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## Redistricting Update: A message from ONEVirginia2021

Dear Fellow LWV CVA Members:

Redistricting reform in Virginia is at a "now or never" crossroad. The article below, from **ONEVirginia2021's Brian Cannon** will bring you up to date. Contact Liz White [liz.white@onevirginia.org](mailto:liz.white@onevirginia.org) for ongoing efforts. Even talking about reform with a friend is a help. Keep letting your legislators know it is important to you. You can find your state legislators at <https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/> **Reform happens in this next Virginia Legislative General Assembly or not at all.**

In League, *Kerín Yates*, former president, LWV CVA

## Bipartisan sponsors introduce constitutional amendment so citizens, not legislators, will draw new election districts

In an urgent effort in the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly, Sen. Emmett Hanger (R-Staunton) and Sen. Mamie Locke (D-Hampton) are sponsoring a state constitutional amendment to end gerrymandering by giving control over legislative district boundaries to an independent commission of Virginia voters. The redistricting process now is controlled by the General Assembly and the governor.

The legislation that would establish a Citizens Redistricting Commission is based on a model worked out by a bipartisan, diverse committee of former Virginia political leaders and election law experts, assembled by the non-partisan reform group *OneVirginia2021*. The legislature would have a role in the process, but drawing Virginia's political map would be entirely in the hands of the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The time is urgent because it takes two years to amend our state constitution. To be in effect in time for the complete legislative redistricting that must follow the 2020 Census, it is essential that the amendment win its initial passage in the General Assembly session that begins January 9. If it is approved this year and again in the 2020 session, it will go before the voters in a statewide referendum in November 2020.

We are confident that the voters will approve this proposal if they get the chance. A December 2018 poll by the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University established that 78 percent of Virginia voters want to amend our state constitution to establish an independent redistricting commission.

But voters will get their say only if the General Assembly allows it. Please tell your delegate and senator to let the people vote to end gerrymandering. Find your state legislators at <https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/>

**The redistricting after the 2020 Census will affect all 100 seats in the House of Delegates, all 40 seats in the state Senate and Virginia's 11 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. If the process is not reformed in time, we**

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**will face another 10 years of gerrymandered legislative seats, elections in which hyper-partisan primaries matter more than general elections, and a legislative agenda driven by partisan polarization instead of bipartisan problem-solving.**

Though the process is long, it’s essential to win this reform by amending the Virginia Constitution, because a simple change in the law can be reversed by whichever party is in power at the time.

Under the terms of the proposed amendment, the 10-member Citizens Redistricting Commission must include 3 Republicans, 3 Democrats and 4 independent voters. Any registered Virginia voter could apply to serve on the commission. From those applications, a panel of retired judges would nominate 5 Republicans, 5 Democrats and 12 independents, seeking also to reflect the state’s diversity. Then the Republican and Democratic leaders in the House of Delegates and Senate would reduce that list of nominees to the final 10-member commission in a “strike” process similar to jury selection.

The amendment dictates that the Citizens Redistricting Commission adhere to specific criteria to produce fair districts, including:

- Favor or disfavor no party, incumbent or individual
- Respect city and county lines as much as possible, and otherwise follow recognized boundaries such as mountains, rivers, major highways and established neighborhoods.
- Respect the one person/one vote principle, but use flexibility already approved by the courts (+/- 0.5% for Congressional districts, +/- 5% for General Assembly districts). Over-restrictive population variances have been used in the past as “cover” to ignore other criteria.
- Do not diminish minority communities’ power to elect representatives of their choice.

To ensure that the results are not politically skewed, a map of districts must win the approval of 7 of the 10 members of the commission, including at least one Republican and one Democrat. Once adopted, the commission’s map would be official, not subject to amendment or veto by the General Assembly or the Governor.

The proposed amendment also protects against the common legislative practice of moving district lines behind closed doors and in secret meetings. The amendment dictates that the commission’s data, debates and decisions must be open and transparent. It requires public hearings around the state before the maps are drawn and after they are drawn but not adopted.

