

Dear LWV CVA Member,

It's time to renew your annual membership in the League for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. When you joined our local League, you automatically became a member of the *League of Women Voters* at the State and National levels, as part of your member dues are paid in Per Member Payments to the LWV-VA and LWVUS. (Note: If you joined the League in the past four months, you are paid for fiscal year 2019-20.)

Member Dues:

Individual Membership: \$65

Household Membership (two persons at the same address): \$90

Student Membership: Free to students who are at least 1/2 time

Life Members: No dues

This year we are pleased to offer the option of renewing your membership by paying with a credit card online. Go to our website, lwv-cva.org, and follow the prompts.

Or you can mail your check to: League of Women Voters, PO Box 2786, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Print the attached form and include with your check.

Be sure to let us know of any changes to your email or mailing address and/or phone number, as we are preparing the 2019-20 Member Handbook for publication this summer. You can do this by email: lwv@lwv-cva.org. Or print the Renewal Form on the next page of this newsletter and mail it to the League address above.

Thank you again for your continued support of the League of Women Voters! Questions?

Please email: lwv@lwv-cva.org

Pat Cochran, President, LWV CVA



Membership Renewal Form

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Thank you for renewing your membership in the League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area.

For payment by check: Make your check payable to League of Women Voters, and mail to:

League of Women Voters

PO Box 2786

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Please print this form and return it with your check OR if paying by credit card, use this form to let us know of any changes to your email or mailing address or phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

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Membership Rates

Individual \$65.00/year

Family \$90.00/year (Two members in same household)

Student [No fee to any student who is at least half-time]

Life Members no dues

With your membership to LWV CVA, you also belong to the League of Women Voters at the national level (LWV US) and the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA).

If you need more information, please contact Membership co-chairs, Beth Alley at 434-996-8075 (beth.alley@gmail.com) or Rosalie Simari at 434-295-7325 (rosaliesimari@hotmail.com)

THANK YOU!

President's Message - Dear Fellow League members,

I have many things on my mind these summer days. I am wondering how many members are interested in helping with voter registration these next few months. I am hoping everyone will renew their membership in the league. I'm looking forward to our September Sunday Seminar "This Is Your League!" The entire year to come will be full of opportunities to learn about and celebrate the League's 100th year anniversary. The National Archives Museum, 701 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20408, opened a new exhibit in May, called "Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote".

I am wondering if there are any members out there who would take on the creation of a portable posterboard exhibit in celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment and the creation of the League of Women Voters. We have a wealth of materials and funding for the project. Ideally, we would like to show the exhibit at our local libraries and perhaps the CitySpace gallery. Check out the LWV-US (lww.org) toolkit to help in this endeavor.

Ideas abound in our membership. Share some of those ideas with us. Your ideas may be a "game changer" for us. If you have photos of league activities, preferably "League in action" photos, please share them with me. I would ask your permission to share the photos on League Social Media.

Until next time,

Pat Cochran

LWV CVA President, email: patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com

Rally in Support of Sensible Gun Legislation July 9 – in Richmond at the State Capital

As you may know, Governor Northam has set July 9 as the date for a special session of the General Assembly to take up gun-control legislation. There will be a rally in support of sensible gun legislation that morning. Members from our League, in conjunction with members from the *Charlottesville Coalition of Gun Violence Prevention* and the *Center for Peace and Justice* will be attending. Contact Maggie Hoover, LWV CVA Firearms Safety Committee (Maggie.hoover@gmail.com) for more information.

Welcome New Member:

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LWV CVA Natural Resource Committee (NRC) Report by Muriel Grim

NRC members reported on “Albemarle County Climate Change Mondays” discussion groups meetings.

Lisa Hilgartner reported on the June 3rd meeting, *From Solid Waste Management to Sustainable Materials Management*: Virginia is a depository for other states’ solid waste. It’s cheap and brings in income. Also our trash goes to Amelia County for burial. Our recyclable plastics go to a regional center. UVA, Charlottesville, and Albemarle may get together about awareness of the need to reuse our waste products. No dates have been set.

