

# May 2023 "eVoter"

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**2023 LWV CVA Annual Meeting**  
**With Guest Speaker, Denise Harrington,**  
LWV-VA Director of Advocacy  
*Mark your calendars!*

**Zoom Meeting: Save this email!**  
**On Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7 pm click on**

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*[Should you have any difficulty joining the zoom at 7 pm May 11, contact President Meg Heubeck by email: [mfh2n@virginia.edu](mailto:mfh2n@virginia.edu) ]*

**Guest Speaker:** We are pleased to have Denise Harrington, Director of Advocacy for the state League, as our keynote speaker. Denise will enlighten us with the High Stakes General Assembly Session 2023! [Click here to read her bio and experience with advocacy.](#)

Following her presentation, we will hold the *2023 Annual Business Meeting*. Members should receive by mail the Annual Meeting Packet with the "Business Meeting Action Agenda" that members will vote on.

**Business Meeting Action Agenda – On May 11, 2023, Membership Votes on:**

[Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.](#) [Click here](#) for the proposed budget.

[Proposed Local Program for 2023-24.](#) Local Positions may be found on our website, [lww-cva.org](http://lww-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, 2023 – June 30, 2025:**

**Vice-President:** Katie Angioletti

**Treasurer:** Susan Mark

**Two Elected Directors (2 years) July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025:**

**Community Engagement:** Lisa Hilgartner

**Voter Services:** Susan D. Roberts

## [Nominating Committee \(1 year\) – July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024:](#)

**Anita Pilling, Kerin Yates**

## [Mary Stamps White Committee \(3 years\) – July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026:](#)

**Sally Thomas**

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

### **Vice-President: Katie Angioletti**

Katie recently relocated to Charlottesville from Northern California where she lived for over 25 years. A graduate of the University of Richmond, Katie has appreciated a return to the beauty of Central Virginia. Katie's career in Washington, DC and California focused on event planning and development for government agencies, lobbying firms, and non-profits. While raising her two children, Katie served on various boards related to educational equity and teaching innovation. Katie is excited to engage with the local community and the League in all areas related to local, state and national politics with the focus on encouraging others to participate in the democratic process.

### **Treasurer: Susan Mark**

I grew up mostly on Long Island NY, went to school at Barnard College and Wheaton College in Norton Mass. Received an MS in biology from UC San Diego, and MD from George Washington University Medical School; residency in internal medicine at University of New Mexico. Practiced in several places, longest in Oregon, most recently in Minneapolis before I retired. Minnesota proved too much for me, and I moved to very welcoming Charlottesville last year. I've always considered education and informed voting the most important facets of a democracy, and have been more and more discouraged over the last years, hence my involvement with the League of Women Voters.

### **Community Engagement Director: Lisa Hilgartner**

Lisa joined the League when she found this group highly committed to fight for the ratification of the Equal Rights amendment. Believing that her strengths were in communication she felt she could best help the League by serving on the Community Engagement Committee. She led a team to make a large display at the Northside library for the League's 100th birthday and the next year did the same for our local league's 75th birthday. She assumed the role of Director of Community Engagement two years ago and has worked as a team with her Community Engagement partners. She has a Masters Degree in Teaching and until retiring in 2014 was an elementary school teacher in Albemarle County for 20 years. Prior to that she worked as a Claims Representative for the Social Security Administration for 18 years, 15 of which were in Charlottesville. Lisa and her husband Nick Hundley moved to Albemarle County from NYC in 1977 and have lived in Batesville ever since.

### **Voter Services Director: Susan Roberts**

I joined the League about 2004. I had been interested for a long time, but didn't think I had time. When my last child was in high school, I finally did it. I have served as our local League secretary and as membership chair. I have been active in community affairs for quite a while mostly in schools. I have been on several county school committees. I have been a PTA president and volunteered quite often at my children's schools. I have also led children's, teens', and women's groups for my church along with being community liaison. I am so glad to be a member of LWV CVA because of the good work we do and the many wonderful and interesting people I have met. I am also grateful for all I have learned by being a member and enjoy my role as Voter Services Director. I look forward to my second term as Voter Services Director.

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## **International Relations/Federal Government News by Gerry Kruger**

The International Relations/ Federal Government Committee met on April 20, 2023, at Northside Library to continue our study of *Impact on Issues* IR topics published by the League of Women Voters. Rice Wagner, our Chair, had asked that two people be ready to lead a discussion on "The United Nations and Trade". Those present were Rice, Anita Pilling, Jean Minehart, Carol Cutler,

Kathy Sudduth, Elaine Longerbeam, Diane Skalak, and Gerry Kruger.

Jean Minehart began our discussion of the League's positions on trade. The League supports free trade. Jean said most economists support it also. Anita Piling quoted the renowned Scottish economist Adam Smith of the late 1700's. He insisted that free trade doesn't mean no government involvement. Different commodities need protection at different times, which means government must step in when necessary.

The Trans Atlantic Trade Agreement was negotiated by President Obama and Hillary Clinton without Congress. Then it was replaced by the Trump administration. Since Congress has authority to adopt trade laws, Anita thinks it's a mistake to exclude members of Congress from both political parties when trade agreements are made.

Anita also led our discussion of the United Nations. There are currently 193 members of the UN and two observer states—The Vatican or Holy See and Palestine. Observers aren't allowed to vote or present on the floor.

Immigration and climate change are huge UN issues—issues that money alone cannot solve. Giving money to programs that strive to develop poor countries by building roads or sending workers and their families to where workers are needed is far superior to using military power to bring about change.

The League believes in enhancing the role of the UN in developing countries by supporting sound management of their natural resources, protecting human rights, stimulating economic growth, and improving quality of life. Development programs should be long-range, adequately financed, and effectively coordinated and administered.

Some members have tried to promote set prices for some commodities such as copper. This could lead to lower costs which again would help the poor. The US did not support this measure.

#### **Other measures to reduce tensions among countries:**

- The Fulbright Program offers international educational and cultural exchange programs that allow students to obtain graduate degrees in foreign countries. This program enhances human development in undeveloped countries.
- Reduced "tie in" aid. For example, giving aid only to countries that approve abortion.
- Reduction and suspension of debt if fiscal responsibility is shown
- Active participation by private companies, who can receive tax credits for their support
- Joint ventures between countries, such as hiring and training local people
- Encouraging citizens to invest in undeveloped countries

The League believes wealthy countries are responsible to countries that have suffered from pollution that we created.

Once again, our meeting sparked lively discussion and increased our knowledge of the League's stances. **We encourage our members to join us for our next meeting on May 25 at noon at Northside Library.**

**On Wednesday June 21, we will meet at noon in the home of Diane Skalak in Crozet. Her address is 1880 Browns Gap Turnpike, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Her phone no. is 914-584-3005.** Those attending may contribute to a light lunch if they wish. There was interest in continuing to meet during July and August, but arrangements are not complete for those months.

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## **LWV CVA Calendar of Events for May 2023 - Mark your Calendars!**

**LWV CVA Annual Meeting - Zoom meeting on **Thursday, May 11, 7 pm.** Annual Meeting packets will be mailed to members two weeks before the meeting. **See this eVoter above for link.****

**LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - In-person (and zoom) meeting at Northside Library on **Wednesday, May 17, 3 - 5 pm.** Agenda and Link forthcoming from President Meg Heubeck.**

**LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Gov't Meeting - In-person meetings at Northside Library at noon. May meeting: **Thursday, May 25, noon.** For more information, contact Rice Wagner, email: [ricew123@icloud.com](mailto:ricew123@icloud.com)**

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