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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board meeting	Mar 1	M	7 pm	Zoom. Members are welcome to attend – contact us for details.
LWVCC Annual Meeting	April 24	Sa	Afternoon	Zoom. This is a tentative date. Please hold it, but watch for changes.

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Meeting Report

At its February 1 board meeting, the board:

1. Discussed the member list, which has now been cut down at LWVUS to renewals.
2. Approved our proposed Program Planning report for LWVNJ.
3. Discussed the kinds of meetings we want to have, most likely by promoting other groups' sessions.
4. Continued pursuing efforts to get a statement we can use on restoring faith in democracy.
5. Learned that BurlCo is considering a virtual Running & Winning – Janet will investigate.
6. Learned that Janet is working on entering some April special elections into Vote411.
7. Made general plans for the Annual meeting.
8. Made plans to organize a DEI committee.
9. Created a budget committee for the Annual Meeting.
10. Created a Bylaws Committee, and heard from the Nominations Committee.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Vice President's Message

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LWVNJ Action Groups:

You have probably heard by now about the Action Groups set up by LWVNJ. They focus on: Voter Education, County Official Outreach, Voter Forums, Vote411, and Voter Services Manual. More than 60 members state-wide signed up for the various groups almost immediately, and I am very proud to say that 10 of them are Camden County members. We are well-represented, an indication of our dedication and commitment.

Get in touch if you have been on a Zoom call with one of these Action Groups, we would like your feedback. And it is never too late to sign up, your opinions are invaluable.

There are many other issues that we are focused on, for instance, Jodi and Claudia's committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, see Jodi's report elsewhere in this issue of The Voter. DEI will also be the topic of our upcoming Annual Meeting, April 24th on Zoom.

Keep in mind, the League has official positions on many other issues including voting rights, immigration, protecting the environment, education, healthcare. For more information, I would urge you to check out the "Issues" tab on the LWVNJ or LWVUS websites.

HELP WANTED:

If you are looking to get involved with something that you can do from home (Wait What, can't we do everything from home now?!), please consider helping us with Communications, keeping our LWVCCNJ.org website current, as well as the Voter, or any interesting tidbits to be shared. One more thing, we could really use a Voters Service point person, someone to coordinate requests for speakers or materials as the election seasons progress.

Anita Hahn

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Vice President

League of Women Voters
of Camden County (NJ)

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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Board of Commissioners Meetings

You will **never be able to attend another Freeholder meeting!** Not in person. Not on Zoom. Ever!

We now have a "Board of Commissioners". The term Freeholder has racist and classist origins and has been retired as meaningless and inappropriate.

We **encourage League members to observe Board of Commissioners 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. 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 "Commissioners Meeting" or a specific month like "February 2021 Commissioners Meeting".

The Camden County Board of Commissioners will host its monthly meeting on March 18th at 12 PM at 520 Market Street, Commissioners Meeting Room – 6th Floor in Camden. Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be closed to the public but will be streamed live at www.CamdenCounty.com/live . Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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DEI Report

Jodi Feldman & Claudia Ticker-Keto



The LWVCC launched our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee in February. Our first meeting was on Monday 2/22/21 on Zoom, and we are appreciative of the wonderful response! We began our meeting by considering the goals of the committee:



1. Understanding and defining Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and how each impact League work.
2. Identifying barriers to diversity, equity and inclusion in the Chapter, and making recommendations to remove them.
3. Working to more fully reflect the diversity of Camden County in both leadership and membership.
4. Developing and facilitating diversity, equity and inclusion programs that are integrated into our Chapter programs and services.
5. Expanding outreach and creating partnerships to better serve the community.

We also discussed the importance of making personal commitments to diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as organizational commitments through the LWV. On a personal and Chapter level, DEI commitments call upon each of us to challenge ourselves, to listen, to re-evaluate long-held beliefs and assumptions, and to engage in difficult (and respectful) conversations. We will evaluate what support is necessary from the League in order to further DEI in the Chapter and in our work. We will rely on resources from LWVUS, LWVNJ, as well as developing our own Chapter resources.

The members of the committee contributed thoughtful and challenging ideas to the group. The discussion reflected the importance and urgency of the work!

If you would like to be included on the DEI Committee, please fill out the Google Form below.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom.

Thank you,
Jodi Feldman & Claudia Tucker-Keto
Co-Chairs, DEI Committee

 [Google Form: LWVCC Diversity, Equity, and Incl...](#)

Contacts for Volunteering

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

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Janet Fisher-Hughes Fishyhugs@msn.com

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Fundraising and Other Outreach: Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com

Vote411 (entering information about candidates):

Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com and Janet Fisher-Hughes -- Fishyhugs@msn.com

Vote411 Update

Janet Fisher-Hughes



Our work on Vote411 to provide voters the election information they need continues on both the state and local level.

Suzanne Daulerio and Janet Fisher-Hughes are members of the LWVNJ Vote411 Action Group, which held its first meeting via Zoom on February 8th. A variety of issues were discussed, including a desire to see continued improvement in the Vote411 platform from LWVUS and a commitment to have all 21 counties in NJ participate in Vote411. Our chapter will be covering Camden and Gloucester Counties and Kristen Burke has kindly agreed to cover Burlington County (hurrah!)

- There are a small number of special/specialized elections in Camden and Gloucester Counties on April 20th and May 11th. These will be posted on the Vote411.org website.
- Primary Day is June 8th. LWVNJ will handle the state-level races, including those for governor and lieutenant governor. Candidate names for county, municipal, and school board races will be posted on Vote411, so that voters can see who is on their ballots. To help voters make more informed decision, candidates for contested elections will be invited to complete a small number of questions and upload their photos onto the Vote411 site.

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!