Slaying the gerrymander has been an uphill fight, as no one gives up power easily. But the uncertainty of which party will be in power in 2021 may change the political calculation this session. Both parties gerrymander, and the Republicans who have previously blocked reform may see the blue wave elections of 2017 and 2018 as evidence that the tables are turning. This constitutional amendment should look like insurance against being at the Democrats’ mercy in the next redistricting.

Further details of the proposed amendment and the membership of the committee are available [here](https://www.onevirginia2021.org/).

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<https://www.onevirginia2021.org/>

## *President's Message* - Dear Fellow League members.

I am sure I share the sentiments of the entire LWV CVA Board of Directors in wishing that the New Year brings you peace and good health.

January brings challenges to keep up with all the activities of our state legislative session. Many of you have been working hard this past year advocating for the passage of meaningful legislation addressing our many concerns.

This year is critical to making a change in how we draw our state's voting district lines. If we don't get certain bills passed, our chances of having any real change after the next census will be ruined. Please go to <https://www.onevirginia2021.org> to learn which bills we need to promote. Learn what you can do to help.

Ratification of the ERA during this year's session is a major goal. Please check <https://www.varatifyera.org> to learn ways you can participate in this important endeavor. I recently viewed the film, "Mercury 13" on Netflix. This film about early women astronauts and sexual discrimination really fanned the flames of my passion for this issue.

Gun safety legislation is a continuing serious concern. Please contact Maggie Hoover, [maggie.hoover@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.hoover@gmail.com), who has been collaborating with numerous Charlottesville organizations promoting gun safety. She can offer you ways to participate in this effort during this year's legislative session.

These are only three issues out of many that the League is keen to follow. I know that I will be making numerous trips to the Richmond offices of our state legislators during the upcoming legislative session. I hope some of you will join me—see article on page 4 of this newsletter for the LWV-VA WLRT schedule. I will be sending email updates on the legislative activities as they become available. Thank you for all you do!

Stay well, until next time,

*Pat Cochran*

LWV CVA President

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### **In Memoriam – Lillian Epstein**

Sadly we note the passing of longtime League member, Lillian Epstein, on Friday, October 26, 2018, at the age of 90.

## **Welcome New Members!**

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## LWV-VA 2019 Women's Legislative Round Table (WLRT) – Richmond, Virginia

On Wednesdays during the General Assembly Session, the League hosts an hour-long morning briefing by Legislators and/or Advocacy/Issue groups (WLRT Women's Legislative Roundtable Meetings). Thus, we get updates on legislation throughout the Session so that our advocacy messages are very timely. League members who attend on Wednesdays arrange to visit their legislators and committee meetings and floor sessions. To learn more about the Roundtable, read LWV-VA's [brochure](#).

### 2019 WLRT Schedule: Virginia Legislative Session Begins: January 9th, 2019

Date	Time	Location
1/16/19	8am-10am	<a href="#">SunTrust Center</a> , 919 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA
1/23/19	8am-10am	<a href="#">SunTrust Center</a> , 919 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA
1/30/19	8am-10am	<a href="#">SunTrust Center</a> , 919 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA
2/6/19	????	League Day – <a href="#">Hotel John Marshall</a> , 101 N 5th St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA
2/13/19	8am-10am	<a href="#">SunTrust Center</a> , 919 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA
2/20/19	8am-10am	<a href="#">SunTrust Center</a> , 919 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA
2/27/19	8am-10am	<a href="#">SunTrust Center</a> , 919 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA

### Free Bus to MLK Day Vigil in Richmond, January 21, 2019

by Maggie Hoover, LWV CVA Firearms Committee, [maggie.hoover@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.hoover@gmail.com)

Monday, January 21, is the 27th Annual MLK Vigil to be held at 2 pm at the Belltower, 9th & Bank Streets in Richmond. Please join the entire gun violence prevention community in our state as we honor and remember Martin Luther King, Jr., who died by gunfire, and all those killed or injured by gun violence across the Commonwealth. Then we honor them with action by sharing our voice to prevent gun violence by visiting elected officials at the Virginia General Assembly. These are scheduled after the Vigil from 3 to 5 pm at the Virginia General Assembly Pocahontas Building, 9th & Main Streets.

