



# The VOTER

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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
Suffragists Speak – a Virtual Event	Aug 18	Tu	7:30 pm	See the <a href="#">virtual events</a> page for details.
Women's Equality Day Panel	Aug 26	W	10 am-12	See the <a href="#">virtual events</a> page for details.
<b>Women's Equality Day and August member meeting</b>	Aug 26	W	7-8:30	Your house (via Zoom). Party with us! Strategic planning and more! Click <a href="#">here</a> for flier and registration link (in the Voter).
<b>Kickoff</b>	L Sept	TBA	Evening	Speaker event, Zoom.
<b>LWVNJ Fall Event</b>	Sept 16	W	7 pm	Click <a href="#">here</a> for info and registration link (in the Voter).

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### Meeting Report

#### At the August 2020 Board Meeting the board:

1. Made plans for an August 26 board/member annual planning meeting. By Zoom.
2. Discussed our Fall Kickoff, probably a weeknight late in September.
3. Made plans to help distribute 1,800 census reminder cards Jodi Feldman received.
4. Heard about a census truck going around the county – we will look into how we can partner with that.
5. Learned that at least 24 members have not yet renewed, including some active members. Please renew now!
6. Heard about Project 555 (LWVNJ outreach to 555 high schools in NJ). We are awaiting details!
7. Learned that board members are looking into vote reminder activities from LWVNJ and LWVUS.

**League of Women Voters of Camden County**

## President's Message

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Hello Fellow League Members,

Welcome new members Sharon Ritz and Marjorie Rutkowski.

Well here we are, August 2020. We thought this would be a month of celebration, of honoring the 19th amendment and looking at how far we've come. Instead, for a number of reasons, it's very different. We have a global pandemic, we have (another) reckoning with racism in modern-day America, we have a magnifying glass on the wealth gap, we have attacks on our democratic process from foreign adversaries, we have what feels like hopelessness at every turn.

These things make us mad and helpless, but they should also make us resolved and brave. Many of the problems today seem to be circulating from times before, and it is our obligation to recognize the hints of the past (subtle or obvious) and to continue pushing America forward on her right course.

It was once a radical thought that women should have the right to vote, so let us not be deterred by those who call the League's actions "liberal" or "too progressive." Our work is undyingly nonpartisan, our support is for our Great Republic, our mission is to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy. Find faith in your commitment to the League and our efforts to keep American elections free and fair, and to fight for what thousands of women and men have fought for before us: The Vote. The Cause. The endless commitment to what is right and fair.

Never waver, always rise. Educate yourself, understand your neighbors and their struggles and perspectives, be mindful of your own limitations and your own opportunities to improve (particularly we white women who have experienced hardships but must try to understand the greater hardships that people of color have experienced and continue to experience). Our strength must always be our ability to self-examine, to explore, to understand, and to admit wrongs and strive to do right.

The 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote can still be a celebration, but not an idle one. Let us not settle to raise a glass for our sister suffragists, but let us continue their work, recognize and correct our faults, and push ever forward toward the next centennial. 1920, 2020, 2120, and for generations beyond.

**Let us plant trees under whose shade we know we will never sit.**

(adapted from a quote, Quaker D. Elton Trueblood from the best I can tell)

In League, Kristin Burke, President

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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!

**From your house or back yard.** All meetings are virtual for the time being. Zoom!

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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!

