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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
Census Reference Day	April 1 2020	W	All day	Not an "event" but this is the day the census officially counts from.
LWVCC Board meeting	April 6, 2020	M	7 – 9 pm	Virtual meeting; we will share the login information with all members.
<i>Running & Winning</i>	Apr 23, 2019	Th	School Day	POSTPONED! Not surprisingly, R&W has been postponed to 2021. Camden Charter School. Our annual running for office event for female high school students.
LWVCC Board meeting	May 4, 2020	M	7 – 9 pm	We'll see if we'll be together at Vogelson Library room B. May have to change depending on construction status or the virus.

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Meeting Report

At the March 2020 Board Meeting the board:

1. Learned of a long and growing list of Voters Service activities. See the Voters Service Report later in the Voter for highlights.
2. Agreed to sponsor some kind of census party on Census Reference Day, April 1, along with numerous other activities our census team has been doing. This may be virtual!
3. Discussed some details around Running & Winning, including an unexpected charge to use the venue.
4. Discussed the start of Vote411 work and the format for phone banking.
5. Discussed in depth the Annual Meeting. Two board members will work together on it, probably to be held in June, topic TBA.
6. Briefly discussed the web site – Ed and Kristin will start working on a Weebly site.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello Fellow League Members,

First of all, a warm welcome to new members Carol Suboleski of Sicklerville, and Kim Selby of Cherry Hill!

Second, WOW! Can anyone really believe we are where we are right now? I don't just mean, did you predict from late February that things might come to this. I mean, as we closed out 2019 and entered 2020, and saw our centennial before us as well as a presidential election...could you have imagined that we would be under "Stay home" advisories and following social distancing protocols? These are extraordinary times, and while we all adjust to our temporary normal, I can only hope for all of us to stay healthy. **Please watch for details in the coming weeks about how we will continue to try to connect remotely and keep our work moving. If you want to get involved or simply want someone to chat with, please call me at 856-524-6082, or email the League account at lwvccnj@gmail.com.**

So while COVID-19, vote by mail, and the Census are top of mind, I'm also here to remind everyone of the final fight to win the vote for women in 1920. From the US National Women's History Museum, here are your March milestones:

- West Virginia was the 34th state to ratify, but it was no easy feat! [Click here](#) to learn more about the March 10 vote that involved a swimsuited state senator and an ousted out-of-state senator!
- The Evergreen State ratified next, surprisingly late in the process for a state that had elected female legislators in 1913! Only one state away...ratification should be any day now...right?

In League,
Kristin Burke, President

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.

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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.

Try searching for "Freeholder Meeting" or a specific month like "May 2020 Freeholder Meeting".

The **April** meeting is Thursday, Apr 16th, 2020. 520 Market Street, 16th Floor Conference Room, Camden, New Jersey at 12:00 noon. **This is a change of time and location.** And, of course, even this may change again if we are still on coronavirus lockdown in April.

The May meeting is planned for Thursday, May 21st, 2020 @ 6:30 pm at the Cherry Hill Community Center 820 Mercer Street,

Other than for April's meeting, **a town hall is at 6:30. Freeholder meeting at 7 p.m.**

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Voters Service Report

Anita Hahn

The Voter Girl Project was the highlight of our month. This collaboration with the Girl Scouts was a state-wide initiative, taking place at four different locations on Saturday, March 7th. We were at the Pitman location with about 120 girls plus many of their parents and siblings. An inspirational line-up of local female elected officials shared their experiences with the girls: NJ Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, Evesham Mayor Jackie Veasy and Deputy mayor Heather Cooper, Haddon Heights Councilwoman Asiyah Kurtz and Mantua Township Committeewoman Eileen Lukens, along with the Gloucester County Clerk James Hogan.

Pat Butenis did a terrific job as our spokesperson, introducing the League and the guest speakers. Many thanks to Jane Hanuszczyk who coordinated the mock election with the Girl Scout Council and the Board of Elections. Ed Gracely and Gloria Andersen took the time to act as board workers, explaining the process to the girls. We had the opportunity for some excellent networking, and our members also helped to lead workshops with the girls on topics ranging from community and school to the voting process and public policy. We couldn't have pulled this off without Suzanne Daulerio, Rebecca Tasso, Carol Sobuleski, Jean Dougherty, and Winne Bullard. Special thanks to Ro Goldberg and members of LWV Atlantic County, one of our sister Leagues. We work so well together, and will continue to do so whenever we can. Photos are courtesy of Donna Connor Photography, also of LWV Atlantic County.

We had 10 voter education/registration events on our calendar from March 22nd through May 1st. Then everything changed as our nation began dealing with a serious pandemic. Almost all activities have been cancelled or rescheduled. But even that doesn't stop us. We are transitioning to our new reality. An email is going out to all of our members and interested non-members with information about voter registration and especially voting by mail. In addition, we are putting together instructional videos for schools and other organizations with the help of Jodi Feldman's college-age daughter, Emma, and hopefully other young people that we've worked with over the past year.

Our concern right now, in addition to your health and that of your families, is the impact on our democratic process and voter turnout. As we send out more information on voter participation, please do what you can to share it with your friends and family members.

Be well, stay healthy.

Anita Hahn

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For the Voters Service Group
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Voter Girl Pitman!!



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2020 CENSUS CHALLENGE!

1. Complete Your Census: 2020Census.gov
2. Comment in words or photo when you've completed it (on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/LWCCNJ/home>)!
3. Call / Text / Email 5 People who might need a reminder - Remind them to Be Counted
4. Invite them to "Like" our Facebook page
5. Wash your hands.
6. Be Kind and Thank Essential Workers

WISHING EVERYONE GOOD HEALTH!



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

Or join online. Visit: <http://lwvnj-camden.org/membership.html>

Name(s): _____

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

Address _____

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

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Please check activities that might interest you:

- Voter registration IN PERSON (such as tabling events)
- Voter education ELECTRONIC (for example Vote411.org website)
- Voter education SPEAKING (such as invited talks to local groups or schools)
- Social media, marketing, and/or public relations
- Planning events/ activities
- Advocacy/working with elected officials on League priorities
- Fund raising
- Moderating/Time keeping (Training is provided)
- Writing short articles or summaries for the website or the monthly newsletter
- Running & Winning (our program for high school girls)

And circle 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!