Several members of the LWV CVA attended last year's rally and found it a moving and rewarding experience, particularly meeting with the legislators. This year the bus is FREE **but you must make a reservation**. To do so, contact Gay Lee. **Contact information is below.**

### Richmond Rally to enact Sensible Gun laws

#### MLK Day, Monday, January 21, 2019

Sponsored by the Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention, the League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area, the Charlottesville Center for Peace and Justice, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, and the Presbyterian Church, USA. **Bus leaves at noon from Meadows Presbyterian, 2200 Angus Rd.** After the rally we will meet with our representatives in the General Assembly. **Return to Charlottesville at 6 pm. Tickets for the bus are free, but you must make reservation! For more info and to sign up contact Gay Lee at 434-409-3324 or [ccgvp1@gmail.com](mailto:ccgvp1@gmail.com)**

**2019 Finance Drive “Party” on Saturday, January 26, 2019, 10:00 am to 2 pm**  
**Westminster/Canterbury on Pantops, Main Building, Bishop Conference Room**

First, thank you to the Leaguers who joined the “Early Bird Club” by donating early to our 2019 Finance Drive. There’s still time to join them, by January 15, so that you will have one fewer envelope in your mailbox in late January. It’s easy to donate online using your credit card by going to our website: [lww-cva.org](http://lww-cva.org) and clicking on the “Donate” button at the bottom of the home page. Or write a check either to LWV or to LWV CVA Education Fund, and mail to: PO Box 2786, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

You are invited to drop by for as much time as you can spare on **Saturday, January 26, between 10 am and 2 pm in the Bishop Room (first floor in the main building) at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge** for our annual Finance Drive envelope stuffing party. You can help by writing a short note on a letter to someone in the wider community whom you know, or just to stuff those envelopes with the materials we’ll gladly provide. In addition, we’ll provide light snacks, some hot water and coffee, and lots of friendly conversation to lift your spirits, and make the time seem to fly by. You’ll leave positively glowing with good League cheer. I look forward to seeing you there!

Frances Schutz, 2019 LWV CVA Finance Drive Chair

## **LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Report: How Are We Doing?**

By Sally Thomas

In 2018, the LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee had many good discussions on an issue so large that it’s hard to fit it into the upcoming Sunday Seminar on February 10 to be hosted by the NRC. Namely, how are we doing, as a community, in knowing what we want and expressing that in our official “Plans,” such as the Comprehensive Plans each government must update periodically? City and counties have so many challenges, such as affordable housing, social equity, natural resource protection, visual attractiveness, healthy life-styles, sense of community, and more. Each government’s “Plan” is supposed to encompass their ambitions for all these issues, with citizen involvement. However, until your commute doubles in length, or a neighbor plans a high-rise next door, or it becomes unsafe to walk, or your water tastes funny — you probably don’t think about what “Plans” the government has and how you can affect them. At the Sunday Seminar on February 10, the Natural Resources Committee hopes to give you a toe-hold for understanding the challenges and some examples of long-range plans that affect you every day.

**Join us at our January 16 committee meeting at 1:30 pm at University Village (small committee room) as we further the discussion and plan for the Sunday Seminar on this wide-ranging subject.** For more information, contact Sally Thomas, [WRITEINSAL@aol.com](mailto:WRITEINSAL@aol.com).

# “Reviving Democracy: Election Reform in Virginia”

LWV CVA Sunday Seminar, Held November 18, 2018  
CitySpace, Downtown Mall, Charlottesville



In an era of divisive politics, voters are hungry for concrete proposals to promote more competitive and representative elections. Virginia has several potential reforms coming to its General Assembly in January 2019. On Sunday, November 18, the *League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area* held a seminar about election reform ahead of some anticipated political change in the commonwealth.

“After such an exciting election, I think there’s room for improvement in the process,” **Pat Cochran**, the president of *League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area*, said.

Speakers at the seminar discussed key bills that will be up for debate this legislative season. They also talked about alternative voting systems, like ranked-choice voting. “You don’t just vote for one candidate,” Sally Hudson, the founder of [FairVote Virginia](#), said. “You get to rank the candidates from your most to least favorite.”

The seminar also touched on campaign finance reform. “Increasingly, actually, in the last five to 10 years, money has been spent at the state level to influence policy more,” Ryan Snow, a lawyer, said. Sunday’s event was held to help ensure voters know what will be on the political table in the coming years.

