



*Charlottesville Area*  
**League of Women Voters**  
Newsletter  
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**Chihamba/African-American Cultural Arts Festival**  
July 26, 27 & 28

*The League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area* is pleased to announce our support and participation in the Chihamba/African-American Cultural Arts Festival this summer on the dates of July 26, 27 & 28. It is Chihamba's mission to create events that celebrate and educate the rich heritage of people of African ancestry and recognize their contributions to our community, the nation and the world.

Chihamba's African American Cultural Arts Festival and the series of events leading up to the festival attract 2000+ participants of diverse cultures, but mainly African American residents, taxpayers and visitors.

Washington Park is the site for the Annual African-American Cultural Arts Festival every summer. This family-oriented festival opens with a grand entrance by the Spiritwalker, dancers, drums and many other exciting performers. A wide variety of crafts, foods, community organizations and artisans set up stations throughout the park. The festival welcomes people of all backgrounds to listen to the storyteller, watch the performers, and discover more about local and national African American history and the contributions of African Americans to our community. Special features of this year's event include:

**At George Washington Carver Recreation Center, 233 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Charlottesville:**

- ✓ Thursday, July 26 – ***"A Taste of Africa featuring Ghana and Kenya"*** - a pallet pleasing cultural experience with interesting topics for discussion.
- ✓ Friday, July 27 – ***"Ladies Night"*** – an evening featuring important updates on women's health issues community connections, fashions from the Motherland, and healthy soulful refreshments.

**At Booker T. Washington Park, 10<sup>th</sup> St and Preston Av:**

- ✓ Saturday, July 28 – ***"The African American Cultural Arts Festival and Community Health Awareness, Screenings and Exhibits"***

Space is limited for Thursday and Friday Events. RSVP for FREE Tickets and Door Prizes. Tickets will be available, Friday, June 8, at [www.chihamba.eventbrite.com](http://www.chihamba.eventbrite.com). **Tickets deadline: Friday, July 6, 2018.** Please ask your friends and family to like us on Facebook at Chihamba/African American Cultural Arts Festival.

## *President's Message -*

Dear League Members, I am very excited to embark on another year in the pursuit of voter education and voter registration. I've attended our June 2018 State Council meeting in Richmond. It was inspirational and very well attended by members from across the state. Following my attendance at our LWV US National League Convention in Chicago on June 28 through July 1, I hope to bring back new ideas and vigor in our league endeavors.

I am particularly interested in learning effective ways of broadening our membership base to be more inclusive of all our greater Charlottesville area neighbors and friends. The energy generated in the renewed effort to ratify the ERA; the energy generated by the interest of young people to register vote; the building interest in possible gun safety legislation; the formation of our new Justice Reform committee are just a few of the issues that make me excited to work harder. I look forward to seeing you in the coming months at all of our gatherings.

Thank you to all of our members for your interest and hard work.

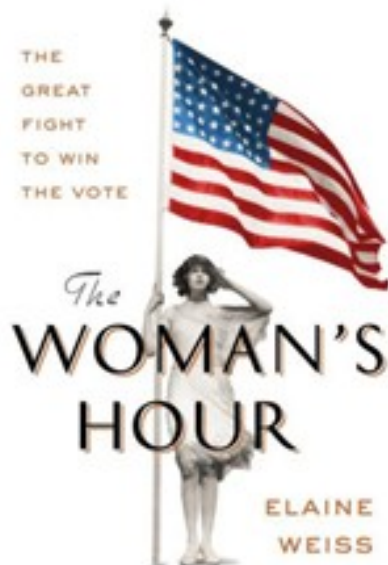
***Pat Cochran***

President, LWV CVA

From: Linda Mahan  
LWV Larimer County, CO

### **ALL LEAGUE READ in July**

We invite all League members to join our  
LWV of Larimer County, Colorado, in reading  
***The Women's Hour*** by Elaine Weiss.



*The Women's Hour* chronicles the vote in Congress when women won the right to vote. Essential to that vote was the work of suffragette, Carrie Chapman Catt, the founder of the League of Women Voters.

Author, Elaine Weiss, "takes readers back to the nail-biting and drama-filled weeks leading up to the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment." *The Week Magazine*

Imagine, League members around the country will be talking about Carrie Chapman Catt and the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment during the month of July. So, finish what you are reading, clear off your bedside table, make space by your reading chair and plan to join the first ALL LEAGUE READ!

**Women's Equality Day – Sunday, August 26: SAVE THE DATE!** Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed that the right to vote could not be denied on the basis of sex. In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day." Our *League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area* together with *Charlottesville NOW* and other community partners will celebrate on this date and also kick-off our push to promote ERA ratification in the next Virginia General Assembly. We'll keep you posted on the where and when!



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## Firearms Safety Committee in Action! By Beth Alley, LWV CVA Firearms Safety Committee

The League is working increasingly with other organizations to multiply our voices. One excellent example of this is a collaborative effort between Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention, Moms Demand Action, and the League. Representatives from these three groups met on June 21 on the Downtown Mall, asking merchants if they would like to receive a free decal requesting individuals not to bring weapons onto their premises. Store owners can place an order for one of three designs. The following five members of the League's Firearms Safety Committee participated in this effort: Anne Claar, Pat Cochran, Maggie Hoover, Cherry Bourque, and Beth Alley. We are eager to have our voices heard and hope that you might consider joining our committee.



The League also worked in conjunction with these same organizations (CCGVP and MOMS) to pass out literature from *Everytown for Gun Safety* for their ASK campaign on the following Saturday morning June 23. The following members of the Firearms Safety Committee were there: Lois Sandy, Pat Cochran, Maggie Hoover and Beth Alley.

**The ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign promotes a simple idea with the potential to help keep kids safe. ASK, “Is there an unlocked gun in your house?” before sending your child over to play. To learn more you can go to [askingsaveskids.org](http://askingsaveskids.org)**

### **Welcome New Members!**

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**Dues for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019**

**It's time to renew your membership** by June 30, 2018

Individual \$55  
Household \$82.50  
Student \$25

**Information for Our New Members:**

A new member who joined between March 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018 has paid full dues and the membership will be considered paid through June, 2019.

**Information for Life Members: No dues are required.**

Dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Questions, please email [lwv@lwv-cva.org](mailto:lwv@lwv-cva.org).

**Thank you for your renewal!**

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**Meetings and Events for July/August 2018:  
Mark Your Calendars Now!**

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Wed., June 27, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Bobbie Williams, 108B Oakhurst Circle, Charlottesville	For further information, contact Natalie Testa, 589-4067
Sat. June 28 – Sun., July 1	53 <sup>rd</sup> National LWV Convention	Hilton, Chicago	For further information, go to <a href="https://www.lwv.org/">https://www.lwv.org/</a>
Wed., July 11, 1:30 – 3:30 pm	LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting	Westminster-Canterbury, Pantops	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, <a href="mailto:patcochranlwcva@gmail.com">patcochranlwcva@gmail.com</a>
Wed., July 18, 1:30 – 3 pm	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	University Village (small committee room) at 500 Crestwood Dr., Charlottesville	For further information, contact Sally Thomas, 434-295-1819
Wed., July 25, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Maggie Hoover, 2 Hilltop Circle, Palmyra, 703-625-9219	For further information, contact Natalie Testa, 589-4067
Thurs., July 26, Fri., July 27, & Sat., July 28	Chihamba/African-American Cultural Afts Festival	Washington Park, Charlottesville	For further information and tickets for special events, go to: <a href="http://www.chihamba.eventbrite.com">www.chihamba.eventbrite.com</a>
Sun., August 26	Women's Equality Day	More info coming!	