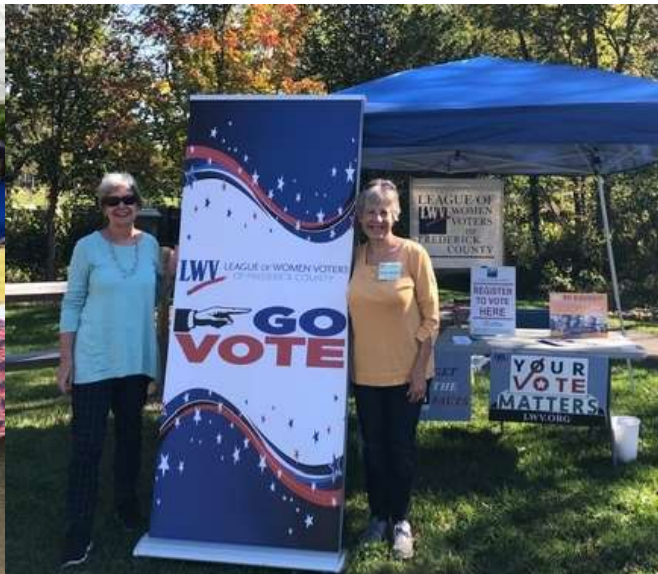




# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA



## May 7, 2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION WORKBOOK



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*The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area [LWVNCA] is an Inter League Organization (ILO). It is comprised of the District of Columbia League and those Leagues in Maryland and Virginia surrounding the nation’s capital. We are a nonpartisan, political, membership organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. The League influences public policy through education and advocacy at all levels of government.*

*The purpose of LWVNCA shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, and to act on selected governmental issues of a metropolitan, regional or interjurisdictional nature such as energy, water and transportation.*

## Proposed Order of Business

Virtual Meeting call to Order

Joyce Starks, LWFVCA President

<p><b>10:00 – 10:45</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keynote Speaker Ayo Atterberry, LWFVUS Chief Strategy Officer</b></li> <li>• <b>Presidents from LWFVDC- Kathy Chiron, LWFVMD- Nancy Soreng, &amp; LWFV-VA-Deb Wake as panelists.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Topic:</b> <i>The latest developments in voting rights and voting laws in the U.S. and in the Region; followed by Q &amp; A.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderated by <b>President Joyce Starks</b></p>	<p>Joyce Starks, President</p>
<p><b>10:45 – 12:45</b></p>	<p><b>Business Meeting Begins</b></p> <p>Roll Call of Member Leagues .....</p> <p>Credentials Report.....</p> <p>Adoption of Order of Business.....</p> <p>Adoption of Convention Rules.....</p> <p>Minutes of 2021 Convention,-previously approved by the LWFVCA Board</p> <p>Appointment of a Reading Committee for the 2022 Convention Minutes.....</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report .....</p> <p>Presentation, Discussion &amp; Approval of Proposed FY2022 – FY 2023 LWFVCA Budget.....</p> <p>Nominating Committee Report &amp; Election of Officers and Directors for 2022-2024.....</p> <p>President’s Report .....</p>	<p>Kathy Matusiak, Substitute Secretary</p> <p>Bill Thomas &amp; Sherry Zachry, Credentials</p> <p>President Joyce Starks</p> <p>Sherry Zachry, Parliamentarian</p> <p>President Joyce Starks</p> <p>President Joyce Starks</p> <p>Bill Thomas, Treasurer</p> <p>Kathy Matusiak, Budget Chair</p> <p>Kathy McGuire, Nom. Committee Chair</p> <p>President Joyce Starks</p>
<p><b>12:30 – 1:00</b></p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Announcements</p> <p>Directions to the Board</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>President Joyce Starks</p>

## ***Guest Keynote Speaker – Ayo Atterberry***

### ***Chief Strategy Officer, LWVUS***



Ayo Atterberry is the Chief Strategy Officer with LWVUS. In this role, she oversees the organization's strategy and programmatic implementation. Her work ensures that the League is maximizing its partnerships, effectiveness, and impact nationwide.

A nonprofit leader with over two decades of experience, her journey with the League began as a member of the board. She believes that voting is the cornerstone of democracy and wants to support efforts to ensure that there is equitable access to voting nationwide. Ayo was raised in a family that believed in the power of voting and political activism. Her elders taught her about the history of voting in this country and shared their own experiences with voter suppression.

### ***Panel Discussion on New Developments in Voting Rights and Voting Laws in the US and Region.***

***With Presidents from LWVDC-Kathy Chiron, LWVMD-Nancy Soreng, & LWV-VA-Deb Wake as Panelists. Followed by Q & A.***





## Report from President Joyce Starks

The League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) shines brighter because of the people on the Board and the people that support us. As some people journey through life they leave footprints—determined to see people treated fairly, being proactive educating the public on issues, fighting against voter suppression and just trying to make a difference in the community. We had a big loss in 2022, we lost Linda Softli on January 7, 2022. I ask that you join me in taking a pause in memory for all of the League members we have lost this year. The pandemic has not been kind to our membership due to the number of family members and friends we lost to COVID 19. Even when our members are gone, the trail they've left behind continues to inspire us.

The pandemic never stopped us. We used Zoom to carryout successful programs and meetings.

This year we want to thank two leagues that joined LWVNCA—LWV of Prince William-Fauquier Area and Alexandria became a part of the Arlington League, making the Arlington/Alexandria City League. They came in ready to join forces to get the work done.

I thank the League family members for supporting our members and for supporting our events. The world needs more people as thoughtful as you. The joy that shows in all the nice things you do by being consistent in volunteering constantly to make a difference in democracy and the world in which we live in. It starts in the Board Room and goes all the way to Capitol Hill.

A special thank you to all the Board Members for making it another great year. We would not be able to get things done without you. I would like to give special recognition to Sarah McMeans, Deb Wake, Bill Thomas, Kathy Chiron and Edna Miller. Thank you for all that you do to keep LWVNCA moving forward. Some of our Board members will be rotating off the Board; however, they have agreed to help in other capacities. We thank them for their service to LWVNCA.

This year we participated in some of the League of Women Voters National Office rallies and were able to reconnect with LWV activities.

I am happy that I found the secret to continue looking young, it is to be a member of the League of Women Voters National Capital Area.

We want to encourage you to continue to support LWVNCA with your presence at our events and your donations.

Thanks for your diligence and a phenomenal year.