“We want everybody to be informed and participate in our democracy, and this is an expression of our attempt to educate people about alternative voting systems to what we have today,” Cochran said. The speakers say getting more involved in politics now can have a big impact in the future. “In January, all of our state senators and delegates will go back to Richmond and they’ll be there to discuss reforms just like this,” Hudson said. “And then in 2019, all of their seats will be up for grabs in the state elections and so now is the time to both get involved with the legislative session and to make sure that the people who will be representing you in the future stand for these kinds of exciting issues.”

Event organizers encourage everyone to get out and vote in 2019. Cochran says those new voting systems could go a long way to help more people participate in the election process.

*(From NBC29 News report, November 18, 2018)*



## LWV CVA Welcomes New Citizens at Naturalization Ceremony by Maggie Hoover

On Friday, December 14, 2018, at the United States District Court in Charlottesville, the Honorable Joel C. Hoppe administered the Oath of Citizenship to 39 applicants who came from 25 countries and six continents. LWV CVA Members (pictured left to right) Rosalie Simari, Sue Lewis, Audrey Dannenberg, and Maggie Hoover were on hand to welcome the new citizens and give them an opportunity to register to vote.



At the end of each Naturalization Ceremony, which is held almost every month, Judge Hoppe opens the floor to any of the participants. Several people spoke, thanking family members and sponsors for helping them through their journey of becoming citizens. Many thanked the International Rescue Committee. All thanked the United States for the opportunity to become a part of this country.

The end of the ceremony is a time of celebration as the path to becoming a nationalized citizen is not an easy or quick process. Most people will first apply to become a legal permanent resident and obtain a green card; however, one can also gain citizenship through marriage, his/her parents, or military service. Once a person has a green card there is a five-year residency requirement before applying for citizenship. After the residency requirement has been met and the application process has been started, there is a background check. The applicant must also pass an oral civics exam as well as display proficiency in English, both oral and in writing.

**Could you pass the civics test?** Out of these 100 questions, applicants are orally asked 10 in English and must get at least six questions correct. See how you would do. Click on the link:

<https://my.uscis.gov/prep/test/civics>

## Vigil to Remember Sandy Hook by Maggie Hoover

On December 18 members of the League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area joined the Charlottesville Coalition of Gun Violence Prevention, Moms Demand Action and Charlottesville's Center for Peace and Justice at the Downtown Mall at noon for a Vigil to Remember Sandy Hook. The group wore "orange," the color that has come to represent the anti-gun violence movement.

A bell was rung for each recent mass shooting in our country beginning with Columbine. After the reading of the school names and speaking the lyrics to the song "Vine and Fig," the group dispersed in silence.

Since Sandy Hook in December of 2012, there have been 57 school shootings with 78 people killed and 12 wounded. Sixty-three of the dead were children. **Ninety-eight Americans die daily from gun related violence.** More Americans have died from gun shots in the last 50 years than in all the wars in American history.



Front row, left to right: Lois Sandy, Rosalie Simari, Pat Cochran, Gerry Kruger, Jean Minehart, Maggie Hoover. Back row: Peyton and Bobbie Williams

## Equal Rights Amendment Update by Megan Tracy

Thanks to everyone who came out to the ERA Holiday Postcard Party at Random Row on December 6th. This event was organized by *Women of the Fifth*. The *League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area*, *Charlottesville NOW*, and local alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta were co-hosts. We wrote over 100 “Cards for Equality” to our area legislators! One of our social media interns, Rosemarie Dougherty-Herrman was on hand to give us a helping hand!

