

November/December 2022 "eVoter"

November LWV CVA Community Dialogue:

"Growth Plans...Growth Pains"

Presented by the LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee

Monday, November 14, 2022 - Noon

At this virtual meeting panelists will discuss how and why existing growth management strategies were developed, what they have accomplished, and how they might be modified.

Virtual Meeting! Register here with

Eventbrite

For more information about this event and the Natural Resources Committee, contact Muriel Grim, [email: msgrim2012@gmail.com](mailto:msgrim2012@gmail.com)

LWV CVA Program Planning set for Saturday, December 3!

In-Person Meeting: Saturday, December 3, 2022

10 am – Noon

Central Library, Market Street, Charlottesville

followed by LWV-VA "Money in Politics" presentation

1 pm to 2 pm

What is "Program Planning"? Program Planning happens annually at the local League level. It is the time when we consider the positions taken by our League on the local and state or national levels. Our positions give the League a voice and are

the result of an established process: the LWV takes action on an issue or advocates for a cause when there is an existing League position that supports the issue or speaks to the cause. **Without a position, League action/advocacy cannot be taken. This is what your League of Women Voters is all about and Program Planning is your opportunity to weigh in.**

For 2022-23, we will study **Local and State League positions** in preparation for our May 2023 *LWV CVA Annual Meeting* as well as the June 3-4 LWV-VA convention. Do we wish

- to retain current positions;
- to act on them; and/or
- begin new studies with the goal of establishing consensus and positions for action on other issues?

To prepare for our 2022 meeting, check out our **Local Program: Positioned for Action** as described in the *LWV CVA 2022-2023 Member Handbook* [yellow cover]. On pages 16 -21, you will find “Action” items on: **Government, Natural Resources, and Social Policy**. (These positions can also be found on our website: lwv-cva.org under the pull-down menu, “Explore the League” – Advocacy, then click on “Local.”) LWV CVA Vice-President Carol Cutler recommends that you read the Program section (pages 16-21) of the *LWV CVA 2022-23 Member Handbook* **before** you come to the meeting.

Similarly, review the **LWV-VA state positions on Government** (current study: Campaign Finance Reform): Delegation of Power, Election Laws, Fiscal Policy, Reapportionment and Redistricting, Transportation, Women’s Rights in Virginia Law; **Natural Resources** (current study: Environmental Justice) Air Quality, Extractive Industries: Hydraulic Fracturing, Land Use, Water Supply and Distribution; and **Social Policy** (current studies: Child Care, Education Equity) Adult Domestic Violence, Adult Justice, Affordable Housing, Child Care, Children at Risk, Education, Juvenile Justice, Behavioral Health, [Civil] Rights of Felons in Virginia, Offender Re-entry. These positions can be found on the lwv-va.org website by clicking on the drop-down menu “Positions and Advocacy.” Carolyn Caywood, LWV-VA Program Planning director, asks us to consider “how each position has, or has not, aided advocacy in the last two years. What has changed since the position was approved and is the position broad enough to cover the new circumstances?” Two goals to keep in mind: this is how we keep our positions up-to-date and member-driven, and afterward members should be more familiar with the positions. We will send in our responses by Feb 28, 2023.

For more information about Program Planning, contact Carol Cuter, email:
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Please Note: After our Program Planning meeting on December 3, we will have a lunch break and then we will watch the LWV-VA "Money in Politics" presentation, beginning at 1 pm. All members are encouraged to stay to watch the "Money in Politics" presentation by the state league study group. We will watch the presentation so that we can answer their consensus questions. Each local league is requested to answer consensus questions for state studies.