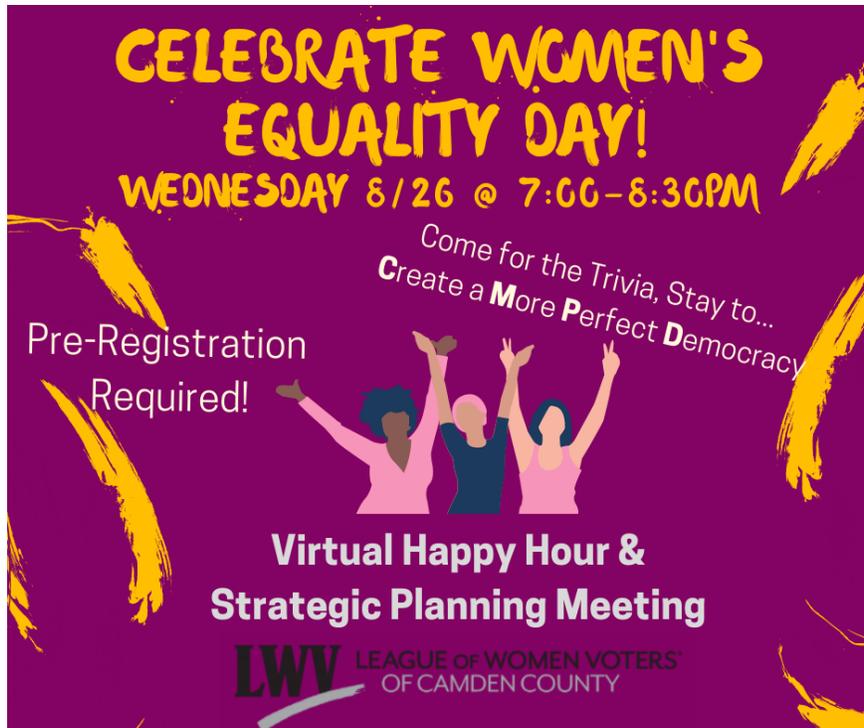
The list for the year is online in the form of a county events calendar at <http://www.camdencounty.com/calendar/list> It has lots of entries and is a bit hard to navigate.

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

The **August** 2020 meeting is virtual on August 20th at 12 PM. You can watch the live video or submit your questions [here](#).

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**Women's Equality Day and  
LWVCC August membership meeting!**



*Join LWVCCNJ for a Women's Equality Day Celebration:  
Come for the Trivia, Stay for the August Members' Meeting & Strategic Planning*

**When:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 @ 7:00-8:30pm on Zoom

**What:** Together, let's commemorate the 1920 Certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which granted women the right to VOTE! Raise a glass of your choice, play some trivia, and join our membership to finalize the LWVCCNJ Strategic Plan for 2020-2022.

**Advanced Registration Required (use this link):**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUkc-qtqTgiHNXCHomi0bTE2zg2JVat82KN>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Questions? Drop us an email at [lwvccnj@gmail.com](mailto:lwvccnj@gmail.com)  
We hope to see you on Zoom!

## Voters Service Report

Members of LWVCC met via Zoom with the Embracing Race Group based in the Collingswood area on August 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss voting in the upcoming election. Then the Governor issued his new plans for universal mail-in voting the very next day, not that we didn't expect it. It will be important to share those changes for the upcoming general election any way we can: talk to your friends and neighbors, email and/or post on social media.

We provided Moms Demand Action with voter registration applications, Vote411 pens and info cards for a Black Lives Matter rally in Collingswood.

Coming up for late August and September: Zoom presentations for Social Justice and Advocacy Committees at Temple Beth Shalom, Congregation M'Kor Shalom, and Hopeworks Camden.

We have also been invited to tape a segment for Politics: In Focus, the PHL17 community affairs program that airs Saturdays at 6:30 am and Sundays at 1:00 pm. You might see LWVCC there the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The producer/host is Jennifer Lewis-Hall, a South Jersey resident.

Pat Butenis is working with local high schools, teachers, LWVNJ, and Rutgers Office of Civic Engagement to contact all public and most private high schools in the State. That's ambitious, so get in touch if you'd like to help.

Our superstar new member Sharon Ritz has delivered voter registration applications in English and Spanish with Vote411 info cards to three shelters in Camden and the Cooper Hospital Urban Health Institute. Sharon tracked one lead to a shelter in Trenton, that we referred to LWV of Lawrence Township. She's also helping to write another wave of Census reminder postcards.

Speaking of the Census, Jodi Feldman is the person who organized that second postcard wave, recruiting many members of the TBS Social Advocacy Group mentioned above. Way to go, Jodi. Claudia Tucker-Keto is continuing promotional outreach to local organizations regarding the importance of an accurate count. We also provided voter registration applications, Vote411 info cards and pens to the Deltas via Winne Bullard for Census Mobile Truck Stops in Camden during late August.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Voter, you will find a summary of changes to the election process. In this or future issues, you will hear more about Vote411, phone banking and more!

