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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Annual Meeting	TBA Probably May 5 or 19	Th	7 pm	Zoom

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

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Meeting Report

Board meeting Feb 2022

1. We discussed several additional proposals for national program planning and decided whether to recommend them or not.
2. A leader and plan for Callathon from the LWVNJ were decided.
3. High school outreach plans and contacts were discussed. We have some options to work in Camden City schools.
4. Preliminary plans for the Annual meeting were made. The Nominating Committee was activated.
5. We discussed the several interesting activities we were involved with in what some thought would be a dull January!
6. For Vote411 we will do the Primary (names only) and the General Election (names and questions). Several smaller elections also will take place, but we won't cover those

Board meeting March 2022

1. We decided to purchase a Club Express account -- this will change our website to a new source and provide multiple options for communication and member management.
2. Volunteers to call our members for the annual LWVNJ Callathon were solicited. Anyone who didn't send a contribution by mail should expect a call. Please be generous.
3. Further discussion of the Annual Meeting. We have a speaker (on Fair Districts) and tentative dates.
4. As usual, learned about many voters services activities.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Co-President's Message

Submitted by: Anita Hahn



First of all, thanks to Kristyn Souder and Jean Dougherty for their donations with their membership dues. And to Eloise Douglas, Zach Oppenheimer, Dorothy Feldman, and Lydia Burgess for their donations. A big welcome to Stacey Chazin (new member) and Vivienne Himmell (a 50-year member from Ohio), both living in Voorhees

2022 has started off well for LWVCC, with three events in quick succession, all virtual, all successful: There was MLK / Temple Beth Shalom Mitzvah Day of Service on January 17th. 35 people joined Suzanne Daulerio, Eileen Wolf and me for a lively conversation about voter rights, and 30 picked up goodie bags filled with freebies and voter information after the event.

On January 19th, Ed Gracely, Janet Fisher-Hughes and Claudia Tucker-Keto led a group of us through the process of Program Planning. This discussion about the platform positions of LWV continues.

Assatta Mann and Melissa Marks, community organizers on staff at LWFNJ joined us for a Meet and Greet on January 26th. They talked us through a lot of plans and resources available to us including Activist Training and Outreach Circle.

You may find recordings of all three of these events on our website and I would highly recommend looking into Activist Training.

Now here's what's in the works for the coming months:

March 16th, 7:30 Virtual Book Discussion – Unbound by Tarana Burke, see flyer attached, sponsored by LWV BurlCo.

April 1st Naturalization Ceremony, 10 am at Rowan College Burlington County in conjunction with the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit Voices and Votes. We will be assisting LWV BurlCo with voter registration and education for students and new citizens.

Spring Fling at Camden County College, 11 am – 2 pm, April 21st at the Camden City Campus and April 28th at Blackwood. As in prior years, LWVCC will be there to chat with students about voter registration and motivation.

Also coming up – Callathon, Vote411 and our Annual Meeting.

Additional details and training will be provided as they become available. In the meantime, feel free to get in touch for more information or to sign up early for any of these activities.

Anita Hahn

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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.

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.

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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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LWVNJ Report



Updated congressional and legislative district maps were recently adopted by the Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commissions. As part of New Jersey's Fair Districts Coalition, an historically large and diverse coalition of grassroots organizations, the League of Women Voters of New Jersey played a key role in bringing citizens' voices to the redistricting process.

Dozens of map-making sessions were held, based on community input, resulting in two maps: a Congressional Racial Equity map and a Fair Districts Legislative Unity Map, both of which were submitted to their respective commissions. In addition, community mapping sessions were held resulting in more than 50 community of interest maps, which were also submitted to the Legislative Apportionment Commission. Fair Districts led the advocacy for transparency and public participation in the redistricting process, resulting in historic decisions from the Legislative Apportionment Commission to release draft maps prior to certification and to hold public meetings – ten by each Commission -- to allow the public to give feedback on those maps.

There was overwhelming public response and participation in these hearings and Fair Districts assisted groups and individuals in preparing testimony for them.

Despite these victories, The League of Women Voters of New Jersey and Fair Districts are disappointed in the final maps, as they do not adequately represent communities of color which have seen extensive population growth over the last decade. Additionally, despite increased transparency and public participation, the redistricting process remains a partisan one. LWVNJ and Fair Districts will continue to advocate for the creation of a Non-Partisan Citizens' Commission to take redistricting out of the hands of politicians and put it into the hands of citizens.

The Congressional map can be seen here: <https://www.njredistrictingcommission.org/adoption2022map.asp> Of note, all of Camden County is in Congressional District 1. All of Burlington County is in District 3, except for Palmyra and Maple Shade, which are in 1. Gloucester County splits between D1 and D2. The state legislative district map can be viewed here: <http://apportionmentcommission.org/adoption2022map.asp> It's too complicated to describe but note that Camden County will include parts of 4, 5, and 6; Gloucester is 3, 4, and 5; Burlington 7 and 8.

On a local level, our League will be tasked with educating voters about district changes and how they will be impacted by those changes. For example, starting in January 2023, Pennsauken and Merchantville (currently Legislative District 6) will be represented by the assemblypersons and senator in Legislative District 5. However, it is not until November of 2023 that Pennsauken and Merchantville residents will be able to vote in District 5 elections. (Confused? Some am I. It looks like our League has some work to do!)

Janet Fisher-Hughes
Vice President, LWV of Camden County
Director, LWV of New Jersey



There are more training sessions by LWVNJ coming up in late March and April.

Click here to see the schedule: <https://www.lwvnj.org/training>

Contacts for Volunteering

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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!