*Joyce Starks, In Memory of Linda Softli*

## LWVNCA Member Leagues

LWV	Membership	Delegate Allowance
<i>(NOTE: number in blue indicates 2021 membership)</i>		
<b>LWV of the District of Columbia</b>	(250) 195	4
<b>LWV of Maryland</b>		1
LWV of Howard County	(121) 108	4
LWV of Montgomery County	(544) 426	7
LWV of Prince Georges County	(50) 33	3
LWV of Frederick County	(100) 94	3
<b>LWV of Virginia</b>		1
LWV of Arlington and Alexandria City	(253) 223	5
LWV of Fairfax Area	(452) 376	6
LWV of Falls Church	(69) 100	3
LWV of Loudoun County	(95) 41	3
LWV of Prince William-Fauquier Area*	72	3
<i>*Joined LWVNCA in July, 2021</i>		
<b>Total Delegates Allowed</b>	<b>43</b>	



League Bicycle Riders in Freedom to Vote Rally

## Proposed Rules of the 2022 LWVNCA Convention

- A. The following rules are prescribed by the LWVNCA bylaws:
1. Proceedings will be guided by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, unless the LWVNCA bylaws prescribe otherwise. (**Article X**)
  2. Voting privileges are limited to delegates from member Leagues (local and state) in good standing and LWVNCA Board members. (**Article VII, Section 2**)
    - a. "Each delegate representing a local or state League shall be entitled to vote only if that League has met its per member payment responsibilities.
    - b. The LWVNCA board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship."
    - c. To conform to this bylaw, representatives from Leagues not paid in full will not have the privilege of the floor, the right to vote, or the right to make motions. PMP will be accepted any time before the opening plenary session to enable Leagues to have delegates with full voting privilege.
  3. How to vote using Zoom
    - a. Use the raise your hand icon to vote and the secretary/president when acknowledge all votes have been counted.
    - b. After you vote please lower the raise hand icon.
  4. Nominations for elected positions may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. (**Article VIII, Section 3**)
- B. The following proposed rules are subject to approval by a majority vote of the Convention. Delegates may elect to amend these proposals or introduce others.
1. **Floor privileges**
    - a. All League members shall have the right to speak.
    - b. At in person meetings, a member wishing to address the Convention shall stand (as they are able). Zoom meetings: Members will use the Zoom "raise hand feature" to request recognition. The chair will do her best to recognize people in order. When recognized by the chair, a member shall state her/his name and member-League affiliation.
    - c. Discussion will be limited to two minutes per speaker unless otherwise specified.
  2. **Motions.** Only delegates and LWVNCA Board members can make motions. All motions of substance shall be entered in the Chat Box. At in person meetings, motion forms are available at the registration table.

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3. When you are not speaking or casting a voice vote, please mute your phone or computer.
4. **Minutes.** The Secretary will draft the Convention minutes, clear them with a reading committee appointed at the convention and submit the resulting version to the LWVNCA Board for approval.
5. **Directions to the Board.** Directions should be sent to the president in advance of the meeting at [JoyceStarks@aol.com](mailto:JoyceStarks@aol.com). At the meeting, they can be submitted by writing them in the Chat Box.





**League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area  
2021 Annual Convention Minutes  
May 1, 2021  
(Convened on Zoom)**

The meeting was called to order at: 10:10 am

**Welcome:** Linda Softli, LWV District of Columbia and Joyce Starks, LWV Prince Georges Co., Co-Presidents, welcomed everyone to the 2021 LWVNCA Convention. Starks introduced the panelists listed below:

Update on DC Statehood Anne Anderson, LWVDC

Update on VA and MD Redistricting Chris DeRosa, LWV-VA, and Beth Hufnagel, LWVMD

**Roll Call of Member Leagues and Credentials:** Nancy Soreng, LWV Montgomery Co. MD, Secretary, called the roll of the NCA Leagues and their delegates. Every member League was represented and 39 Delegates were present thus, more than meeting the quorum of 25 voting members.

**Adoption of Order of Business:** Starks called for a motion to adopt the Order of Business. It was moved and seconded to adopt the Order of Business as published in the convention workbook. The motion passed unanimously and no nays. The motion carried.

**Adoption of Convention Rules:** Geraldine Whitley, LWV District of Columbia, and Parliamentarian, reviewed the Rules of the Convention as presented in the Convention Workbook. Sherry Zachry, LWV Fairfax Area, highlighted the section of the Rules that pertain to Program adoption. Whitley moved that the Rules be accepted. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously by the delegates.

**Minutes of 2020 Convention:** These minutes were previously approved by the LWVNCA Board and were in the workbook for information only.

**Appointment of a Reading Committee:** Starks appointed Sarah Matthews, LWV Frederick, Barbara Lipsky LWV Falls Church and Kathy Matusiak, LWV Arlington, to review the convention minutes before presentation to the LWVNCA Board for approval at their June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Thomas, LWV Fairfax Area, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The report is attached to these minutes. Bill reported the following transactions through April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021: We have received \$837 in Per Member Payments (PMP). Other income of note was \$5,066 received in July from LWVUS. It was given to us for our support in planning the LWVUS Convention that did not happen due to the pandemic. The major LWNCA fundraiser, a performance of Capitol Steps at the National Convention, could not happen so the National Board decided to partially compensate that loss. Thomas also reported that we have had very few expenses - primarily related to our website. We may incur some expenses related to attending meetings before the end of the Fiscal Year, but as those are likely to be virtual, the cost should be minimal.

**Presentation, Discussion & Approval of Proposed FY 2020-21 LWNCA Budget:** Matusiak, Budget Chair, presented the proposed budget. It shows income and expenditures of \$9,650 compared to expenses and income of last years of \$3,550. Expanded membership will yield

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\$1,788 in PMP compared to last year's \$1,481. We are assuming live events will begin in fall so the budget includes a President's luncheon in the fall and a LWVUS Board reception in Winter. The budget also assumes an in-person LWVUS Convention in June of 2022. LWVNCA has a \$775 deposit with the Beacon Hotel. We have not been able to hold an event there since making that deposit due to Covid. The budget did not assume that deposit will be available because we don't know how long it will be honored. Matusiak thanked the members of the Budget Committee: Sherry Zachry, Kathy Chiron LWVDC and Bill Thomas (ex-officio member). Gretchen Blankenship, LWV Montgomery County, asked when we would offer the Naumann award. The LWVNCA Board had decided that it would not happen in 2021 which is when it is regularly scheduled to be granted. The Board has not yet decided when the award would next be offered. Starks said that once that decision has been made, she will notify Blankenship who agreed to continue to chair that program.

Matusiak moved that the Budget be adopted as presented in the 2021 Convention Workbook. The motion was seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion carried.