Our biggest ask on the issue of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment in Virginia right now is to have family, friends and neighbors sign the petition (<https://varatifyera.org/petition/>). The petition crested over the halfway mark on Christmas Eve with 10,203 Virginian signatures. Useful maps showing signatures by House district are available on the petition page. We are also hoping to get letters to the editors in before General Assembly. There is info on how to do that here: <https://varatifyera.org/toolkit/write-a-letter-to-the-editor/>

The LWV-VA is joining with *VARatifyERA* on January 9th in Richmond to “welcome” Legislators back and demonstrate the commitment to ratifying the ERA in this session. January 9th will be a special WLRT (Women’s Legislative Round Table). *VARatifyERA* has a day of activities planned (see Facebook link below). *Charlottesville NOW* is looking into a bus for that day and we will send out an update once this is finalized. This is an opportunity to line the sidewalks to welcome back legislators and show them our support for the ERA. Here's the FB link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1715676061871244/> (with an RBG screening the night before: <https://www.facebook.com/events/369325863641389/>)

Calls to action in general are posted here: <https://varatifyera.org/calls-to-action/> After January 9, we are encouraging people to attend every day of General Assembly. The *VARatifyERA* campaign will hold different events during each week. For example, the week of January 21 is planned as "Not One More GenERation" week for parents and children to come and talk with legislators and observe sessions. Another day to keep in mind is “Crossover” day, February 5, meaning that the ERA resolution(s) would need to be passed in each chamber and passed to the other chamber by that day in order to be enacted during the 2019 session. For more information, contact Megan Tracy at [kiskamet@gmail.com](mailto:kiskamet@gmail.com).

**ERA Holiday Happy  
Hour, Random Row  
Brewing Company,  
December 6, 2018.**

Photo: Kate Bird.





## ***International Relations /Federal Government Committee News***

By Gerry Kruger

On November 14, I was privileged to host not only our International Relations/Federal Government Committee members, but also two very special guests. One was **Emily Martin of the *Building Goodness Foundation (BGF)***, which is everything the name implies. The Foundation has sponsored projects that meet six of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: no poverty, health care, education, economic development, reduced inequality, and ecological sustainability. These projects have benefitted Charlottesville, Virginia and other Virginia communities as well as the poor in struggling nations (Haiti and Central America).

**Eliza Strode is a social worker who lives in Guatemala and is the owner of *A Thread of Hope Guatemalan Fair Trade*, a customer and accompanier of Asociación Maya, the Guatemalan weavers' co-op that BGF is assisting.** She explained Guatemala's troubled history since the CIA overthrew the country's democratically-elected president in 1954. Since the military takeover, there have been few civil or human rights for the indigenous people (mostly Maya). Those who spoke up for their rights and against the government were murdered or disappeared. They endured intense racism from Ladinos, and most lived in abject poverty: 75% of indigenous people "live on" two dollars a day. Others live in extreme poverty, "living on" one dollar a day.

As a result of the genocide and war that continued from 1960 to 1996, there were many Mayan widows who couldn't afford to buy the supplies necessary to send their children to school, continuing the cycle of poverty. Due to malnutrition, child stunting is more common than in Haiti. Even worse, there is no potable water. There is a tremendous gap between the "haves" and "have-nots."

The Sololá Co-op, Asociación Maya, is making an enormous difference in the lives of 195 indigenous people in Sololá, Guatemala. The 180 women backstrap loom at home. The results are beautiful jackets, scarves, purses, bags, and other artful objects that display their traditions and culture while earning them as much as eight or nine dollars a day, about four times more than a weaver who sells in the traditional market. This is also improving the lives of their children, who can now attend school.

Building Goodness Foundation is raising money to build a facility that will give the women a workshop and showroom that is two times the size of their present rented building. This will allow them to produce and sell more products, provide more work, have an appealing, safe retail store, and provide workers with a safe dormitory.

At the end of the program, our members shopped for scarves that Eliza brought to Charlottesville from the Co-op. Some of the proceeds will go toward the new building that BGF builders from Charlottesville will volunteer to supervise, hiring and training workers from Guatemala. We're grateful to Emily and Eliza for showing us that problems can be solved if good people are willing to work together for solutions. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to this effort, visit [buildinggoodness.org](http://buildinggoodness.org) and click on "Projects," then "Central America," then "Mayan Weavers Sololá Workshop." (Thanks to Eliza Strode for editing this report.)

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On December 12, 2018 the International Relations/ Federal Government Committee met once again at Angela Terrill's luxurious Angel Nest Bed and Breakfast in Keswick. **Carol Cutler's follow-up report on Russia's interference in our elections** was followed by a magnificent meal prepared by Angela. Research shows that Russian interference was still going on in our 2018 midterm elections, but using more subtle, hard to detect tactics that could survive purges by the big social media companies.

