
LWV CVA August eVoter

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August 2023 "eVoter"

"Healthy Streets, Healthy People"

Community Wide Event held on July 8

On July 8th our local league participated in a community wide event, *Healthy Streets Healthy People*. A free family-friendly event that focused on improving safety and environmental health in the Charlottesville area. There was an opportunity to learn how attendees could help make Charlottesville a healthier place to live. The event was hosted by Well AWARE (Neighborhood Healthcare Advocates) and Move2HealthEquity.

There were over 40 exhibitors such as UVA Health, Blue Ridge Health District, Emergency Medical Services, Free Clinic, Local Food Pantries, Moms Demand Action, Piedmont Environmental Council. The League was one of the exhibitors providing information about gun safety, giving out gun safety locks and did a raffle for a biometric gun safe. In addition, we did voter registration and recruited two new members.

It was a hot humid day but well worth being there! Thanks to everyone who organized and helped **Maggie Hoover, Beth Alley, Stephanie Lowenhaupt, Susan Roberts, Judy Freeman, Kim Harris, Sally Montgomery, Bobbie Williams, Gerry Kruger. Kerin Yates.**





LWV CVA Community Engagement Report

by Lisa Hilgartner, Community Engagement Director

LWV CVA President **Meg Heubeck** along with League members **Kim Harris** and **Lisa Hilgartner** were at the Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello on July 4th. Monticello Foundation considers our local League as a Non-Profit partner who promotes active engagement in citizenship.



"Ranked Choice Voting" in the City of Charlottesville

If you are a city resident and you support "Ranked Choice Voting", please attend the City Council Meeting on Monday, August 7 at 6:30 pm. RCV is on the agenda for this meeting and all supporters are encouraged to attend. If you wish, you can bring signs or posters. This topic is endorsed by the League. Contact Susan Roberts for more details. Email: susanrofva@aol.com

**A Note from Beth Kariel, LWV CVA Membership Director:
Join us for some informal study!**

For members who are around this summer, come join us for some informal study and discussion over lunch at Panera Bread, 5th St. Station, Wegmans shopping center. The focus of our study and discussion is our bylaws. Our first two meetings were in July and our second two are on August 2 and August 9, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Here's a link to our bylaws. All are welcome.

<https://835608.a2cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/LWV-CVA-By-Laws-May-2018.pdf>

For more information contact Beth Kariel, Membership Chair. 434-964-6238

Electoral Board Observers Corps

Report by Kerin Yates, LWV CVA chair

The **LWV CVA Electoral Board Observers Corps** with Kerin Yates, chair, observes and reports on electoral board meetings in our League area. **Kerin Yates covers Albemarle County; Lisa Hilgartner - Nelson County; Sue Lewis - City of Charlottesville; and Karen Davenport - Louisa County.**

In general, the discussions/actions of the May, June, July meetings of the electoral boards we observe can be summed up as (1) covering resources, (2) training, and (3) planning. Louisa used a new opportunity for the June primary: summer interns. Louisa's EB provided basic induction prior to accompanying Electoral Board members on their appointed rounds on primary day. See the following link for details of the program: <https://cyberinnovation.virginia.edu/va-cyber-navigator-internship-program>

Other notes from the various Board meetings include:

- Albemarle's Electoral Board handled 129 provisional ballots from the June 20 primary. Review took about four hours. Only two were rejected. Charlottesville processed 79 provisional ballots for the June Primary and approved 74 of them.
- Reappointed as General Registrar and Director of Elections for four years (7/1/23 to 6/30/27) are Albemarle: Lauren Eddy; Greene: Jennifer Lewis-Fowler
- The Charlottesville Electoral Board will present a report to Charlottesville City Council on August 21 on implementing Ranked Choice Voting in the city.

League members are reminded that the electoral boards do not create policy. Their task is to implement policy created by the state. The LWV CVA Corps welcomes Carol Cutler who has volunteered to cover Fluvanna. We would welcome a member to volunteer to cover Greene. You do not have to live in the county to do that. Contact Kerin Yates email: kerinyates@hotmail.com

2023-24 LWV CVA Member Dues ARE DUE!

It's that time of year again – time to renew your League membership! With your support, we continue to have an impact in our community. An email was sent in June to remind you to renew your membership-- if you have already done so, THANK YOU! If you have not already done so, please renew your membership today! We continue to hold our dues at \$65 annually for individuals, \$90 for households, and free to students who are at least half time. Pay by check--mail to LWV, PO Box 2786, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Or go online to the LWV CVA website and pay with paypal or a credit card at <https://www.lwv-cva.org/home-5/join-the-league/>

2023-24 LWV CVA Board Members Meet in Annual Retreat on June 15 at The Greencroft Club



Front row - left to right: Susan Mark (Treasurer), Beth Alley (Gun Violence Prevention co-chair), Maggie Hoover (Gun Violence Prevention co-chair), Susan Roberts (Voter Services), Lisa Hilgartner (Community Engagement), Carol Cutler (Vice-President, retiring), Michele Kellermann (eVoter editor/webmaster), Evette Barton (DEI Director)

Back row - left to right: Rice Wagner (International Relations/Federal Government chair), Meg Heubeck (President), Beth Kariel (Membership Director), Katie Angioletti (Vice-President) Carolyn Fitzpatrick (Secretary), Kerin Yates (Electoral Board Observer Corps chair), Stephanie Lowenhaupt (Health Care Director)

***Save the Date!* Democracy Day is September 16th (Constitutional Day is Sept 17th) - A Non Partisan Event**

Free Speech Wall -- Charlottesville Downtown Mall 2-4 PM

Speeches - "What Makes Democracy Work? "

Music by local musicians.

More details will be provided once the program is fully developed.

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

Informal Study Meetings with Beth Kariel - Wednesdays, August 2 and/or August 9, 11:30 - 12:30. Wegman's Panera Bread. For more information, contact Beth Kariel, email: bethkariel9@gmail.com

City Council of Charlottesville - Meeting on Ranked Choice Voting - Monday, August 7, 6:30 pm. Contact Susan Roberts for more details.
Email: susanrofva@aol.com

LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - Northside Library on Wednesday, August 16, 3 - 5 pm. Also available by zoom - contact Meg Heubeck for link - email: mfh2n@virginia.edu

Women's Equality Day - Saturday, August 26!

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