**By-laws Committee Report:** Sherry Zachry, Chair of the By-Laws Committee, presented the report for her committee. Their major recommendations included: changing the language throughout the by-laws to allow for Co-presidents to assume duties that were formerly assigned to a Vice-President if a president could no longer serve. They also changed the authorization for signing documents to reflect the possibility of a co-president. The committee included provisions for all LWVNCA meetings to be held electronically and reduced deadlines for due dates for materials for the Annual Convention. The committee recommended expressing deadlines in days before the date of Convention. They did not change the required number of delegates for quorum. The committee also recommended clarifying language to the Program section of the By-Laws and language that is consistent with LWVUS language.

She briefly walked through these changes that were highlighted in the 2021 Convention Workbook.

Luella Mast, LWVMC, asked how the vote would be held – Would it be by article or a vote on the proposed by-law changes as a whole? Zachry replied that we would vote Article by Article.

Zachry moved that we adopt all changes in **Article IV, Officers**, as presented in the Convention Workbook. The motion was seconded. Mast suggested that next year a by-laws committee consider being more general in their recommendations by considering the possibility of co-vice presidents or other co-officers. Zachry responded that in the history of LWVNCA that need has not happened. Starks said that she would ask the Board to consider this before next year's convention. Blankenship pointed out that there was a typo in Section 4. Secretary. Since only one of the Co-Presidents would need to sign contracts and other instruments along with the Secretary, the "s" should be removed from Co-Presidents in the third sentence. The changes to Article IV were adopted unanimously.

Zachry moved that we adopt all changed in **Article V, Board of Directors** as presented in the 2021 Convention Workbook. Mast said that she had never seen the phrase, "I.E.," in by-laws. She said that it should be reworked by a future by-laws committee because she recognized that amendments proposed by a committee cannot be changed at Convention. Hufnagel suggested, that I.E. be written out to say "that is" in **Section 1**. It was pointed out that this would not be a substantive change, but rather clarifying language. There was a typo in **Section 5**. Following the words "if a board meeting" the words "needs to" should have been marked with a strike-through to read, "Board meetings shall be conducted. It was also agreed that the I.E., in

**Section 5.** be removed entirely is it was determined that removing “I.E.NOT PHYSICALLY IN PERSON” would not change the intent of the amendment. The motion was seconded. The vote was 36 yay, 1 nay and one abstention.

Zachry moved **Article VI, Financial Administration**, as presented in in the 2021 Convention Workbook the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Zachry moved **Article VII, Convention**, as presented in in the 2021 Convention Workbook. Mast had a question about Section 6 under that Article. She was concerned about the term of the nominating committee. It was clarified that unlike other officers and directors who are elected for two-year terms at the annual convention, the nominating committee is elected for just one year. Article VII passed unanimously.

Zachry moved that we approve **Article VIII, Nominations**, as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Zachry moved **Article IX, Program**, as presented. Mast had a question about the use of the phrase “I.E” in section 3. That will be changed to “that is” for the reasons described above. The motion was seconded there was on abstention and one Nay.

Zachry moved **Article XII, Amendments**, be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nominating Committee Report & Election of Officers:** Elaine Apter, *LWV Montgomery County, Committee Chair*, submitted the following candidates for election at the May 1, 2021 Annual Convention as the LWFVNCA Officers & Directors for 2021-23 and as the Nominating Committee for 2021-22.

### **OFFICERS**

Joyce Starks– Co-President – LWV Prince George's County (LWVPGC)  
Linda Softli – Co-President – LWV District of Columbia (LWVDC)  
Sonia Ballinger – Secretary – LWV Loudoun County (LWVLC)

### **DIRECTORS**

Carole Conors – Director – LWV Howard County (LWVHC)  
Andrea Gruhl – Director – LWV Howard County (name withdrawn prior to convention.)  
Edna Miller – Director – LWV Montgomery County (LWVMC)

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2021-22**

Kathy McGuire – Chair, LWVMC  
Geraldine Whitley- LWVDC  
Sherry Zachry – LWV Fairfax Area (LWVFA)

Respectfully submitted,  
LWFVNCA 2021 Nominating Committee  
Elaine Apter, Chair  
Members:  
Sonia Ballinger

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Sarah Matthews  
Debra Wake  
Geraldine Whitley

Starks called for nominations from the floor. Sherry Zachry moved that we nominate Carol Bursik, LWV Fairfax Area, to fill the vacancy left by the withdrawal of Andrea Gruhl from the original nominating Committee Report. The nominating committee report with the addition of the new nominee was unanimously accepted.

**Program Committee Report:** Sarah Matthews, *LWV Frederick, Program Chair*, presented the Recommended and Not-Recommend Program for 2021-2023. Matthews moved that we accept the proposed recommended program for 2021-2023. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Co-President's Report –**

Starks gave the report on behalf of Softli and herself. She thanked the attendees for participating in the 2021 Annual Convention. Starks asked us to remember those we lost due to Covid and their loved ones. She also thanked the families of the NCA members for allowing us to be part of this organization. She thanked a number of individuals for their service to the NCA Board. Starks also commended the Board and the committees for continuing to do their work via Zoom. In addition, she noted that we continue to be proud of Washington, DC for continuing to keep the fight for Statehood, "Give the People what they want".

### **New Business**

**Announcements** Starks called for announcements.

Soreng reported that the NCA Board has been subject to email scams for a couple of years and people should not respond to urgent requests, but rather should call the person directly if they are worried that it might be real. Otherwise, they should ignore such pleas.

Starks announced that the June Zoom Board meeting will be a regular meeting. She would like the July meeting to be a retreat.

**Direction to the Board** There were no directions to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.

## **LWVNCA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT FOR PROPOSED LWVNCA FY2022-2023 BUDGET**

The LWVNCA FY 2022-2023 Proposed Budget shows total expected funding and expenditures of \$7,250 as compared to \$9,650 in FY2021-2022. The LWVNCA will hold per-member-payment (PMP) steady at \$1.10 per primary member and \$0.55 for additional household members. The Budget Committee projects \$1,568 in PMP income. This is a decrease of \$220 from last year's PMP, reflecting a small drop in membership from February 2021 to February 2022, which is understandable in the second year of a pandemic.

Last year the Budget Committee assumed that we would be able to resume live events by the Fall. This did not occur but we do believe that this year will be the change and we can resume live events. Therefore, we have included funds to support the Presidents' Luncheon in the Fall and the Annual Convention in May 2023. All those events require a registration fee or other payment, and total event revenue of \$2,480 is included in income. Total expenses for the three events are estimated at \$3,250, so we will be drawing on our reserves for approximately \$770. We also assumed that the LWVUS would hold an in-person Council in June of 2023 and included \$500 to send a representative (typically the President or Co-Presidents) to that meeting.