Sally Thomas reported on the June 10th meeting, *Energy Efficiency in Commercial and Industrial Buildings*: Since 13 % of greenhouse gas emissions comes from the large, commercial or industrial buildings in Albemarle, their control of energy usage can be helpful in the total picture. Participants shared information about their energy efficiency attempts. One example of difficulties: the comfort of employees and of customers or clients has to be kept in mind when considering what temperature should be set on thermostats. Good intentions can’t always insure success.

Bea LaPisto reported on the June 17th meeting, *Landscape and Natural Resources*: The session related to land use, what can be done to preserve the rural area and the importance of forestal, agricultural and farming and how it protects the environment.

After the NRC meeting Bobbie Williams reported on the July 1 session, *Community Outreach Efforts and Education*: This was a brain storming session with about 17-18 participants addressing 6 questions. The questions were: What is the vision for this committee? Who are our partners? Who are we missing? Where do we learn about info in the community? What topic is most important (prioritize)? How do we instill action? Answers filled the posted sheets and several questions needed additional sheets. There was discussion and more information was added. The committee will analyze and compress the results.

All “Climate Monday” meetings begin at 5:30 PM in room 235 at the County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road. Additional sessions are:

- July 8: Commercial and Residential Building Redevelopment;
- July 15: Local Government Buildings and Fleet Vehicles;
- July 22: Feedback Summary, Part One – Sustainable Materials Management, Natural Resources Emissions Sectors, and Education/Outreach;
- July 29: Feedback Summary, Part Two – Buildings, Transportation and Renewable Energy.

We discussed providing information on solid waste, and more specifically recycling issues, to the public.

Master Gardeners will be doing a Climate Change event at the Paramount on September 8th from 4 to 6:30. The Master Naturalists may also do an event at Ix Park. We will check into solid-waste-related-to-climate-change information for these events.

Economic Development related issues: The continued disdain for citizen observation of and participation in economic development discussions and decisions concerns us. This includes the disturbing response to the letter from Advocates for a Sustainable Albemarle Population, the League of Women Voters and the Sierra Club to the Board of Supervisors about the lack of transparency and opportunity to comment on reviews of economic development proposals. The Board showed little interest in discussing our letter, which supervisor Rick Randolph said presented a minority’s ridiculous arguments.

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Natural Resources Committee Report – *Continued from previous page*

In addition to the Board of Supervisors' closed sessions we are concerned about the inability of citizens to speak at Economic Development Authority meetings. An example: when asked about taking public comments at their meetings, Ron Gentry, an EDA member, quoted in the Daily Progress, said, "It serves very little purpose for our body to sit and take up a lot of time hearing people complain about what we're doing."

Also, we discussed whether, after balancing costs of support for new development, economic development does actually bring increased income to the community; that there should be some oversight of the EDA; and, how the public can learn what is being promised to new businesses before commitments are finalized.

We started a list of Natural Resource related topics we'd like to include in questions for candidates running for office in November:

- How do our local Economic Development efforts jibe with our local goals for environmental protection and social equity? What would you change?
- Given the present unemployment rate of 3% [check this for most recent figure], what should be the main goal (or main purpose) of Economic Development in Albemarle County?"
- How to get people to buy into what's needed for a healthy, vibrant community
- What do you think of the existing incentives and regulations that we have for wise land-use? What would you improve or change?
- What structures and conditions exist that are intended to support a healthy community and what are your opinions of them
- How do you plan to get our community closer to zero waste?
- How can we build new enterprises that use discards as resources
- How would you implement the new Biodiversity sections of the Comprehensive Plan?

An Email from *BeHeard CVA* – <https://beheardcva.org/>

Are You interested in participating on behalf of LWV CVA?

From: Jane Foy

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 9:30 AM

Subject: BeheardCVA

I am contacting the League about the possibility of participating in **BeHeardCVA**.

BeHeardCVA is developing a regional (Thomas Jefferson Planning District) survey panel as a tool for community engagement and action. With the survey panel, non-profits, community organizations and local governments will be able to more quickly and cost effectively survey the communities they serve. These surveys will touch on quality of life issues, such as education, healthcare and transportation.

Check out the website of **BeHeard CVA**, and if you are interested in representing the League of Women Voters on this panel, please contact Sue Lewis, swlcville@gmail.com (434-295-1485) or Pat Cochran, patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com (434-326-7873).

