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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
August Board/Member meeting	August 14	Sat	2-4 pm	Zoom -- watch for the link

Check out the Google calendar on our home page. <https://www.lwvccnj.org/>

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Meeting Report

June 7 board meeting report.

1. Get out the vote texting went well.
2. Webinars and workshops from the LWVNJ Convention are available on the LWVNJ web site. <https://www.lwvnj.org/convention/2021>
3. Many of our local activities are slow, such as voters service and R&W. Vote411 is up for the primary but with very poor responses. Many challengers don't have Facebook or web pages either.
4. High school outreach is ongoing, with plans to give a session in a week or two. And perhaps also record the content for later distribution.
5. Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team is looking for more outreach, working to make better known the multiple languages in which voter registration forms are available at NJ.
6. We discussed membership renewal emails, which will go out soon in several waves.
7. We discussed the August members meeting and the fall Kickoff, but did not make formal decisions.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Co-Presidents' Message



Dear Members and Friends,

Some acts are hard to follow! It's with gratitude and admiration that the two of us accept the President's baton from our immediate Past President, Kristin Burke.



Kristin, we thank you for bringing fresh enthusiasm and interest to our Chapter. Under your thoughtful leadership, longstanding League programs have been reinvigorated and strengthened, including Voter Services, Running and Winning, Vote411, and Moderator Training. In

addition, the Board has grown, programs for high school students have been developed, and our bandwidth was sufficient to support Census outreach, and the launch of our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. You are a marvelous community liaison, equally agile making educational videos, conducting television interviews, and running a Zoom meeting! Needless to say, we will continue to call on your talents -- regularly!

With the strong foundation we inherit as Co-Presidents, we are looking forward to focusing on membership development, volunteer outreach, and community partnerships, all toward the goal of engaging more voters and prospective voters in the work of defending democracy! We are guided by the League's foundational principles of Non-Partisanship and our commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Do you have questions about League membership and volunteering? Are you concerned about the time commitment? Are you multilingual? Are you interested in helping with social media? Are you involved with organizations who would be interested in partnering with LWV? We are making efforts to match those who have an hour or two a week, an hour a month, or an afternoon once or twice a year with meaningful LWV efforts.

Please join us for our **August Board and Members Meeting on 8/14/21 at 2pm on Zoom**, when we will cover some LWVCC highlights for members and friends! And stay informed, by joining us at 7:00pm on the first Monday of each month (2nd Monday when a holiday conflicts) for our monthly Board meetings. Contact us for the Zoom link.

Stay safe as you enjoy the summer! We look forward to strengthening our longtime connections with League members, and cultivating new members and friends!

Thank you to Marion Steininger and Janet Fisher-Hughes for their donations.

In League,
Anita Hahn & Jodi Feldman
Co-Presidents

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

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 <https://www.camdencounty.com/events/> It has lots of entries and is a bit hard to navigate.

It is helpful to show the list as a calendar month (see pulldown menu on the right). Caucus meetings appear to be on the third Tuesday, and Commissioners meetings are the Thursday after that, which can be either the third or fourth Thursday.

The Camden County Board of Commissioners will host its monthly meeting on July 22nd 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 view and participate via the live feed.

I don't see the August meeting in the calendar yet.

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LWVCC August "Pot luck" Board and Member meeting

Well, we won't be at Renee's house this year, and there won't be any food but what you supply at home(!). Still, we'll renew acquaintance, discuss what we're up to, make plans for the coming year, and show how you can get involved.

Watch for the Zoom link by email as the event approaches.

But please set aside the date and time: **August 14 (Saturday) 2-4 pm.**

Hope to see you there!



What we did in 1973.....



From LWVNJ -- Action Alert!

Expand Voting Rights: Take Action Now

The League of Women Voters is calling on all legislators to support same-day voter registration.

The same-day voter registration bill (A4548/S2824) changes registration deadlines to allow for speedy and secure same-day registration, including on Election Day. Every year New Jersey's arbitrary three-week registration deadline needlessly prevents countless voters from casting a ballot. New Jersey must be a leader on voting rights and join the 20 states that already allow same-day voter registration.

Now, more than ever, we know how important it is to the strength of our democracy that we combat all systems of voter suppression and ensure that the right to vote is available to everyone. Your action is needed in this fight. **Send an email to your legislators to urge them to support same-day voter registration.** Click the link below or visit the LWVNJ home page.

https://secure.everyaction.com/rg1JYh38_0WYUbnEs2E--A2



Voters Service Report

Sultry summer is a quiet time for Voters Service activities, as schools are on break and many families are lucky enough to get out of town for a vacation. Even though the upcoming election season could be considered an off-year at least on a national level, we are planning voter registration and voter education drives.

First up is a collaboration with Feeding America, supplying dozens of local food banks and pantries in four counties. We will be partnering with LWV of Burlington County to provide training for their staff and volunteers as well as NJ voter registration applications, signage and informational handouts. This project came to us via LWVUS along with a generous grant to offset our costs, for which we are extremely grateful.

Pat Butenis and Suzanne Daulerio are in the process of developing a video presentation for high school students on the importance of voting and civic engagement.

Janet Fisher-Hughes will soon be gearing up Vote411, LWV's national and state database for election information, populated by local Leagues.

September is National Voter Registration Month, when we hope to have a presence on local college and high school campuses as well as at other activities. One already on our calendar is Somerdale Day, September 11th.

LWVNJ Action Groups are busy assembling educational materials that will be available to us by August.

You will hear more about these upcoming events at our Open Meeting on August 14th. In the meantime, if you have contacts at a local high school or know of any community events or organizations that we can partner with, be sure to get in touch.

Many thanks,
Anita Hahn

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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)

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

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! \$25 for each new household member.

Student membership is \$10!

Under 35 membership is \$35 (after the first year, which is only \$25)

Regular 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!