

LWV CVA Annual Meeting - Webinar

Guest Speaker: David J. Toscano

Thursday, May 12, 2022, 7 to 9 pm

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Dear LWV CVA Members: **We look forward to holding our 2022 LWV CVA Annual Meeting as a virtual event on Thursday, May 12, at 7 pm.** Guest speaker, **David Toscano**, former member of the Virginia House of Delegates and author of *Fighting Political Gridlock: How States Shape Our Nation and Our Lives*, will enlighten us with a review of legislation passed in the 2022 Virginia General Assembly. **Following his presentation, we will hold the Annual Business Meeting. You should receive by mail the 2022 Annual Meeting Packet with the "Business Meeting Action Agenda" that members will vote on.**
Thank you, Pat Cochran, LWV CVA President.

David J. Toscano served 14 years (2006-20) in the Virginia House of Delegates representing the 57th District, which includes all of Charlottesville and parts of Albemarle County. First elected in 2005, David's priorities included education, renewable energy, environmental protection, affordable healthcare, reproductive rights, expanded services for the disabled and poor, and reforms to Virginia's adoption and foster care laws. He was the Democratic leader in the House of Delegates from 2011 to 2018. Prior to serving in the state legislature, he served 12 years on Charlottesville's City Council, including a stint as Mayor.

David continues to write and comment upon state issues, both in Virginia and around the nation, through his blog, "**Why States Matter**", articles, and books. [*Fighting Political Gridlock: How States Shape Our Nation And Our Lives*](#) (University of Virginia Press, Sept, 2021) discusses how state politics and policies play a critical role in our lives and how they shape the nation. His recent book on two decades in Virginia politics, [*Bellwether: Virginia's Political Transformation, 2006-2020*](#), with Foreword by U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, has just been published by Hamilton Books.



2022 Annual Business Meeting – May 12, 2022 - Agenda

Following the presentation by our guest speaker, we will hold the Annual Business Meeting. Members will receive by mail the Annual Packet with the “Business Meeting Action Agenda” Below here is the agenda that members will vote on:

Business Meeting Action Agenda – On May 12, 2022, Membership Votes on:

- Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023 (see insert in the Annual Packet).
- Proposed Local Program for 2022-23 (see page 2 of the Annual Packet). Local Positions may be found on our website, lwv-cva.org (use the Drop Down menu “Explore the League” and click on “Advocacy” then scroll down to “Local Positions.”)
- Proposed Slate of new LWV CVA Officers, Directors, and Committee Members:

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

President: Meg Heubeck

Secretary: Carolyn Fitzpatrick

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

Two 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

Biographies submitted: *The following biographies were submitted by those members listed on the proposed slate of new LWV CVA Officers, Directors, and Committee members.*

Meg Heubeck: Meg Heubeck is originally from Baltimore, MD. She graduated from Randolph-Macon in 1990 and received an M.A. from Towson University in 1992 in urban education. After teaching high school and middle school for twelve years she came to the University of Virginia’s *Center for Politics* to work with the Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) in 2004. In 2013 she received her M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from UVA. Currently, Meg serves as the Director of Instruction at UVA’s *Center for Politics*. In this role she is responsible for providing educational materials for the Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI), and the Global Perspectives on Democracy Programs (GPD). This includes creating educational materials, managing simulations and lead-in instruction in leadership and civic engagement for teachers, youth and international visitors.

Meg has been nominated for President, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024.

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Carolyn Fitzpatrick: Carolyn has been a teaching assistant with Albemarle County Public schools for the last two years. Her previous job was as an educator at the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, there for almost nine years. Carolyn has been active with several non-profit organizations, such as the Jack Jouett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Youth Orchestras of Central Virginia, Girl Scouts and the FISH program (Friends in School Helping). Education is key for her in so many ways, so she joined the League with the hope of garnering a better understanding of our election process, state and local government, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in this democratic system of government. **Carolyn has been nominated for re-election as Secretary, July 1, 2022 – June 20, 2024.**

Michele Kellermann: Michele was born and grew up in Philadelphia, attending public schools there. She obtained her BA from UCLA in 1963, and her MA in Reading from West Virginia University in 1977. From 1971 to 1979, she was a Language Arts Teacher for grades 6-8 in the Green Bank (West Virginia) School; and from 1979-96 she was a Charlottesville City Schools middle school reading teacher. Upon retirement from teaching in 1996, Mrs. Kellermann joined the LWV of Charlottesville/Albemarle, and participated as Education Director from 1997-2006. During this period, she chaired the statewide study on school choice (2001-03). From 2006 to the present, she has been the newsletter editor and webmaster for the LWV CVA. **Michele has been nominated for Newsletter Editor/Webmaster, July 1, 2022 – June 20, 2024.**

Beth Kariel: Beth grew up in Bethesda, Maryland. She was an English major at Earlham College and later got a Masters of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University. Beth's "vocation" has centered around working with young children. She has been a Montessori teacher, a home child care provider, a swimming instructor and a social worker, employed by Children, Youth and Family Services and Region Ten. Beth has done various volunteer work and joined the League of Women Voters in 2018. Beth has lived in Charlottesville for thirty-five years and she and her husband, David, have two grown children. Beth is now retired and enjoys outdoor activities, teaching preschoolers one morning a week, spending time with family and traveling to Hawaii to visit relatives annually. **Beth has been nominated for Membership director, July 1, 2022 – June 20, 2024.**

