

June Primaries – Are there any in your district?

Dear LWV CVA Members, On Tuesday, **November 8, 2022**, general elections will be held to choose your district’s representative to the US Congress with party primaries in Virginia scheduled for June 21. With redistricting now in place for central Virginia, you should **check if your district and voting precinct have changed as there are some interesting updates!** Go to the League’s VOTE411.org to check your **registration and district information.** Our League’s area covers the City of Charlottesville, and the Counties of Albemarle, Nelson, Greene, Fluvanna, and Louisa, and the newly drawn districts are noted the following report by our **LWV CVA Electoral Board Observer Corps, Kerin Yates, chair.** Here is her report:

Albemarle County Electoral Board met on May 10. Discussion centered around the Republican Primary to be held in the county’s small portion of the 7th district. At the time of the meeting this involved 35 voters. All rules for any election must be kept which the Board remarked is quite expensive. Software purchases and training for the primary was discussed. Entire copy of proceedings can be reached at: <https://www.albemarle.org/home/showpublisheddocument/13584/637884013627870330>

None of the other counties we cover or the City of Charlottesville had meetings in April or May.

LWV CVA Voter Service: Following is a list of the counties and the City of Charlottesville in regard to the **June 21, 2022, Primary.** **Note: Voter Registration closes for this election on May 31, 2022.**

- **City of Charlottesville:** NO primary for either party.
- **Albemarle County.** There will NOT be a Democratic Primary in the 5th or 7th Congressional District on June 21, 2022, due to only one candidate qualifying for the Primary. There will be a Republican Primary in the 7th Congressional District on June 21, 2022. Special Notice to 7th Congressional District Voters - Please note: this involves @ 35 voters in the northwest portion of the county. Go to: <https://www.albemarle.org/home/showpublisheddocument/13434/637874250535770000>
- **Fluvanna County:** No primary for either party on June 21, 2022.
- **Greene County:** There is a Republican Party Primary for the 7th Congressional District on June 21, 2022. There is no Democratic Party Primary. Contact <https://www.greenecountyva.gov/government/depts/voter-registration> for further information. Last day to register is May 31, 2022.
- **Louisa County:** No primary for either party on June 21, 2022.
- **Nelson County:** No primary for either party on June 21, 2022.

LWV CVA 2022 Annual Business Meeting Report by Pat Cochran, President

This year's LWV CVA Annual Business Meeting was held virtually by zoom webinar on Thursday May 12, with Sue Lewis, Nominating Committee chair, presiding. A video recording of the meeting is available at: <https://youtu.be/3L6yuDc2bgM>. Prior to the Meeting, members were mailed the Annual Packet. Readers appointed were Frances Schutz and Rice Wagner. Carolyn Fitzpatrick, LWV CVA Secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting. Voting was as follows:

The following "Action" items were **Approved** by members (there were no "Nays"):

- Operating Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
- Local Program for 2022-23
- Local Program Updates and Revisions for 2022-23. [These updates will appear in the 2022-23 Member Handbook due for publication this summer.]
- Slate of new LWV CVA Officers, Directors, and Committee Members – see below.

We welcome newly elected:

Officers (2 years) July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024:

President: Meg Heubeck

Secretary: Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Treasurer: Evette Barton (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Elected Directors (2 years) July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024:

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster: Michele Kellermann

Membership: Beth Kariel

Nominating Committee (1 year) – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023:

Pat Cochran, chair

Anita Pilling

Mary Stamps White Committee (3 years) – July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025:

Rosalie Simari

Note: LWV CVA Annual Board Retreat – June 15. The retreat has been scheduled as an in-person meeting at The Greencroft Club. **New Board members are invited!** An agenda will be emailed prior to the meeting.



It's time to renew your League of Women Voters Membership!

Our membership year is based on the League's fiscal year, so your **DUES ARE DUE July 1, 2022.**

Member Annual 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 (persons who have been members for 50 years or more): No dues

Please note: If you became a member in the four months prior to the start of the fiscal year (i.e., March to July 1, 2022) you do not have to pay dues for the coming fiscal year. Life members and students have no dues.

Mail your check (payable to *League of Women Voters*) to:

League of Women Voters

P.O. Box 2786

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Or pay by credit card: Go to our website, lwv-cva.org, open the dropdown menu "Explore the League" and click on "Join the League/Renew Your Membership."

Be sure to let us know of any changes to your email or mailing address and/or phone number, as we are preparing the 2022-23 Member Handbook for publication this summer. You can do this by email: lwv@lwv-cva.org. Or print the slip at the bottom of this page and return it with your check.

Thank you for being/becoming a member of the League of Women Voters!

Questions? Please email: lwv@lwv-cva.org

Pat Cochran, President, LWV CVA

Change of Address, Email, and/or Phone Number as follows (please print):

LWV CVA Member Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____



LWV CVA June Calendar

June 4 -- LWV-VA Council – Eventbrite registration at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/league-of-women-voters-of-virginia-2022-council-tickets-244549713777>

June 15 – LWV CVA Board Retreat – The Greencroft Club – Rodes Dr., Charlottesville – 10 am to 2 pm (Lunch at noon)

June 21 – Virginia Primaries

June 23-26 – LWV US Convention – Virtual and in-person (Denver, Colorado)
<https://www.lwv.org/manage-your-league/council-convention>

Update on New York State Health Care Concurrence

By Stephanie Lowenhaupt, LWV CVA Health Care Committee chair

On February 16th, our LWV CVA Board voted to be listed in support of the New York State Health Care Concurrence being voted on at the LWVUS Convention in June. We were the first league in Virginia. Since then, more Leagues have been added to be in support, making it 98 Leagues nationally. The Concurrence will be on the national LWV agenda for discussion and a vote.