LWV-VA Child Care Study Report and Consensus Meeting

From Beth Kariel, LWV CVA Child Care Committee Chair

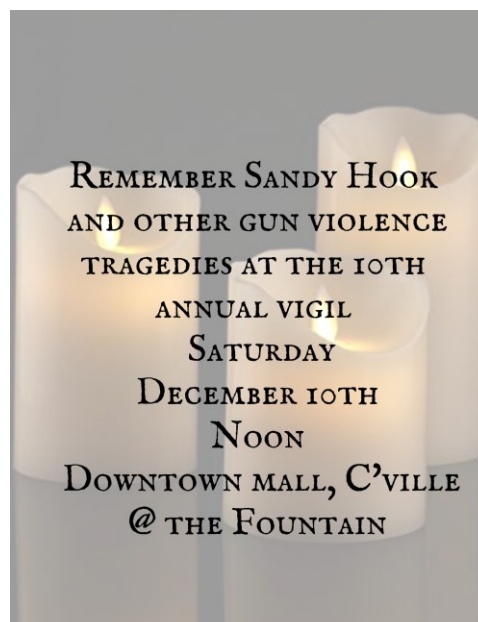
There will be a meeting at Beth Kariel's home, 2607 Jefferson Park Circle, Charlottesville, on **Sunday, November 13 from 2 to 4 pm**. We will review the **LWV-VA Child Care Study Report** and answer the consensus questions. All local Leagues are supposed to answer the consensus questions for all state studies. Please let Beth know whether you will be attending the meeting or sending her your answers to the consensus questions. Prior to the meeting, please read the Final Study Report, provided in the links below.

For the recorded briefing • Child Care Consensus Questions • Synthesis of Stakeholder Interviews • Glossary and Acronym List • Initial Literature Review

Click on [Final Study Report](#) • [Child Care Study Presentation](#)

Or click on the [YouTube video of the Child Care Study Presentation](#).

Questions, comments? Email: bethkariel9@gmail.com



For more information concerning the vigil, contact LWV CVA Gun Violence Prevention Directors, **Beth Alley** ([email:beth.alley@gmail.com](mailto:beth.alley@gmail.com)) or **Maggie Hoover** ([email:maggie.hoover@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.hoover@gmail.com))

LWV CVA Voter Services Report

By Susan D. Roberts, LWV CVA Voter Services Director

A big thank you to all those who helped with the voter registration drives during the months of September and October. All who volunteered did so quickly and willingly. I am so impressed by their enthusiasm and energy to help our community. Some were very knowledgeable about voting issues, but I really respect and appreciate those who were inexperienced yet ready and unafraid to learn. Here is a list of our workers and it's a pretty good list for a small League like ours! (I hope I haven't inadvertently left anyone out; let me know if I have.) Thank you! Thank you!

Frances Schutz, Evette Barton, Audrey Dannenberg, Beth Alley, Maggie Hoover, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Ellie Syverud, Carol Cutler, Susan Seidler, Sally Thomas, Kim Harris, Diane Skalak, Sue Lewis, Marilyn Keller, Kerin Yates, Gerry Kruger, Stephanie Lowenhaupt.

Kudos to Kerin Yates who lugged our enormous canvas banner (that used to be hung across Market Street in downtown Charlottesville during the weeks before November elections) to the "Ting Pavilion" where Kirby Hutto (Pavilion General Manager) and Brooks Meade (Pavilion Operations Manager) oversaw its placement in the Pavilion for all on the Downtown Mall to see! They were glad to keep up the "tradition on letting our banner and its important message fly in Charlottesville."



LWV CVA Health Care Committee Report

By Stephanie Lowenhaupt, LWV CVA Health Care Director

The Committee continues to meet and work on identifying key health care issues pertaining to access and equity in the Charlottesville Area that we can advocate for, educate, and inform. The plans for 2023 include tracking bills introduced in the Virginia General Assembly Session in January that pertain to health care equity and access. As we follow the bills through the process the health care committee will follow up as indicated and keep you informed.

Our proposed action statement to be discussed at our December 3 Program Planning meeting-

Action: Monitor and take action to support efforts to improve access to affordable, quality health care and health equity in the Charlottesville area under the LWVUS position on health care reform, with a particular focus on disparities affecting vulnerable populations; partner with other local organizations and coalitions to identify needs and develop strategies to address them.

