October 2022 "eVoter"

October LWV CVA Community Dialogue:

"Meet the League!"

Sunday, October 16, 2022 - 2 to 4 pm Central Library - Market St Charlottesville

Calling all members: Past, Present, and Future! Come out and connect with the 2022 Charlottesville Area League of Women Voters at our "Meet the League" Community Dialogue on October 16. Learn about our voter services activities, program issues for the League year, and express your ideas for improving civic engagement in our area. The LWV CVA Community Dialogue on Sunday, October 16, from 2 to 4 pm, is an in-person meeting at Central Library, Market Street. Charlottesville. Parking is available at the Market Street garage. Bring a friend! We hope to see you there.

LWV CVA Voter Registration Drives are set for October!

Our hard-working and enthusiastic LWV CVA Voter Services Director, Susan D. Roberts, writes

Here are the scheduled October voter registration events:

Oct 5 (Wed) - **University Village**, 3 pm until 5 pm.

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Oct 15 (Sat) - La Flor Michoacana Ice Cream Shop on Cherry Ave. across from Tonsler Park from 5 to 7 pm. Still need one more volunteer--preferably Spanish speaking, but not required--volunteer SOON! Please contact Susan D. Roberts, <a href="mailto:emailt

A big thank-you to all those who have volunteered to assist in 2022 LWV CVA voter registration events: Evette Barton, Audrey Dannenburg, Beth Alley, Maggie Hoover, Frances Schutz, Carolyn Fitzgerald, Ellie Syverud, Nancy Bonner, Carol Cutler, Susan Seidler, Sue Lewis, Kerin Yates and Lisa Hilgartner.

LWV CVA Community Engagement Committee October News

By Lisa Hilgartner, Shirley Payne and Gerry Kruger

The Community Engagement Team has been working with the Voter Services Committee to engage our area members and residents on all things voting!

In September we spread the word through public service announcements and event calendar postings for our September Community Dialogue "Getting the Real Deal." *The Daily Progress* published (free of charge) <u>our half-page "DP Cares" ad</u> in two separate editions, September 19 and 24. The ad was devoted to the upcoming November 8 general elections. Packed with information on how and where to register to vote, as well as voting by mail or in person, along with who's on the ballots, noting that Greene County was now in the 7th district and Louisa was now in the 5th district for House of Representative races.

The LWV CVA "Facts for Voters" brochures for Greene County and Louisa County were added to the ones we had published for Nelson and Fluvanna. The latter two were updated to reflect new election rules that went into effect on July 1, 2022. Many thanks to Frances Schutz who started this ball rolling for Fluvanna's. Lisa used Frances's template to create the Nelson, Louisa, and Greene brochures. Kudos to Diane Inman for distributing the Greene County brochures in a multitude of public places, and to Anita Pilling for volunteering to do the same in Louisa County. Frances and Lisa have done the same in Fluvanna and Nelson, respectively.

If you are interested in helping to share our messages and mission with the voting public, consider joining us. Contact Lisa Hilgartner at 434-466-9960.

From Beth Kariel, LWV CVA Child Care Director -

The **LWV-VA Child Care Issue Group** presented its report of their child care study on Thursday, September 22. You can watch the presentation on YouTube and also read the study documents, which will be posted on the LWV-VA website. All local leagues

will need to respond to the study, including answering the consensus questions. Here's the YouTube link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i92bfuX8uFo&ab_channel=LeagueofWomen VotersofVirginia

A big THANK YOU to the League members who have supported me along the way of the child care study. It has been a lot of work and a lot of learning for me and most importantly, we are coming closer to our goal of advocating with an updated state child care position! Questions,

comments? Email: bethkariel9@gmail.com



"That's Not Fair!" by Gerry Kruger

Free copies of the the LWV CVA activity coloring book, **That's Not Fair!** are being distributed in local schools by author/League member Gerry Kruger. Photos below were taken at the Venable School PTO event. Available online at <u>amazon.com</u> for \$7.99.



LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Government News

By Gerry Kruger

Susan Roberts' home was the site of the September 21, 2022, in-person meeting of the International Relations/Federal Government Committee. We welcomed Flora Patterson Erickson, who faithfully served and led our League for many years before moving to Utah with her new husband who also joined us. Rice Wagner began the meeting by suggesting that we invite the entire LWV-CVA membership to a holiday social. We discussed holding it on December 14 in the home of Anita Pilling. Next, Anita continued leading our discussion of David Toscano's book *Fighting Political Gridlock*. By the end of our meeting, we had finished chapters four to ten. Topics of discussion were:

- 1. The influence of culture, age, gender race, geography, class, and population size on politics.
- 2. The value of having a bipartisan Board of Elections in our state and local elections to avoid questions of partisanship.
- 3. Alternatives to prison sentences for nonviolent crimes.
- 4. The damage to children caused by imprisoning mothers.
- 5. Should former prisoners be allowed to vote if they can't afford to pay their fines?
- 6. Pros and cons of unions.
- 7. Social workers and psychologists in schools.

- 8. Health care and the importance of having an individual mandate.
- 9. Virginia's judges being appointed by legislators rather than elected.

We plan to complete our discussion of this book at our **Wednesday**, **October 19 meeting (10 am to noon)** in which abortion, guns, and immigration should lead to lively banter. In addition to this discussion, we will review and discuss an article in *The Economist* (September 3-9, 2022, page 16) entitled, "The Dis-United States of America." **The meeting will be hosted by Molly O'Brien, 250 West Main St (#602).** Directions to Molly's: Lewis and Clark Building--off South Street (downtown Charlottesville). Visitor parking available or park in the downtown parking garages one block away. For more information, call Molly at 434-245-9806.

Join us! For more information about the IR/FG committee, contact Rice Wagner, 386-527-5392.

LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee News

By Muriel Grim, Chair

We are preparing to host the Monday noon November 14 Community Dialogue, *Growth Plans ... Growth Pains?* At this virtual meeting our speakers will describe how and why we developed the existing growth management concepts, how successful we have been in achieving the desired goals, and what well managed growth would look like in the future.

Next NRC meeting will be virtual - Tuesday, October 18, at 1 pm.

For more information about the Albemarle Comprehensive Plan, contact Muriel Grim, email: msgrim2012@gmail.com

Have you renewed your League of Women Voters Membership? Our membership year is based on the League's fiscal year, so your <u>DUES WERE DUE July</u> 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."

2022-23 Member Handbooks were mailed in August. Be sure to let us know of any changes to your email or mailing address and/or phone number! You can do this by email: lwv@lwv-cva.org. Or enclose the update with your check. New Member? Be sure to download the Application Form available on our website: lwv-cva.org by clicking on "Join the League/Renew Your Membership" under the "Explore the League" dropdown menu.

Welcome New Member! Please add to our 2022-23 Member Roster:

Linda L. Hanson 106 Wilson Ct. Charlottesville, VA 22901

Home phone - 434- 978-4489
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Thank you for being/becoming a member of the League of Women Voters!

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

LWV CVA Calendar of Events for October - Mark your Calendars!

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LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - Zoom link will be sent. October 19 - 1 to 3 pm.

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