What is the NYS Concurrence?

In 2019-2021 LWVNY did the rigorous research required to update its state health care positions. The new positions adopted in spring 2021 now provide the springboard to bring their proposals to the entire League. In Fall 2021, with help and encouragement from HCR4US, LWVNY approved moving forward with a nationwide campaign to place a concurrence with the NYS updates on the June 2022 LWVUS Convention agenda.

Why update the LWVUS Health Care Position?

The goals of the current LWVUS health care position are strong. They articulate our aspiration for health care that is

- Accessible — EVERYONE is covered
- Equitable — EVERYONE gets quality care
- Affordable — NO ONE avoids care due to cost

To learn more, you may go to the following web sites for further information.

<https://lwvhealthcarereform.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LWVHealthCareReform>

If you are interested in getting involved locally, we would love to have you join us on our LWV CVA Health Care Committee. We are just getting started in trying to identify local issues we can work on as a League. Please contact Stephanie Lowenhaupt: slowenhaupt@gmail.com for details.

LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Government Committee Meeting Report

By Gerry Kruger

On May 25, 2022, the LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Government Committee held its second in-person meeting in over two years. **Lois Sandy** not only hosted, but also gave a report on Canada's health care system.

Canada's health care has been universal since 1984. Every province gets assistance from the government but has its own separate health care system. The government pays for free necessary hospital and doctor's care. Patients must pay for excluded services such as dental, outpatient drugs, and vision. Two-thirds of the population have private plans that pay for excluded services.

There are additional government agencies related to health care, such as a Food and Drug agency and Health Care Promotions.

Most insurance companies are non-profits, and doctors can't charge more than what insurance covers. However, many doctors have private practices and "closed lists," meaning they can refuse to accept some patients.

Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada. Many have no access to therapy because of where they live.

At the end of Lois's report, **Bobbie Williams** told us of a new LWV health care committee that is now working on a policy statement. It's called the "Access to Equitable Health Care" Committee. **Stephanie Lowenhaupt** is heading the group. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact her or Bobbie.

Our group also discussed changing our focus from health care around the world to some other issues. One of them is the gridlock that exists in the legislature at all levels of government. For the next International Relations/Federal Government meeting, we will read **David Toscano's** book, *Fighting Political Gridlock*, and discuss it. The meeting will be held in Anita Pilling's home (120 West Street, Louisa) on **Wednesday, June 22 at 10:00 am**. If you're interested in joining us, read the book, bring your lunch, and let Anita know you're coming: email – anitapilling.ap@gmail.com Home phone: 936-662-5744. We're also planning a carpool for this meeting.

For more information about the LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Government Committee, contact Marge Cox, margevfcox@gmail.com

LWV CVA Child Care Committee News

By Beth Kariel, Chair, LWV CVA Child Care Committee

This month Beth attended a webinar and interviewed two people.

The webinar Beth attended was titled, "Race and Education/Neurodiversity and Early Childhood Development: Supporting Children and Parents."

Beth interviewed Kate Matthew, a senior manager at the University of Virginia's Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning. Beth learned about the "birth to 5" curriculum the Center developed and is now available for free to child care providers who accept subsidies. **STREAMin3**, the name of the curriculum, is one of a number of curricula identified by the Virginia Department of Education as meeting standards set by their Unified Virginia Quality Birth to Five System.

Beth also interviewed Lisa Howard, President and CEO of *Elevate Early Education*, also called E3. *Elevate Early Education* is a nonpartisan issue-advocacy organization that advocates for policy initiatives and state funds to be invested in early learning through third grade.

Lisa Howard gave Beth some suggestions for ways the League could be involved in advocacy.

For information about the LWV CVA Child Care Committee, please contact Beth Kariel, email: bethkariel9@gmail.com

"WEAR ORANGE" June 3 - 5 to honor the memories of victims of gun violence-- the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year—and sadly the 10 who recently lost their lives in Buffalo, and the tragic shooting of schoolchildren and teachers in Uvalde, Texas.

"Wear Orange" event began January 21, 2013, by friends of Hadiya Pendleton. Hadiya marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, she was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.

For more information about "Wear Orange – June 3 - 5", contact Maggie Hoover, email: maggie.hoover@gmail.com

**Meetings and Events for June 2022:
Mark Your Calendars Now!**

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Tues., May 31	Last Day to register to vote in the June 21 Virginia Primaries	Online at https://www.elections.virginia.gov/	Check your registration status at VOTE411.org
Fri.-Sun., June 3 - 5	“Wear Orange” – National Gun Violence Awareness Day – See article on page 6		For more information contact Maggie Hoover, maggie.hoover@gmail.com
Sat., June 4 - 9 am – 3 pm	LWV-VA Council	Virtual Meeting	Eventbrite registration at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/league-of-women-voters-of-virginia-2022-council-tickets-244549713777
Wed., June 15, 10 am to 2 pm	LWV CVA Board Retreat	The Greencroft Club	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com
Tuesday, June 21; 6 am to 7 pm	Primary Elections: Check if your district is having a primary: go to VOTE411.org	Your precinct!	For further information, go to www.elections.virginia.gov/registration
Tues., June 28, 10 am	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Virtual Meeting	For further information, Muriel Grim, msggrim2012@gmail.com
Wed., June 22, 10 am	LWV CVA International Relations/ Federal Govt Meeting	Home of Anita Pilling: 120 West St., Louisa	Let Anita know you are coming: call 936-662-5744 or email: anitapilling.ap@gmail.com
Thurs., June 23 – Sun June 26	LWV US National Convention	Hybrid meeting	To register, go to LWV US link: https://convention.lwv.org/?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_id=05192022



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