We're not out there in person much these days, but we are on the phone, on Zoom, email and social media. I mentioned in last month's issue of The Voter that we are more than willing to deliver or share resources throughout South Jersey. That's been happening as you can see from the above details. Need some forms or information? Know anyone who does? Get in touch!

*Anita Hahn*

cell #856-261-2783

For the Voters Service Group

League of Women Voters of Camden County (NJ)



## TWO UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

WEBINAR ORIGINAL PERFORMANCE

# SUFFRAGISTS SPEAK

The Fierce and Flawed Battle for the Vote

**7:30 PM, Tuesday, August 18**

This original stage reading tells the story of the fight for the vote with particular focus on the experience of African American women. The voices of five women and one man bring the struggle to life. Living history interpreters recreate a conversation between Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass that reveals the strain on their friendship following passage of the 15th Amendment. The words of Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, and Ida B. Wells explore racial tensions that continued to test the movement through the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Finally, Fannie Lou Hamer's 1964 account of racially motivated voter suppression makes real that, for African-American women and men, the fight for the vote is not over.

*The program is a collaboration, written and acted by members of [AAUW Northern Monmouth County Branch](#), [League of Women Voters Monmouth County](#), and the [T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center](#).*

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. DONATIONS APPRECIATED.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

*(All donations will be divided evenly among the three collaborating organizations.)*

[Click here](#) to register for Suffragists Speak

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## Virtual Women's Equality Day Panel

August 26 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

<https://discovernjhistory.org/event/womens-equality-day/>

**Register today for the NJ Women Vote's Virtual Women's Equality Day Celebration!**

August 26, 2020, Women's Equality Day, will mark 100 years since the adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. NJ Women Vote will commemorate this significant anniversary by inviting New Jerseyans of all ages to celebrate the women who have led and continue to lead our state government.

The virtual event will feature a special panel of women in NJ state government and performances inspired by the history of women's suffrage.

Through the Women's Equality Day celebration, we hope to not only feature and learn from leaders in our state, but to inspire the next generation of civically engaged

women. **Register, free of charge,**

today: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TpuzWzAROW2R0hasmNPZzw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TpuzWzAROW2R0hasmNPZzw)

## FROM LWVNJ and the Governor



### From Governor Murphy's Facebook post:

NEW: The November 3rd Election will be primarily vote-by-mail.

All active registered New Jersey voters will automatically receive a prepaid return-postage vote-by-mail ballot.

No one should have to choose between their right to vote and their health.

## LWVNJ Fall Event



Click here to **Register**. [Back to contents](#)

## Contacts for Volunteering

**Voter Registration/Education:** Anita Hahn -- [hahna98@yahoo.com](mailto:hahna98@yahoo.com)

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**Running & Winning High School Girls Leadership Pgm:**

Janet Fisher-Hughes [Fishyhugs@msn.com](mailto:Fishyhugs@msn.com)

**Census Complete Count -** Jodi Feldman -- [jodirespect@gmail.com](mailto:jodirespect@gmail.com)

**Social Media/Communication:** Kristin Burke -- [kristinbburke@gmail.com](mailto:kristinbburke@gmail.com)

**Fundraising and Other Outreach:** Kristin Burke -- [kristinbburke@gmail.com](mailto:kristinbburke@gmail.com)

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## FROM LWVNJ

### TAKE THE DEMOCRACY SURVEY

Let us know your voting experience during the July 7 Primary! We want to hear from you. Tell us your voting experience during the COVID-19 pandemic so we can ensure a safe, accessible, and robust November General Election.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



## In memoriam – Anne Simonoff

Anne R. Simonoff, long time member, passed away December 20, 2019 at age 85. We were notified of her death recently when someone noticed that her obituary commented on her volunteering for the League of Women Voters. She had become inactive in her last few years but was a familiar face and participant since joining around 2001. She served on the board in the mid 2000's. She will be missed by those of us who remember her friendly face and valuable contributions.

# 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: <https://www.lwvccnj.org/join-the-league.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!