We included a fundraiser event that would bring in an estimated \$1,000 in revenue. The Board has discussed various events to make this come about. This fundraiser will help to cover the loss of expected income from the Capital Steps that closed down during the pandemic.

We also will carry over \$400 from this year's budget for the Madeleine Naumann Award, which will now be presented in 2023. We draw some \$1,993 from reserves to balance revenues and expenditures, approximately the amount we saved this year by cancelling some events and making others virtual.

The LWVNCA Board expresses its thanks to the FY2022-2023 Budget Committee: Kathy Matusiak, chair, and member Joyce Starks. William Thomas, Treasurer, was the Ex Officio member.

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**Proposed LWNCA Budget for FY2022-2023**

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
INCOME	Actual	Budget	Proposed	Notes
<b>Per Member Payments (PMP)</b>	1,481	1,788	1,568	Based on 1355 primary members @1.10 and 180 additional members @0.55
<b>Presidents' Luncheon</b>	0	480	480	16 board members contributing @\$30 each
<b>Annual Convention</b>	0	2,000	2,000	50 attendees @\$40
<b>LWVUS Board Reception</b>	0	1,800	0	
<b>Fundraiser</b>	5,067	0	1,000	
<b>Workshop Income</b>	0	0	0	
<b>Interest</b>	0	10	10	
<b>Contributions</b>	0	200	200	
<b>Other Income</b>	0	0	0	
<b>Total Income</b>	6,549	6,278	5,258	
<b>Transfer In(+)/Out(-) from checking</b>	-5,869	3,372	1,993	+ indicates a reduction in checkbook balance, while - indicates an increase.
<b>Total income and transfers</b>	680	9,650	7,250	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Operating Costs</b>				
<b>Office supplies</b>	0	250	800	Includes archiving & <i>Naumann Award</i> costs
<b>Website</b>	400	450	450	LWVC MyLO platform website and related expenses
<b>Zoom Expense</b>		150	150	
<b>Subtotal -- Operating Costs</b>	400	850	1,400	
<b>Board/Administration</b>				
<b>President's allowance</b>	125	100	100	Expenses of the President
<b>Board Expenses</b>	0	100	100	Other board cost, n.e.c.
<b>Member Directory</b>	0	100	100	Printing the annual Directory
<b>Presidents' Luncheon</b>	0	550	500	
<b>Workshop Expenses</b>	0	900	900	Assumes two Workshop events per fiscal year
<b>LWVUS Board Reception</b>	0	2,500	0	Every other year
<b>Subtotal -- Board/Administration</b>	125	4,250	1,700	
<b>Conventions/Councils</b>				
<b>Local &amp; State Meetings</b>	55	500	500	Registration and incidental expenses of Pres. or other LWNCA representative.
<b>LWVUS Council/Convention</b>	100	1,200	500	
<b>LWVNCA Annual Convention</b>	0	2,750	2,750	
<b>Subtotal Conventions/Council</b>	155	4,450	3,750	
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
<b>Madeline Naumann Award</b>	0	0	400	Presented every other fiscal year.
<b>Fundraiser Exp. &amp; Rev. Sharing</b>	0	0	0	
<b>100th Anniversary Events</b>	0	0	0	
<b>Misc Expenses</b>	0	100	0	
<b>Subtotal -- Other Expenses</b>	0	100	400	
<b>Total -- Expenses</b>	680	9,650	7,250	

## **LWNCA 2022 Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee presents the slate of the nominees for LWNCA Officers and Director to be elected at the 2022 Annual Convention.

### **LWNCA Officers and Directors 2022 – 2024 Nominees**

Vice President Kathy Matusiak (LWV Arl/Alex)

Treasurer Carol Bursik (LWVFA)

Directors Erni Bridges (LWVFA)  
Anne Laroche (LWVDC)

Nominating Committee for 2022-23  
Kathy Chiron, Chair (LWVDC)  
Sarah Mathews (LWVFR)  
Geraldine Whitley (LWVDC)

Recommendations from the Nominating Committee:

The Board should consider changing their meeting day from Friday to another weekday and meeting in late afternoon or evening. This change would help increase the pool of potential LWNCA nominees to include members, who are unable to meet during work hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
LWNCA 2022 Nominating Committee

Kathy McGuire, Nominating Committee Chair  
Sarah McMeans  
Deb Wake  
Geraldine Whitley  
Sherry Zachry

## Proposed LWVNCA Officers & Board of Directors 2022-2023

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*A Liaison to LWVNCA from each member League is appointed by their respective League and they become members of this board. The LWVNCA board will appoint 2 more members to the Nominating Committee.*

*2021 National Voter Registration Day at Libraries in Northern VA*



## Profiles of 2022-2024 Nominees

### OFFICERS

#### **Kathleen Matusiak, LWV Arlington and Alexandria, Vice President**



Kathleen Matusiak first joined the League in 1972 after being a part of a voter registration drive. For years, she served the Board of Directors of LWV-Arlington/Alexandria City, first as co-chair of Voter Service and then as President of the Arlington League. She has served on the LWVNCA Board for the past 4 years. Kathy is a semi-retired research consultant with the firm of Lescaut and Walderman. She has a degree in Business Administration and 30 years of executive experience in Accounting, Statistical Analysis, Data Computation, and Membership Services. Kathy is a widow, with two daughters and six grandchildren.

#### **Carol Bursik, LWV Fairfax Area, Treasurer**



Carol worked as a librarian for the Federal government for 32 years in both military and civilian agencies, including a 4 ½ year assignment in Germany. Several of her positions included responsibility for budget preparation and execution at the program level. When she retired from the Department of Justice in 2007, she served on the boards of several non-profit organizations. She was treasurer of the District of Columbia Library Association for three years, was financial secretary of a non-profit educational foundation for one year, and held the treasurer's position for an organization of seniors at her church. She met her husband in 2007 while helping to rebuild homes in New Orleans after Katrina. Since then they have visited all 50 states and a number of foreign countries. She joined the Fairfax League in 2012 because of the organization's emphasis on voter education and voter registration. She served as LWVFA Membership Director and Board member for four years and was elected as a Director of the LWV for the National Capital Region in 2021.

