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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
Redistricting Reform Informational meeting	Feb 2, 2019	Sa	12:30-2	"Redistricting Reform Best Practices for a Fairer NJ" at Rutgers Camden (See details: https://www.facebook.com/events/387768892012557/)
LWVCC Board Meeting	Feb 4, 2019	M	7 - 9 pm	Vogelson Library, Room C, third floor Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know because meetings are occasionally moved or canceled.
Love the League	Feb 6, 2019	W	6:30 pm	Member Jodi Feldman's house. To send League action "Valentine" cards to our legislators. RSVP to lwvccnj@gmail.com
Voter Registration at the Naturalization Ceremony	Feb 21, 2019	Th	10 am	Contact the League if interested. We carpool
LWVCC Board Meeting	Mar 4, 2019	M	7 - 9 pm	Bellmawr Library meeting room. Members are welcome to attend, but please let us know.

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Meeting Report

At the Dec 5 meeting

1. Enjoyed a variety of delicious entrees and desserts
2. We did state program planning.
3. We had some good discussions.
4. We approved our local program.

We missed you if you weren't there!

At the Jan 7 board meeting

1. We discussed plans for a number of upcoming meetings and activities.
2. We approved the program planning report to send in.
3. We considered a moderator training session in the spring.
4. We discussed advocacy and relationship building.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello fellow LWVCC members,

A belated Happy New Year to all of you - hopefully you're getting past the point where you have to keep changing an "8" to a "9" when you write the date!

We are so excited to launch new efforts in 2019 to get members as involved as they want to be. In addition to our usual monthly board meetings and quarterly "big" meetings, we will be holding monthly meetings on various topics, open to members and non-members. We will also have recurring committee meetings (Voters Service and Government & Advocacy) for those who want to get more involved. And of course all of those meetings will generate even more activities, and we'll need our League members there! We hope you're ready for the action.

This League is your League, so please never hesitate to reach out to me or any board member with your ideas or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Kristin

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization of men and women, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters of Camden County, LWVCC

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Getting there - Directions!

. Voorhees: Vogelson Regional Library:

Driving south on 30, turn left onto Somerdale Road just above the Voorhees Town Center. Go under the train bridge in about a half mile, then turn right onto Burnt Mill (at the light). Soon turn left onto Laurel Road at a light. The library is on your right as you pass the mall.

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Freeholder Meetings

We encourage League members to observe Freeholder meetings when they are convenient for you. Just show up with a LWV button to let them know we are watching! Don't make any statements -- you aren't entitled to speak for the League (or even yourself after wearing a League button). You can ask a neutral/informative question, however. Meetings start at 7. It's good for Camden County!

The list for the year is online in the form of a county events calendar at <http://www.camdencounty.com/calendar/list> It has lots of entries and is a bit hard to navigate.

The **February** Freeholder Meeting will take place Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 PM at the Brooklawn Senior Community Center. 101 2nd Street, Brooklawn, NJ

The **March** Freeholder Meeting is taking place on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 PM at Haddonfield Borough Hall. 242 Kings Highway E., Haddonfield, NJ

In all cases, a town hall is at 6:30. Freeholder meeting at 7 p.m.

Try searching for "Freeholder Meeting" or a specific month like "May Freeholder Meeting". Also, converting to view by month shows a lot more entries.

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Contacts for Volunteering

Voter Registration/Education: Anita Hahn -- hahna98@yahoo.com

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Vote411 (entering information about candidates): Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Saturday, February 2: 12:30 - 2:00 pm, "Redistricting Reform Best Practices for a Fairer NJ" at Rutgers Camden (See details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/387768892012557/>)
- Monday, February 4: LWVCC Board Meeting 7:00 Vogelson Library, Room C, third floor
- Wednesday, February 6: 6:30 pm, Postcards to Representatives Party at member Jodi Feldman's house (postcards, stamps and snacks provided, bring a couple bucks to help with costs and wine if you want!) RSVP to lwccnj@gmail.com
- Saturday, February 9: 2:30 pm, Running and Winning planning meeting at The Station, 10 E. Chestnut Avenue, Merchantville, NJ
- Monday, February 11: 6:30 - 8 pm, Government and Advocacy Committee meeting at Vogelson Library Voorhees Room D (all are welcome)
- Thursday, Feb 21, 2019. Naturalization Ceremony in Camden (barring issues with the Shutdown).
- Monday, March 4: LWVCC Board Meeting. 7:00 Bellmawr Library meeting room.
- Monday, April 1, 2019: LWVCC Board meeting. Vogelson Library, Room D (small room)
- Save the Date, Tentative date April 28: Chapter Annual Meeting and Speaker
- Save the Date, May 3 and 4: LWNJ Making Democracy Work reception and biennial State Convention
- Monday, May 20: Running and Winning at Pennsauken High School



VOTERS SERVICE REPORT

Anita Hahn

The LWVCC Voters Service group held its first planning meeting of the new year on January 17th at the Vogelson Library in Voorhees. We had an excellent turnout and shared lots of good ideas.