Voter Services by Sue Lewis, LWV CVA Voter Services Director

As the new LWV CVA Voter Services Director, I may not need much introduction, but I do want to let you know what I've been thinking about for the League's activities this year. 2019-2020 is full of voter service opportunities, beginning with an election in November for all 140 members of the Virginia General Assembly as well as local elections for Boards of Supervisors, School Boards, City Council, various Constitutional Offices, and Constitutional Amendments.

Our activities this summer and fall will focus on registration, information and get-out-the-vote. To do that, we need to have a core group that I'd like to call the *Voter Services Team*. I know many of you have signed up previously to participate in registration activities, but I'd like to begin this year with an updated list. **In order to participate in registration under the auspices of the League, everyone needs to take the online training from the Department of Elections using this link:**

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/training-video.html>

Please let me know when you have taken the training. For the affidavit, use *League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area* as the organization, and do not ask for any copies of the registration form.

I hope to do more in the other counties covered by our area League – please let me know any contacts you may have in Greene, Louisa, Nelson and Fluvanna Counties, including the schools.

There has been a small team of Leaguers who have participated in registration at the Naturalization ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse in Charlottesville; that activity has been put on hold due to concerns by the judge about third-party registrations. That is why it is so important for us to get trained and do everything by the book so that our reputation stays intact.

August 26 is Women's Equality Day, as we commemorate when women were granted the right to vote 99 years ago. I'm thinking about some way to celebrate – would love any ideas!

Let me know if you want to be part of our Team!

Contact **Sue Lewis, Voter Services Director**: email: swlcvlle@gmail.com or 434-295-1485



Leaguers (left to right) **Audrey Dannenberg, Beth Alley, Maggie Hoover and Carol Cutter** enjoy a celebratory lunch with one of our newest Americans, **Abhinav Sharma**, after the Naturalization Ceremony June 6 at the United States District Court in Charlottesville.

Audrey, Beth, Maggie and Carol attended the ceremony offering voter registration to 41 new citizens.

LWV CVA Finance Drive Report by Frances Schutz, LWV CVA Finance Drive Chair

THANK YOU to all who have donated to the **successful** LWV Finance Drive this year, by whatever method and by whatever pattern. Our records show that we exceeded the budgeted income by a modest amount, but exceeding is much better than falling short. Donations to the Education Fund totalled \$2860; contributions to the Operating Fund amounted to \$4860. I felt the Early Bird challenge experiment worked well - providing us with some funds and pledges in advance of the Finance mailing, and reducing the paper waste stream as a result.

In an interesting development, this year the Operating Fund received more from friends than did the Ed Fund. The new tax laws may have been the cause for this shift from the way we had budgeted. We continue to have a few donors making a monthly contribution, which allows for a more stable budgeting process. If you'd like to join them, that would be most welcome. Also welcome would be your 'padding' your dues checks by rounding up to a nice, even number.

We begin the new Fiscal Year in good shape, because of you. Congratulations, and thanks.

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**Meetings and Events for July/August 2019:
 Mark Your Calendars Now!**

| Date/Time | Event | Place | Contact |
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| Mondays , July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, 5:30 pm | "Climate Change Mondays" | Albemarle County Office Bldg., McIntire Rd., Rm 235, Charlottesville | For further information, contact Muriel Grim, 740-818-7179 |
| Tues., July 9 | Rally in Support of Sensible Gun Legislation | Richmond General Assembly | For further information, contact Maggie Hoover, 703-625-92-19 |
| Wed., July 10, 9:30 am | LWV CVA International Relations/Foreign Govt Meeting | Home of Bobbie Williams, 108B Oakhurst Circle, 703-973-8851 | For further information, contact Elaine Longerbeam, 540-832-7296 |
| Tues., July 30, 11:30 am to 1 pm | LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee | Center for Non-Profit Excellence, 1701-A Allied St., Charlottesville | For further information, contact Kit Murphy McNally, 414-405-3302 |
| Wed., Aug. 14, 1:30 pm | LWV CVA Board Meeting | Westminster-Canterbury, Pantops | For further information, contact Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873 |
| Mon., Aug. 26 | Women's Equality Day | | |