## DIRECTORS

### Erni Bridges, LWV Fairfax Area, Director



Erni was born and raised in Newport News, Va. Erni is a product of an HBCU (Norfolk State University) and majored in Sociology. As a former military spouse, she lived in Europe over 10+ years. Erni volunteered many hours during her years as a military spouse (American Red Cross, Army Community Service Centers (supporting families) and Officers Wives Club President (Mannheim, Germany).

Erni joined the Fairfax LWV, November 3, 2018, shortly after she retired from her Professional Career as Vice President, HR for a Custom Publishing Company, Washington, DC and New York City. Erni was anxious to get busy again. A few weeks after retiring, she called the Fairfax League and they invited her immediately to join League members at a local high school to see the process first-hand and the rest is history. Training was great. Erni began working with the Vote Program, registering high school students with other volunteers. She thought this was an excellent way to support students....it was a perfect fit. Erni knew she was in the right place for all the right reasons. These students are our future and their vote and voice matters. In mid-summer of 2019, Erni was invited to join the LWV-VA State Board, and yes -- she decided to accept the invitation. Erni hasn't regretted her "yes" one day and says, "I knew I had much to learn but working with the committed women who love the work of the League has been an ongoing learning experience for me." Erni has been part of LWV-VA State Board for over two years first as Director and now as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Erni has always been a passionate advocate for young people, ensuring not only that they could register and vote but giving them an opportunity to join us, work with us and give voice to assist in creating change. Both as Director and now 2nd VP, Erni has had the opportunity to hire and support students through the LWV summer internship program. Students have the opportunity to work, support, learn, collaborate with league members as student interns. They learn, stay informed about the work of the league and support members with various projects. Erni has served as intern program liaison and loves to see students succeed. She has had many other opportunities to support, work with other committees and members of the LWV/VA Board. As a member of The Arlington (VA) Chapter of The Links, November 17, 2021, Erni was named "Woman Of The Year" by Inter-Service Club Council of Arlington, Virginia.

**Anne Laroche, LWV District of Columbia, Director**



In this picture Anne is wearing a sticker that says "Background Checks Save Lives." On most days she wears a LWV badge that says, "Statehood for the District of Columbia." Anne joined the League of Women Voters in 2010, served as a director/trustee and chaired the nominating committee in 2018. She served on the health committee and at monthly naturalization ceremonies to register new citizens. She promotes DC Statehood and Ending Gun Violence. At The New York Ave. Presbyterian Church, she works with the homeless on Sundays and tutors a DC Public School student on Thursdays in Community Club. She is a member of the Public Safety committee of the (WIN) Washington Interfaith Network. A native Texan, Anne also lived in Montreal where she was active in their Council of Churches and worked in planning and development at ALCAN (Aluminum Co. of Canada). She went to DC after graduate school and returned in 2006. Before the pandemic, she co-directed a weekly support group Freedom Circle for returning citizens.

**OFF BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Kathy Chiron, LWV District of Columbia, Chair**



Kathy is currently president of the League of Women Voters of DC. Previously, Kathy served as President of LWV Hong Kong and as a member of the board and chair of the American Women's Association Hong Kong, an organization of 1000 women from 45 countries. Kathy earned a bachelors degree from Cornell University and a Masters in Education from George Washington University. In addition to serving as a Director for NCA, Kathy's main focus during the last year with the DC League has been on implementing Restore the Vote including installing a voter information phone line in the DC Department of Corrections and in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She's filled for the Voter Services work previously done by Linda Softli, supported the work of the FullRightsForDC committee and generally kept things moving along through Covid.

Covid and too much time on zoom in the last year has cut into her being able to participate in Georgetown University's senior audit program and keeping up with her Hong Kong Book Club. She lives in Washington DC with her husband Stuart, a retired attorney and happy golfer. Their younger son Sam teaches at Thurgood Marshall High School and their daughter-in-law Molly is a speech pathologist. Their older son Will and his long-time girlfriend Caity are now back in DC after a two-year stint teaching in Bangkok. Mama is happy! He's now director of catering for CoffeeForFive and Caity teaches kindergarten in PG County.

**Geraldine J. Whitley LWV District of Columbia, Member**



Mrs. Geraldine J. Whitley has been a League member since 1980 and has been an active member and volunteer since 2003. Since that time Mrs. Whitley has served in roles as: 2nd Vice President, on the Board of Directors, and the environment committee. She is currently serving as a member of the LWNCA Nominating Committee and the LWNCA Annual Convention Committee. Mrs. Whitley believes that the best way to advocate for change is through education and strong will power. She has a B.S. in Education and a master's degree in Christian studies from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

She retired from the federal government in n 2003 where she worked as an International Trade Specialist.

Mrs. Whitley's hobbies, including hand quilting, knitting, stamp collecting, and traveling (nationally and internationally). She also volunteers with various food programs in Washington, D.C., a member of the Sierra Club, is active in her church where she teaches Bible study and volunteers as a lay speaker. However, her most cherished volunteer activity outside of being a League member is volunteering at the Anacostia Museum as a docent. Mrs. Whitley feels that LWV develops skills in leadership and management positions.

**Sarah Matthews, LWV Frederick County MD, Member**



Sarah Matthews has been a member of the LWV Frederick County for 8 years, and served a variety of positions including President. Sarah was a member of the LWNCA Board of Directors for 5 years and has served on two consensus committees for the MDLWV. Sarah is very involved with the Literacy Council of Frederick County tutoring students as well as training tutors. She serves in a variety of roles with her church as well.



## **REPORT FROM 2021-2022 LWVNCA PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The Committee put on a workshop on February 26, 2022 entitled “Flooding – Plans to Prepare for Climate Change Impacts on Stormwater Management.”

We had three great speakers: Dr. Dan Medina (Alexandria), Frank Dawson (Montgomery County MD) and Catherine Torgersen (Fairfax County). They presented so much great information for League advocacy with great source information, quality of each presentation and greatly inspired questions and answers.

Sarah Matthews did a great job as Moderator during the entire process of managing the introductions, leading to the next Speaker and managing the questions. Cindy Snow from the Montgomery County League put the final flyer together. We also had tremendous help from Barbara Lipsky and Sherry Zachry on flyer distribution.

Deb Wake allowed us to use the LWV-VA Zoom site for the workshop and that worked out well. Joan Porte acted as Administrator and helped with all facets of zoom access and connection. Bill Thomas set up Eventbrite for registration and was integral in getting the zoom access links to all who registered.

We had 69 registration and over 50 people were consistently on line during the entire workshop, a great response.