The federal government has met foreign interference by:

1. Setting up investigations in the House and Senate
2. Having the Department of Homeland Security monitor cyber attacks
3. Setting up the EI-ISIC (Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center). All 50 states and 1000 local jurisdictions are connected to EI-ISIC.
4. Special Counsel Robert Mueller's on-going investigation:
  - The Putin-linked Internet Research Agency was charged with meddling for trolling voters on social media.
  - The GRU (Russian military intelligence agency) was indicted for stealing emails and documents from Democratic targets.
  - Paul Manafort, Trump's former campaign chairman, used tactics similar to those used in Ukraine to elect President Yanukovich, falsely accusing Hilary Clinton of criminal intent in the use of her home email server. He also lobbied on behalf of Ukraine to end Russia's sanctions and did advance planning to claim election irregularities to discredit adverse election results. (IR/FG member Anne Linden, who travels to Ukraine every year to address problems related to fetal alcohol syndrome, was an observer in their 2004 elections, which she said were fraught with corruption.)
  - Michael Cohen's recent guilty plea showed President Trump knew he stood to benefit financially from ties to Russia.

Facebook had 20,000 additional staff monitoring accounts for disinformation. They removed thousands of pages, groups, and accounts linked to Russia and Iran before the 2018 election. 155 accounts were taken down on election eve. By this time the accounts had shifted their focus to more heavily promoting events and rallies, which Facebook doesn't monitor as heavily as politically targeted ads. It is believed that foreign actors have begun using more sophisticated methods to cover their tracks. Russia may have interfered with our midterms more than we know.

Carol's sources for this report:

The Economist, Nov. 10-16, 2018: "Where Next?"

Time Magazine, Nov. 19, 2018: "Nation Divided"

Washington Post, Nov. 4, 2018. "Pivotal Questions: Will Divisiveness, Dishonesty, Appeals to Anger, Hatred and Fear from a Bully Pulpit Win?"

Washington Post, Nov. 9, 2018. "Mueller Is Building a Future Narrative Through Indictments"

Shirley Payne supplemented Carol's research on this topic, providing a number of websites with abstracts that summarized each one.

Join us as we explore more topics dealing with international relations and the federal government. See the back of the newsletter for times and meeting places.



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**Meetings and Events for January 2019:**  
**Mark Your Calendars Now!**

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Wed., Jan. 9	Virginia General Assembly opens for 46-day session	Richmond Capital Building	Further information available at <a href="https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/">https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/</a>
Wed., Jan 9 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Molly O'Brien, 250 West Main St., #602, 245-9806	For further information, contact Elaine Longerbeam, 540-832-7296
Wed., Jan. 9, 1:30 – 3:30 pm	LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting	Westminster-Canterbury, Pantops	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, <a href="mailto:patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com">patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com</a>
Wed., Jan. 16, 8 am to 10 am	Women's Legislative Round Table (WLRT)	<a href="#">SunTrust</a> Center, 919 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA	Further information available at <a href="https://lwv-va.org/womens-legislative-round-table/">https://lwv-va.org/womens-legislative-round-table/</a>
Wed., Jan. 16, 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
Mon., Jan. 21, bus to rally at noon	MLK Day Richmond Rally to enact sensible gun laws	Free bus leaves from 2200 Angus Rd at Noon—must make reservation!	Further information or to make reservation, call Gay 434-409-3324 or <a href="mailto:ccgvp1@gmail.com">ccgvp1@gmail.com</a>
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Wed, Jan 23, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	[To be decided]	For further information, contact Elaine Longerbeam, 540-832-7296
Sat., Jan. 26, 10 am to 2 pm	LWV CVA Finance Drive "Party": Preparing our fund drive letters/envelopes	Westminster-Canterbury, Pantops, Bishop Room	For further information, contact Frances Schutz, <a href="mailto:schutz67@embargmail.com">schutz67@embargmail.com</a>
Wed., Jan. 30, 8 am to 10 am	Women's Legislative Round Table (WLRT)	<a href="#">SunTrust</a> Center, 919 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, USA	Further information available at <a href="https://lwv-va.org/womens-legislative-round-table/">https://lwv-va.org/womens-legislative-round-table/</a>