Evette Carto-Barton: Evette Carto-Barton is currently a Postmistress at Free Union (VA) Post Office and an employee with the United States Postal Service with 30 plus years of service. Her passion for fairness has always been her life's mission, and that's why she has been a member of LWV for many years. She enjoys being engaged in conversation with people she meets each day, advocating for neglected and abused children with the Piedmont CASA organization, and being a lifelong learner as she pursues a doctorate in Education. Her degrees in Education with an emphasis on Leadership and Sociology show her real fight for equity and justice for underserved communities and populations. Being a lifelong voter from the age of eighteen has played an essential role for her as she encourages others to participate in the democracy of standing up for voters in the election process. **Evette has been nominated for Treasurer, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023,** to complete the unfinished term of the present treasurer.

Pat Cochran: Pat Cochran is now serving her second two-year term as our LWV CVA president. Her career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist spanning more than 40 years included many venues of participation in teaching and research in the field of anesthesia and afforded her a birds-eye view of the ever evolving roles of women in medicine. As LWV CVA president, she has championed voter registration, and brought to our League administration her enthusiastic embrace of up-to-the-minute technological and social media innovations. This foresight enabled us to continue with our League services during the pandemic with many zoom meetings, Vote411, etc., all initiated by Pat's willingness to try new tech applications. Without her leadership during these past years, we would most certainly have floundered. **Pat has been nominated to chair the 2022-23 Nominating Committee.**

LWV-VA Council! Join Us Without Leaving Home

Joan Porte, First Vice President, LWV-VA

We are virtual again on Saturday, June 4, for the LWV-VA Council. While we miss being able to see one another in person, this format affords more accessibility for members. In addition to our business segment, we have an update from all four groups working on our program studies. This is a great opportunity to learn how these studies are progressing and ask questions of our hard-working program teams.

Our keynote speaker is Kelly Thomasson, former Secretary of the Commonwealth. We look forward to her insights into our current state of affairs. Two training sessions follow the keynote. Jes Davis, LWV Virginia Board Secretary and Assistant Director for Leadership and Civic Engagement for VT Engage at Virginia Tech, will conduct a leadership training program. Dorothy Heffron of RelectUS, will give tips on how we can encourage more women to run for office and join commissions. The action starts at 9 a.m. The fee is \$25. [RSVP](#) today!

2022 LWV-US National Convention: “Women Power Democracy” June 23 through June 26, Denver, Colorado

The biennial national gathering of *The League of Women Voters* will take place June 23 through June 26, 2022, in Denver, Colorado. Attendance at the Convention is an excellent way to learn about the League and participate as a “voting delegate” in its decision-making process or simply attend as an “observer.”

This year the Convention will be offered as “in-person” or “virtual”. Our League is entitled to **three voting delegates** (based on LWV CVA total membership of 137). We heartily urge long-time members and members new to our League to attend and represent our League! LWV CVA has a set amount of funds budgeted to support the registration fees as well as hotel and air flight.

If you are interested in this outstanding member event, please contact LWV CVA President Pat Cochran, email: patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com. She will be delighted to send you the registration information for attending in person or virtually. **Registration deadline is June 6.**

LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Report by Muriel Grim

Albemarle Comprehensive Plan update – What's happening in May?

Here's a quick look at planners' tasks and citizens' participation related to working on the plan update during May, 2022.

For detailed information see the county website: <https://engage.albemarle.org/ac44>

For an excellent summary and background see Piedmont Environmental Council web site: https://www.pecva.org/region/albemarle-charlottesville-region/shaping-albemarles-next-20-years/?fbclid=IwAR1BYRpgRzIE_43SkepOi_pfUFFrd4Equq7uzJeFQkAnaZkgrBa4UeiYugLs

It's time for **Phase 1: Plan for Growth**

Objectives:

Review, evaluate, and update the Growth Management Policy through the lenses of equity, climate action, and capacity projections

Align Comprehensive Plan Vision & Values with Albemarle County's updated Values

Growth Management policy

Starting - end of April

What will staff do?

- Look at existing conditions and future growth projections for the County; this includes doing updated capacity analysis to estimate the potential for the existing Development Areas to accommodate the demand for housing and business growth
- Listen to community priorities and lived experiences under the current Growth Management Policy

Next steps:

- Explore different policy options for managing growth in the County; listen to feedback from community on preferred option(s)
- Present recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, which will make the final decision on the updated Policy

How can citizens get involved? <https://engage.albemarle.org/ac44>

- In May, there will be several pop ups throughout the County (times and places listed at <https://engage.albemarle.org/ac44>)
- There will be an online questionnaire available beginning at the end of April https://engage.albemarle.org/ac44-growth-management/survey_tools/plan-for-growth-current-policy
- They can sign up to receive AC44 project updates and upcoming events https://engage.albemarle.org/ac44/news_feed/ac44-march2022-update for news about the update process
- They can email the project team at ac44@albemarle.org with questions and comments
- Starting May 12 2022 there will be Virtual Office Hours

Zoom link: TBD Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm; AC44 Comp Plan team will be available to share information about the County's current growth management policy, growth management policy history, and how growth management affects the community; community members can share their experiences and input on what an updated growth management policy should prioritize.

LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Government Committee Meeting Report

By Gerry Kruger

All eyes were on Anne Linden, who has devoted much of her life to people of Ukraine, when the International Relations/Federal Government Committee met on April 20th in Marge Cox's home. Anne founded *Ukraine Works, Ltd.* to prevent fetal alcohol disorders in Ukraine and has kept in touch with her Ukrainian friends throughout the war with Russia. She's also raised and sent money for humanitarian assistance there. It was difficult for her Ukrainian friends to get the funds, however. Before one friend could arrive at the bank, the sirens warned everyone to go back inside and take cover. Finally she was able to go to the bank and get the money.

Marge gave our first in-person report in two years. She researched overall health care in high income countries according to the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development). She found that the US has the highest spending per capita and lowest overall performance in health care outcomes.

Each country had different approaches to health care. They were assessed in five areas:

1. Access to Care
2. Care Process
3. Administrative Efficiency
4. Equity
5. Health Care Outcomes

The overall best scores went to Norway, the Netherlands, and Australia. Although the United States touts the highest cancer survival rates and advanced medical research, there is a huge income gap when it comes to preventable mortalities and infant mortalities. The US is also last in administrative efficiency. US citizens and Canadians were most likely to go to the emergency room where treatment is extremely expensive.

Future reports will cover the other countries assessed by the OECD. On **May 25**, we will meet in Lois Sandy's home. Join us as Lois reports on Canada's health care.



Founder's Day at Monticello, Wednesday, April 13. It was a lovely opportunity to register voters and share what our local LWV is all about! It was a BEAUTIFUL Day! Pictured are: (left to right) LWV CVA members, Lisa Hilgartner, Pat Cochran, and Susan Roberts.

LWV CVA Electoral Board Observer Corps Report

By Kerin Yates, Chair

Since the April 2022 *LWV CVA Newsletter* the Louisa Electoral Board has met twice, on March 28, 2022, and April 11, 2022. Karen Davenport attended both as LWV CVA observer. The Albemarle County Electoral Board met on March 31, 2022. Sue Lewis and Kerin Yates attended as LWV CVA observers.

In Louisa: It was announced that the relocation of the General Registrar's office is not expected to take place until the end of 2022. Mrs. Watkins, the General Registrar attended a three-day meeting at the Election Center, Atlanta, GA, to retain her General Registrar certification. In regard to Redistricting, Louisa's BOS approved the new lines. Precinct locations have been identified but not approved yet by the BOS. New Voter Cards will be mailed to Louisa residents. A "Triggering Events Review" was conducted and all requirements were met. (Think, if this happens, is there a procedure in place that we must follow and have we done so.) Legislative matters which follow were awaiting direction from ELECT (VA Election Board): Same day registration beginning in October, Pre-registration for 16 yr olds. Risk limiting audits. A June Primary will be held on June 21. Early voting will begin May 6. Approved and Draft Minutes of the Louisa County Electoral Board can be found at <https://www.louisacounty.com/694/Electoral-Board>

At the Albemarle Electoral Board: Purchase of "Easy-Vote" software was made. Electronic Pollbook Upgrade has been made. Aftermath of redistricting was discussed. By vote of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors no new precincts are needed. There will be a primary on June 21 but it involves only a few voters in Free Union.

Members of the Registrars offices and the Electoral Boards of both counties attended the Virginia Electoral Board Association Conference on March 18, 2022, at The Homestead. (This is probably true of Nelson, City of Charlottesville, and Greene, but no minutes were available for this newsletter.)



A Visit to Thank our Local Area Election Heroes! LWV CVA President Pat Cochran and Voter Services Director Susan Roberts along with Sue Lewis brought flowers and balloons to our local registrar offices in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. They were thrilled!

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

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Thurs. May 5, 10 am	LWV CVA "Children's Book Project Editing Meeting" - in-person meeting with consultant	Home of Gerry Kruger, 989 Allendale Dr. Charlottesville	For further information, contact Gerry Kruger email: gerrykruger@embarqmail.com
Thurs. May 12, 7 pm	LWV CVA Annual Meeting: Guest Speaker – David Toscano	Zoom Webinar	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873
Wed., May 25, 9:30 am	LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Govt Mtg.	Home of Lois Sandy, 1666 Franklin Dr., Charlottesville	For further information, contact Marge Cox, 434-245-5228
Sat. June 4, 9 am – 3 pm	LWV-VA Council	Virtual Meeting	To register, see page 6 of this newsletter.
Wed., June 15, 10 am to 2 pm	LWV CVA Board Retreat - 2022	Greencroft Club	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873
Thurs. June 23 – Sun June 26	LWV US National Convention	Hybrid meeting	See page 6 of this newsletter for information.

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