The workshop has been recorded put on the LWVNCA website by Sherry Zachry. This will allow access to NCA League Committees working on Climate Change Impacts on Stormwater Management, as well as understanding how past Land Use Practices contribute to flooding today. Both concepts should help League advocacy inform future Legislation and Policy on preparing for Flooding Resiliency in this Region.

The committee also reviewed its objective in updating positions and planned to look into this. In its review, it was determined by committee members that there were too many positions to review by this committee. By way of explanation, there were originally 4 members of the committee; 2 took on the task of setting up of a climate change workshop for 2022 (getting speakers and a venue, etc.) and 2 took on position review. One of the position review members was unable to participate fully due to other obligations and this left too few people to complete the task. The committee does not have the members to take this on at this time. We recommend that LWVNCA set up a more comprehensive committee to take this on in the 2022-2023 fiscal year and make a report/recommendation at the 2023 convention.

Respectfully,

Program Committee - Kathy Matusiak, Edna Miller, Sarah Matthews

## Reports from Member Leagues State Leagues



### District of Columbia (LWVDC), Kathy Chiron, President

Despite the continuing pandemic, our members met online every month to explore and understand the issues that further our mission such as the fight for full rights and DC statehood, ranked choice voting, and restoring the vote to incarcerated DC residents. We registered voters in person, trained others in voter registration, rallied with LWVUS to advocate for the passage of voting rights legislation, and increased and enhanced the DC League's social media presence and promoted Vote411.org on Twitter and our Facebook page.

We took a major step forward in our efforts to **Restore the Vote** by establishing the **Inside Voter Information Phone Line**, a free-to-users telephone service available to incarcerated DC residents at the DC Department of Corrections and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. We are offering training to volunteers and ask them to commit to a three-hour session twice a month to provide voter information and answer questions for incarcerated people.

We also took major actions in our struggle for **DC Statehood and Full Rights for DC**. On July 4, 2021, Barbara Garlock and Virginia Hodge launched **Quilts4DC Statehood**, a challenge to quilt makers everywhere to use their talent and imagination to promote statehood for DC.

On October 19, 2021, **Petition Delivery Day**, we delivered to the Senate 38,000 petition signatures from all 50 states, plus DC and the territories, seeking an affirmative vote on the DC statehood bill. Other initiatives were #picture51, a neighborhood effort to engage children in the statehood fight, a postcard mailing to Leaguers in Maine asking them to urge Senator King to co-sponsor the bill, and the creation of blogs, Zoom events and videos.



Quilt by Charlene Marshall  
Washington, DC

In April, the DC League will co-sponsor forums for candidates seeking the office of Mayor and Attorney General prior to the Primary in June.

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### LWV of Maryland (LWVMD), Nancy Soreng, President

LWVMD had a busy—and successful—year. Highlights include:

- In September **our Annual Constitution Day Program** co-sponsored with the University of Maryland School of Law featured the topic “An Audacious Idea Whose Time Has Come: The Democracy Constitution.” 200 people attended virtually to hear the speakers views on a more perfect constitution for our times.
- LWVMD participated in a 3-day **Freedom to Vote Relay & Rally** in October. The event highlighted voting rights bills before Congress. It started in Charleston, W.VA and concluded with a celebratory rally, joined by the family of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. outside the U.S. Capitol.

- At monthly meetings in-depth of the **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**, discussions of aspects of DEI aimed at broadening member perspectives take place. Topics include the use of pronouns, Equity vs. Equality and myths behind fat-phobia. Two workshops, one aimed at League leaders and one open to all members focused on how LWVMD approaches DEI in practice. A DEI book club was launched is open League-wide and beyond.
- Our Legislative session **Advocacy** focused on 14 areas including voting and election issues, transportation, police accountability, education, health care, and marijuana legalization. Redistricting, a top priority, ended with both the congressional and legislative maps passed by the legislature facing court challenges. The redrawn map forced by a court order was signed by the Governor. Legal challenges have required a delay in our primary election.
- **Fall Workshop** focused on building league capacity and included sessions on best practices for communications and candidate forums. The keynote speaker was Dr. Alexander Pope, Director of the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement. **Winter Workshop** included presentations by Maryland Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk about health care inequities, and Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) on the ERA and voting rights. **LWVMD 2022 Council** is on June 4, 2022.



**LWV of Virginia (LWV-VA), Deb Wake, President**

The League of Women Voters is partnering with organizations and working to attract members that increase the diverse voices we amplify. A statewide committee worked to develop voting information to be shared with homeless shelters, domestic abuse shelters, high schools and libraries. We are working with Bridging the Gap and NoLefTurns to change the laws concerning felon voting rights and right restoration. We are partnering with REVUp Virginia to plan voter registration events aimed at disabled voters across the state.

400 years of gerrymandering led to a system where legislators were drawing lines to choose their constituents rather than the other way around. That’s why the League pushed for a constitutional amendment to add citizens to the redistricting process. The amendment wasn’t perfect, it was a compromise. The resulting process was messy but it was transparent and citizens were able to participate. The new maps did not favor incumbents but sought to correct 400 years of manipulating who is represented by where the lines are drawn and by whom. We’re excited the resulting districts provide many opportunities for new candidates and new voices.

Our League is midway through four studies (campaign finance reform, childcare, education funding equity, and environmental justice) to update our positions and form new ones. Our hope is that the studies will provide new tools we can use to lift up more voices and provide important changes in our laws for the betterment of all Virginians.





## Local Member Leagues - Maryland

### League of Women Voters of Frederick County, MD, Mary Beth Coker, President

The last two years have been challenging for the Frederick County League, but we have continued to work on our goals and to rely on virtual meetings, online surveys and virtual



forums, to engage with the community and membership.

During the past year the League of Women Voters of Frederick County welcomed twelve new or renewing members to their rolls. In January 2022, the LWVFC had a total of 94 active members. Engagement continued to be virtual, and activities requiring physical engagement were suspended; hopefully these can be resumed later this year. We participated in a number of “First Saturday” events, braving cold weather to support a

table on Patrick Street. A number of LWV members participated in the “Right to Vote” rally held at Point of Rocks, MD on October 21, 2021.

We continue to be active in the community and to express our opinions. LWVFC submitted letters to the Frederick News-Post on the 2020 Presidential Election Process and the 100th Anniversary of the League.