For information about the Health Care Committee, contact StephanieLowenhaupt, email: slowenhaupt@gmail.com

From Stephanie Lowenhaupt: "Protect Our Democracy Day"

Students from the University of Virginia and Community Members gathered on October 22 to listen to speakers and have a conversation regarding threats to our democracy. Featured speakers included Sally Hudson (Virginia House of Delegates District 57), Erik Curren (Living Historian), William Hitchcock (History Professor at UVA) and David Pepper (author of "Laboratories of Autocracy"). All spoke about threats to our democracy currently and from a historic perspective. The main action people can take is to go vote. Democracy is not a spectator's sport. After the panel discussion, there was time for all attendees to share their thoughts about democracy in today's world and ways to engage student as well as local groups in a coordinated manner to work toward protecting our democracy. Our local League was a sponsor of this event. There was an opportunity to engage with participants to tell them about our local League. Some students and community members were not aware of what we do so it was a great time to let them know.

LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Government News

By Gerry Kruger

Prior to the October 19, 2022, International Relations/Federal Government Committee meeting, Rice Wagner emailed our members an article from the Economist entitled “The Disunited States.” It concerned the federal gridlock resulting from the courts giving the states more power to make their own laws regarding abortion, immigration, gun control, education, and voting rights. The article stated that partisanship and the culture war issues seem more important to many politicians and voters today than fair representation. Because 37 of 50 states have one party control in the House, Senate, and Governor, there is less incentive to compromise, more entrenchment, extremism, and divergence of views. Led by Anita Pilling, our members discussed some of these issues in conjunction with the final three chapters of David Toscano’s book, ***Fighting Political Gridlock***, at our meeting in the home of Lois Sandy. Abortion, guns, and immigration generated some of the following comments:

ABORTION

- Less than 1% of abortions occur after 20 weeks, but this has become a contentious issue in the US.
- 13 states have banned abortion since the Supreme Court reversed the Roe decision.
- Some medical procedures done for a variety of gynecological issues would now in many cases be considered an abortion with negative consequences.
- Abortions done without medical care can have serious consequences for the woman and her family.
- Imposing religious definitions of when life begins is a separation of church and state issue.
- Some political candidates and voters blindly adhere to abortion as if it were the only basis for choosing a candidate in the next election. Vega vs. Spanberger in the 7th District is an example of this.

GUN VIOLENCE

- It’s more acceptable and less contentious to discuss guns in terms of gun

safety rather than gun control.

- Virginia has red flag laws but in resistance to this measure some communities have designated themselves “gun sanctuaries.”
- Lowering the age to obtain guns is problematic because neuroscience has shown that the human brain doesn’t develop fully until age 21; thus, the capacity to discern consequences of actions may not be in place.
- 23 states now have open carry which increases the danger of guns being used if disagreements arise.
- Some groups are giving away free gun locks.
- It’s important to ask candidates what their stance is on this issue.

Join us! For more information about the IR/FG committee, contact Rice Wagner, 386-527-5392. **See below for holiday get-together--all League members invited!**

LWV CVA Holiday Get-together! Wednesday, December 14, 10 am to 1 pm, at the home of Anita Pilling, 120 West Street, Louisa. Please RSVP to Anita Pilling, 936-662-5744, or email: anitapilling.ap@gmail.com. Include what you would like to bring. Questions, comments? Contact Rice Wagner: 386-527-5392. [See next page for “Invitation”!]



**THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS—CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA**

CORDIALLY INVITES ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS to

A covered dish holiday get together...

DATE DECEMBER 14TH (2nd Wednesday)

TIME 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

ADDRESS 120 West Street, Louisa, VA

PLEASE RSVP to

ANITA PILLING

936-662-5744

anitapilling.ap@gmail.com

Also please include what you would like to bring.
(drinks will be furnished)

Have you renewed your League of Women Voters

Membership? Our membership year is based on the League's fiscal year, so your **DUES WERE 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, lww-cva.org, open the dropdown menu "Explore the League" and click on "Join the League/Renew Your Membership."

Delinquent dues letters were mailed in October! PLEASE RESPOND with payment by returning the enclosed envelope in the mailing. Be sure to let us know of any changes to your email or mailing address and/or phone number!

New Member? Be sure to download the Application Form available on our website: lww-cva.org by clicking on "Join the League/Renew Your Membership" under the "Explore the League" drop-down menu.

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

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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 November/December -

Mark your Calendars!

Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day!

Find your polling place: go to Vote411.org

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LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - Zoom link and agenda will be sent. November 16 - 1 to 3 pm.

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