Our Priorities for 2019:

1. Continuing a tradition that has been ongoing since 1997, LWVCC members will attend Naturalization Ceremonies to assist new citizens with voter registration. The Federal Court Clerk has provided us with a list of five tentative dates for Camden County and as soon as these are confirmed, we will notify anyone who has expressed an interest in this inspirational activity.
2. Last year we developed a well-received voter education program aimed at getting high school and college students interested and involved in the civic process. As we continue to expand this program, our members are networking wherever they have contacts at high schools and colleges in the area, including counties that don't have their own LWV chapter, such as Gloucester and Cumberland Counties.
3. With an eye towards voter education for the general public, we are refining our educational materials and developing a list of public events, town fairs, etc. where we can set up tables to share our knowledge.
4. Collaborating with other non-partisan organizations is a big focus for us this year. Our best successes have been when we partnered with groups such as the Deltas, NJPIRG, AAUW, NAUW, American Promise, LWV of Burlington County, local churches and congregations. We can provide speakers for local events, and are continuing our own education in the area of Voter Services.

We will send out notices soon for the next meeting of our Voter Services group, anticipate late February or early March. In the meantime, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Contact me at hahna98@yahoo.com or by phone: (856) 261-2783

Running and Winning Update

Janet Fisher-Hughes

The League of Women Voters Camden County will sponsor a Running & Winning Event on **Monday, May 20th**, at Pennsauken High School. We held our first Running and Winning meeting of 2019 on Saturday, January 12th.

- Janet Fisher-Hughes has met with the Social Studies teacher at Pennsauken High School to go over the program and to start to iron out details. There is much enthusiasm regarding our first Running and Winning Event at Pennsauken High School!
- We have volunteers from LWVCC and AAUW currently working to recruit politicians for this event. As an aside, during our meeting on the 12th we met up with Betsy McBride, Township Committeewoman from Pennsauken Township and invited her to participate on May 20th!
- One of our members, Danielle Foster, is currently researching our proposed curriculum: Should NJ be a sanctuary state?

Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 9th at 2:30pm** at The Station, 10 E. Chestnut Avenue, Merchantville, NJ. Please email Janet Fisher-Hughes at fishyhugs@msn.com if you plan to attend. We welcome additional volunteers who can help us solidify the curriculum, raise funds, organize and train table moderators, organize facilities and food, and organize materials. We welcome volunteers who have been involved with Running and Winning in the past as well as those who are new to this exciting program.

Redistricting Reform in New Jersey

If you haven't seen all of the noise we've been making about it, you should know about the efforts of Fair Districts NJ over the past months. The Fair Districts initiative, a coalition led by the League at the state level, was a key player in putting pressure on legislators to drop their flawed redistricting bill. The bill, which if approved in two sessions would have gone to the ballot as an amendment to the state constitution, was proposed by democrats and billed as a way to ensure competitiveness and fairness. But analysis by experts such as the Princeton Gerrymandering Project and the Brennan Center pointed out areas that would actually serve to entrench democratic power, rather than increase fairness. After pressure from constituents and governor Murphy, the bill was withdrawn and it's back to the drawing board. With that in mind, the League is now holding Fair Districts forums throughout the state to educate the public and brainstorm other paths to a fairer process in our state. Please join us 2/2 at Rutgers Camden to learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/387768892012557/>. To learn more about the bill referenced above, here is a summary from the Wall Street Journal: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/new-jersey-democratic-leaders-pull-redistricting-bill-after-criticism-11544928251>

PROGRAM PLANNING



A few pictures of our attendees.
Photo credits Marcia Lugger and Ed Gracely.



LWVCC MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I am Interested in:

- *Learning about government and the political process.*
- *Becoming involved in the political process in nonpartisan ways.*
- *Meeting and working with other citizens who care about good government.*

I Want to join the League Of Women Voters of Camden County!

Send this form with your check to: LWVCC, PO Box 245, Voorhees, NJ 08043

Name(s): _____

e-mail: _____ (our primary mode of communication)

Address _____

Phone: Cell / Home / Work (_____) _____ - _____ (circle type)

Phone 2 Cell / Home / Work (_____) _____ - _____ (circle type)

Please circle activities that might interest you:

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|-------------------------------|---|
| • Voter registration | • Moderating/Time keeping (Training is provided) |
| • Public relations | • Writing for the Voter |
| • Planning events/ activities | • Running & Winning (our Program for high school girls) |
| • Advocacy/Action | |
| • Fund raising | |

And how active you would like to be:

- Membership only
- A few times a year
- About once a month
- More active

First time new annual membership is only \$25! This also applies to household members.
Student membership is \$10!

Renewal membership is \$60 annually (plus \$30 for each additional household membership).

Number of members in the household: _____

Total dues: _____

Extra gift: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Thank you!