Due to County-wide COVID-19 restrictions, there were few opportunities for us to interact with the public to support voter registration and voter awareness. LWVFC held candidate forums in 2021 for the Frederick City Elections: Primary Aldermanic Forum on September 1, 2021; the Primary Mayor Forum on September 9, 2021 and Partnered with United Way of Frederick to conduct the General Aldermanic Forum on October 14, 2021. LWVFC organized and hosted its annual Legislative Forum on Saturday, December 4, 2021. The virtual forum featured 8 local and state legislators, including Jan Gardner, the County Executive. Interchanges were mostly polite and highlighted the participants’ goals for 2021. League members updated local information on the VOTE.411 online site and collaborated with the Frederick News-Post to print the 2021 Voters’ Guide.

LWVFC has developed an enhanced relationship with the Frederick County Board of Elections (representation on BOE meetings and a new contract for providing election day evaluation of voter sites and processes). LWVFC completed a power point presentation on the importance of voting and continues to update the 20-minute presentation, emphasizing the importance of voting in primary and general elections, providing voter resources, and explaining redistricting.

### LWV of Howard County, MD Cynthia Williams, President

*No report submitted*

**LWV of Montgomery County, MD, Nancy Bliss and Vicky Strella, Co-Presidents**



As we celebrate 102 years of promoting political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC) has looked to the future this year. We initiated a Planning for the Future (PFF) study that encompassed five committees. These committees included technology, membership, finance, communications, and organizational structure & function. One

result has been the approval of Club Express, a data management platform that will address our future needs.

What has LWVMC done this year? Our study committees have presented discussions on Get Out The Vote, Economic Development, Local Revenue, and Aging. Through study and consensus, the Agricultural Reserve position was expanded to include limited solar development in the Reserve. Also, Trending Topics, our free webinars seen by more than 100 people per month and on YouTube, have included such diverse subjects as Ranked Choice Voting, Affordable Housing, Eliminating Institutional Bias in Public Schools, and Responsible and Effective Policing: Can Civilian Oversight Make a Difference?

LWVMC is gearing up for the 2022 election cycle. We will once again be participating in the Polling Place Support System as contracted by Board of Elections. We'll be doing registration drives, online VOTE411, Voters' Guides, and Candidate Forums.

LWVMC is still going strong, as we have advocated for redistricting, election services, environmental protections to name a few issues!

**LWV Prince George's County, MD, Gloria Johnson, President**

The Prince George's County League of Women Voters (LWVPGC), has held Zoom meetings in lieu of in-person meetings in an effort to protect and minimize any risk of our membership possibly being exposed to COVID 19.

Highlights of LWVPGC positions and activities include:

**Making Democracy Work**

Voter Suppression/Voters Rights

LWVPGC supports legislation that empowers Americans to participate in the voting process, including, The Freedom to Vote: **John R. Lewis Act**.

**Social and Economic Justice**

Education Reform

LWVPGC supports full and equitable funding for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future



**Protecting the Environment**

Climate Change/Land Use Policies

LWVPGC supports the elimination and prevention of environmental injustice, which puts Black, Latino and low-income communities at higher risk of being exposed to toxic chemicals, and landfills.

The overall activities of LWVPGC embrace *Making Democracy Work, Social and Economic Justice, and Protecting the Environment:*

- Scholarship Opportunity: LWVPGC’s Boyd-Nash and Ginter Scholarships honor two dynamic Leaguers of Prince George’s County.
- Fundraiser Event: *Giving Tuesday Fall Fundraiser Event.*
- Voters’ Education Video: Production focusing on students supporting voting rights & voters registration.
- Forums: LWVPGC hosted and presented at Candidate and Redistricting Forums.
- Book Club: LWVPGC participated in the virtual Book Club event on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion hosted by LWVMD.

PGCLWV supports full and equitable funding for the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.



Mrs. Thelma Boyd-Nash



Dr. Gail Dickson with Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton

Photos highlight LWVPGC participation on Capitol Hill in advocacy activities



## Local Member Leagues - Virginia

### LWV of Arlington & Alexandria City, VA Joan Porte, President

We were very happy that our high school voter registrations were up by 22 – 30 percent per school over the last in person registration in 2020, the last in-person event. We are now coordinating with local colleges.

For the Jan 6 “Day of Remembrance” we wrote 1000 postcards to unregistered citizens in Arlington and Alexandria. We also participated in the April 12, “Election Heroes Thank You” program, also from LWV US, thanking registrars and election staffs in both localities.



For the 2021 election, we wrote 400 GOTV postcards – 250 to Black voters who voted in 2020 but had not voted yet and the rest to people we registered this year. We also delivered 400 fliers to the doors of the Black voters who again had not yet voted. We partnered with the Capital Area Food Banks and the LWV Fairfax to register voters at selected food bank sites.

The 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the LWVUS was celebrated by sending 500 thank you cards to the members of our General Assembly, and County Board who support League positions.

Our High School Chapter program is back up again now that COVID is abating, and our plans are to have a chapter in each major high school in both localities.

We officially renamed our League, the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City –

welcome Alexandria! We had three candidate forums for local Arlington/Alexandria candidates, and we co-sponsored a forum with LWV of the Fairfax Area on Sept 21 for candidates in the 49<sup>th</sup> district of Virginia.

We cosponsored with LWV of Falls Church a redistricting update featuring Chris De Rosa, co-chair of LWV VA redistricting committee and Arlington member.

We are working with the Arlington County registrar to produce a series of videos on the safety and security of our election system.

### LWV of the Fairfax Area, VA, Pat Fege and Anu Sahai, Co-Presidents

This year, the LWVFA:

- Sent 1,230 postcards reminding people to vote.
- Hosted six virtual, real-time Candidate Forums that were available to the public. These were

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later posted on YouTube.

- Created and printed Voter Education materials that were distributed at public libraries, local governmental offices, voter registration events, and community festivals. Examples are: *Know Before You Go*, *Virginia Elections are Secure*, *Facts for Voters*, *What's on the Ballot*, and more.



- Conducted successful voter registration events at high schools, public libraries, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College, community festivals, food banks, and New Citizen Ceremonies.

- Hosted "Thank You" events for staff in the Fairfax County and Fairfax City Offices of Elections and received warm appreciation from the two Registrars.

- Had official representation on the Fairfax County Redistricting Committee and the Fairfax County Renaming Committee and were recognized at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

- Worked for the successful passage of the

CEDAW Resolution by the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and were recognized at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

- Provided written testimony to the Fairfax County representatives to the Virginia Legislature.
- Provided written and oral testimony on the Fairfax County Budget to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.
- Conducted virtual conversations open to all LWVFA members with five members of the House of Delegates from northern Virginia. These conversations provided insight into the current legislative priorities and process.
- Published 10 issues of the *Fairfax Voter* that included topics such as,
  - Virginia's New Cannabis Laws.
  - White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack.
  - Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in the World Designed for Men.
  - Native Americans and the Vote.
  - The League of Women Voters and Reparations: Part 1.
  - Held our Annual Meeting with the Keynote speaker, Linda Sittig, speaking on the topic: *Do Women Really Hold Up Half the Sky? How History Creates Strong Women.*

We had a very successful year due to LWVFA members who donated their time and money!



