April 2023 "eVoter" UPDATE

Mark your calendar to join us in person!

Saturday, April 15, 2-4 pm at Northside Library Hear a presentation on the Restudy of the LWV CVA Local Position on Health and Family Life Education and Health Services in Area Public Schools

In 2021, the members of the League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area approved a restudy of the local position on *Health and Family Life Education and Health Services* to "assess how behavioral health matters are handled in the schools; training for school personnel in recognizing crisis behavior; and the adequacy of the FLE curriculum to address positive coping skills, resilience and suicide prevention." Several members expressed concern regarding youth violence, bullying and other aggressive action; suicide and selfharm; and depression and anxiety as the reason for the restudy.

Mimi Bender, Carol Cutler, and Carolyn Fitzpatrick have collaborated on this **two-year study** that was initiated by our League as part of the Local Program Planning in 2021. Now the final report of their thorough delving into these issues is ready to be presented to membership. **Join us on Saturday, April 15, 2 - 4 pm at Northside Library to:**

- Learn about behavioral health issues facing youth and programs and services in local schools to address the students' needs and help them become emotionally healthy and strong as children, teens and adults
- Join the discussion of the proposed updated position to support the efforts of schools for effective programs and services

To read the report, <u>click here</u>.

Join us for this important presentation on Saturday, April 15, 2 - 4 pm at Northside Library! Questions, comments? Contact Carol Cutler, email: gertrude3@icloud.com

2023 LWV CVA Annual Meeting - First Announcement Thursday, May 11, 7 pm Zoom event! The 2023 LWV CVA Annual Meeting will be a virtual (zoom) event on Thursday, May 11, 7 pm, with guest speaker **Denise Harrington, LWV-VA Director, Advocacy,** who will enlighten us with a review of legislation passed in the 2023 Virginia General Assembly and the League's advocacy role. Following her presentation, we will hold the 2023 Annual Business Meeting. Look for the *Annual Packet* to be mailed to members at least two weeks before the May 11 meeting. A separate email will be forthcoming with the zoom link to this important member meeting.

Questions, comments, email: Meg Heubeck, mfh2n@virginia.edu

LWV CVA Calendar of Events for April 2023 - Mark your Calendars!

"The Future of Albemarle County" - An Interactive Session by zoom on <u>Tues</u> <u>April 11, 7 - 8:30 pm.</u> You may register here: <u>https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details</u>

Founder's Day at Monticello - Community Partner Tent - Thursday, April 13, 9 - noon. For more information, contact Lisa Hilgartner, email: lisamezzo@gmail.com

LWV CVA Local Study "Health and Family Life Education and Health Services in Area Public Schools" Update Meeting - In-person meeting on <u>Saturday, April</u> <u>15, 2 - 4 pm</u> at Northside Library. <u>Click here</u> to access the study pdf. For more information, contact Carol Cutler, email: <u>gertrude3@icloud.com</u>

<u>LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting</u> - In-person (and zoom) meeting at Northside Library on <u>Wednesday, April 19, 3 - 5 pm.</u> Agenda and Link forthcoming from President Meg Heubeck.

<u>LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Gov't Meeting</u> - In-person meetings on the third Thursday of the month at Northside Library at noon. April meeting: Thursday, April 20, noon. For more information, contact Rice Wagner, email: <u>ricew123@icloud.com</u>

<u>LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting</u> - Zoom meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 11 am. For more information, contact Linda Goodling, email: <u>linniecg740@gmail.com</u>

<u>Coming in May - LWV CVA Annual Meeting</u> - Zoom meeting on Thursday, May **11, 7 pm.** Annual Meeting packets will be mailed to members two weeks before the meeting.

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