Thank Election Heroes Day of Action, Tuesday, April 12, for Fairfax Registrars

**LWV of Falls Church, VA, Allison Brown President**



**Voter Services:** We hosted a City Council forum and a School Board forum in October over Zoom. Across both events, we had over 250 participants. We also published a Voters Guide in our local newspaper and distributed it at apartment buildings with high numbers of traditionally underserved people. We

did voter registration and information activities at local events such as the Fall Festival and were at the polls on Election Day.

**Programs:** We held a virtual program almost every month this year covering a wide variety of topics, including:

- A “Budget 101” discussion led by our Deputy City Manager
- A conversation with our local Delegate Marcus Simon covering a range of timely issues
- A conversation with a City Council Member covering various issues, including Falls Church City’s work to promote equity
- A speaker from the Department of Justice regarding voting rights for people with disabilities
- An Affordable Housing forum (the third in a series)
- Other topics such as redistricting and environmental issues

**Membership:** Falls Church has 100 members. We also hosted a virtual birthday party in February and a fall membership social. We held the fall membership social outdoors in one of the city parks, and it was the first in-person event since February 2020. We are planning our first in-person Annual meeting since the pandemic began for June 12<sup>th</sup>.



City of Falls Church LWV Suffragists

**LWV of Loudoun County, VA, Priscilla Godfrey, President**

Loudoun started the election season with zoom calls to community groups regarding election deadlines and absentee ballot procedures. We partnered with the Hillsboro town council to do a hybrid town hall with candidates for Western Loudoun for the General Assembly and held a candidate forum for Eastern Loudoun candidates two weeks later.

This spring we received a civics grant from LWVVA and we ran voter registration events at two colleges, several libraries and will be doing voter registration at several senior centers this summer. We had a successful election of new officers and are looking forward to our annual luncheon in May.

**LWV of Prince William-Fauquier Area, VA, Janet Gorn, President**



The LWVUS formally approved the Charter change request to include Fauquier County in the LWV Prince William Area League: League of Women Voters of Prince William-Fauquier Area (LWV-PWFA). A Fauquier County Unit was created, and a Fauquier Unit Director position was added to the Board of Directors.

In the past Fiscal year, the LWV-PWFA revised and updated its Bylaws, redesigned the Website to make it more relevant and educational. To facilitate conducting Board duties, we realigned and added new Board positions and developed a highly successful, unique SignUpGenius Volunteer Program called “*Volunteer from Home.*”

The League co-hosted two virtual candidate fora (2<sup>nd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> House Districts) in Prince William County with the Prince William Committee of 100, and one in-person candidate forum in Fauquier County (18th and 88th House Districts). We Conducted Post-card campaigns; collected and submitted VOTE-411 information to the LWV-VA Data base; and distributed the *Top Ten Palm* cards and the *They Represent You* (TRY) post-election brochure at community events. The League participated in the Manassas Adult Detention Center (ADC) Felon Re-entry Program Family Orientation with other Community Service Groups, distributing flyers and an information brochure.

The LWV-PWFA continued conducting its long-standing robust Voter Registration Program, in both Prince William and Fauquier County. As of April 1st the League has 34 State Certified Voter Registration Members, who completed 1510 high school student registrations at 18 high schools, between July 1-April 1. The LWV-PWFA League conducts its high school voter registration program in tandem with the Prince William Bar Association “*So You’re 18*” Program, and the Prince William Department of Elections’ voter registration responsibilities. The League also completed 62 registrations at 16 Community Events, including all 12 County libraries on National Voter Registration Day.



LWV-PWFA Member Carol Noggle talking to a HS class about registering to vote.

The League also organized two local Issue Study Committees, to review and develop a proposed LWV-PWFA Policy Positions on: 1) *Prince William County Racial and Social Justice Commission Report*, and 2) *Prince William County Comprehensive Plan*.

We led a quarterly Book Discussion Groups and Sips and Civility events, and conducted member information workshops. The LWV-PWFA partnered with the Public Library to co-host a Book and Author Program: *Campaign for Women’s Suffrage in Virginia*. We supported the *Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Student Orators Contest*, by awarding the 6 winners with books.

The LWV-PWFA members celebrated the League’s 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup> with a quarter-page color announcement in the local newspaper promoting League membership.

## LWFNCA Past Presidents

***These women led the LWFNCA organization in their time.  
We are thankful to them for their talent and dedication.***

- 1963-1966 Madeline Dorothy Naumann, -- LWV of the Washington Metropolitan Area (LWVAR)
- 1966-1968 Cynthia Hannum -- (LWVPG); Founded the Lobby Corp in 1970
- 1968-1970 Beverly Beidler -- (LWVA)
- 1970-1973 Irene Hill -- (LWVMC)
- 1973-1975 Patricia Jensen -- (LWVFA: also Former President of LWV of Virginia & LWV of Iowa and served on the LWVUS board 1982-86)
- 1975-1976 Kay Morrison -- (LWVMC)
- 1976-1978 Sarah Jane Phillips -- (LWVFA)
- 1978-1980 Pat Watt -- (LWVFA)
- 1980-1983 Kathy Ziffer -- (LWVMC)
- 1983-1985 Ellyn Swanson -- (LWVDC)
- 1985-1987 Natalie Testa -- (LWVMC)
- 1987-1989 Ruth Dixon -- (LWVDC)
- 1989-1991 Pat Brady -- (LWVFA also served on the LWVUS Board 1992-98)
- 1991-1993 Ethelyn Bishop -- (LWVPG)
- 1993-1995 Beth Cogswell -- (LWVAR)
- 1995-1997 Katy Cannady -- (LWVA)
- 1997-2001 Naomi Glass -- (LWVDC)
- 2001-2005 Barbara Sherrill -- (LWVAR)
- 2005-2009 Melpi Jeffries -- (LWVMC)
- 2009-2013 Elinor Hart -- (LWVDC)
- 2013-2015 Virginia Long -- (LWVFC)
- 2015-2019 Kathy McGuire -- (LWVMC)
- 2019-2022 Linda Softli (LWVDC) & Joyce Starks (LWVPGC) Co-Presidents  
(Linda passed away January 7, 2022)
- 2022 - Joyce Starks, President