

January 2024 "eVoter"

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Virginia Vigil & Advocacy Day to Prevent Gun Violence

Monday, January 15, 2024



JOIN the Virginia Center for Public Safety, its partners, and our Virginia Community as we honor the memory and teachings of a great civil rights leader who was killed by gun fire. We will also honor the lives of all Virginians killed by gun violence and invite you to commit to reducing gun violence by raising your voice for responsible gun laws.

Monday, Jan. 15th, 2–5pm

Virginia State Capitol

2–3pm Vigil at the Bell Tower

3–5pm Advocacy at the New General Assembly Building



THE VIRGINIA CENTER
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
Independence from Gun Violence

For questions, please contact us at
info@vacps.org or 757-423-8801

Please mark your calendars!

League members, families, and friends are all invited as we join other Charlottesville Gun Violence Prevention groups for the **Annual Martin Luther King Vigil on January 15th in Richmond.**

There is no charge for the bus that will take us to and from the vigil.

The bus will leave at noon from Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2200 Angus Road in Charlottesville and return around 5 PM.

This is a great opportunity to share the day with like-minded people, hear inspirational and moving speeches, and along with others, meet your legislators.

For bus sign up go to: [Bus tickets/ ride to Richmond for Martin Luther King Day](#)

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Beth Alley and Maggie Hoover hope many of you can attend.

Women's Legislative Round Table (WLRT) Jan.10th 2nd WLRT -Jan.17th

Learn about what is happening in the first part of the 2024 General Assembly Session. There will be sessions every week while the GA is in session you can register for now.

For more information and to register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-legislative-round-tables-2024-tickets-766396561747?aff=erelexpmlt>

Both are hybrid sessions- In person in Richmond or Online

Register on the link above now for these Round Table Sessions

LWV-CVA LOCAL NEWS



In Memory of Michele Kellermann

Michele passed away on December 26th, 2023 in Charlottesville after succumbing to Leukemia. She had been a longtime member of our local League serving as webmaster and newsletter editor that evolved into the eVoter. She worked through many changes in technology and we could always count on her to keep us informed and up to date on League issues and events. She was a mentor to many of us, a kind and generous helper. She will be greatly missed.

For more information click on the link below:

<https://centralvirginiaobits.com/obituary/michele-kellermann/>

Happy New Year from the Editor

by Lisa Hilgartner

Try Something New!

This year expand your commitment to the League if you can.

Consider these:

In January:

- **Our Annual Fund Drive**-Money raised helps to support our LWV-CVA exclusively. Consider giving.
 - **Gun Violence Prevention Rally in Richmond**- bus ride will get you there. Hop on and get involved.
 - **International Relations, Health, and Natural Resource Committee**meet monthly.
- Sit in on a committee you've not been on before or return to. You may want to join.
- **Women's Legislative Round Table-WLRT (weekly events)**Learn the goals of the new General Assembly - in person and via zoom

Electoral Board Observer-Consider sitting in on Electoral Board meetings in your county or an adjoining county to get to know how that county operates its elections.

Become an Election Official-technically not a League job but many league members do this. Contact your local registrar for details NOW! Early voting starts Jan 19th for the Mar.5th Presidential Primary.

In February

- **Advocacy (Program)Planning** – On February 3rd, LWV-CVA members meet to talk about what we in our local League advocate as spelled out in our handbook and also look at 4 US positions. This gives you a chance to weigh in on what the League is all about.
 - **Community Dialogue** on Ranked Choice Voting Women's - Learn why LWV supports this method :
 - **League Day -Feb.7th** in Richmond. Sit in on a WLRT (see January) and meet your General Assembly representative. Get a chance to see how our General Assembly operates..
 - **International Relations, Health, and Natural Resource Committee**meet.
- Women's Legislative Round Table-WLRT (weekly events)**See details below.



WE NEED YOU!

Wanted: Content writer and editor for our LWVCVA.org website.

Needed: A desire to use your technical and writing skills to help our League provide the facts, tools and information needed to its members and the public.

Technical requirements: A knowledge of Word Press -our editing software .

This can be done remotely. Do it when you can and where you can.

Contact : Lisa Hilgartner at lisamezzo@gmail.com for more details.

Wanted: Observer of the Greene County Electoral Board

Sit and observe Electoral Board meeting for about 1 hour per month for 7-8 months during the year.

Email: kerinyates@hotmail.com

Committee News

December Gathering of GVP Committee

League members joined the **Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention for the**

annual vigil to remember Sandy Hook and the victims of other mass gun murders. The vigil was held on December 9 at the Downtown Mall.



International Relations/Federal Gov't Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 24th - noon to 2 pm at Northside Library.

This committee does a deep dive into topical issues you will find fascinating. The topic continues to be will be a meeting on **Israel**. You may want to check out

My Promised Land by Ari Sharvit as an excellent source of factual information on Israel.

For more information about the IR/FG committee, contact Rice Wagner, email:

ricew123@icloud.com.

Health care Task Force

From January- March, the task force will be following and advocating for legislative bills introduced in the upcoming General Assembly session that relate to Health Care access and equity that are in line with the LWV National Position.

If interested in joining our statewide task force: email slowenhaupt@gmail.com

We would love to have you join us. Stephanie Lowenhaupt



2024 Annual Fund Drive for LWV-CVA

Letters will be sent out to members and donors from past donation drives to ask for your financial help. All funds go to our local League. Please be on the lookout for this letter and consider making a donation.

Annual Advocacy Planning 2024

"Where Do We in Our Local League Stand?"

Each local League in the US meets every year between January and mid March to decide on each of our local program's positions for action on advocacy of issues that we want to focus on in the coming year. This year we also are asked to weigh in on 4 positions on advocacy that our LWVUS has decided to focus on at the national level. It's the one time each year members come together to make decisions on where we stand.

**Advocacy Planning Meeting will be held at the
Northside Library
Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm**

Positions for Action can be found on pp.16-23 of your 2023-2024 Member Handbook.

This is a great way to engage with other members in the vital workings of the LWV-CVA.

More detailed information will follow later this month.

Questions? Contact Katie Angioletti at katieangioletti@gmail.com

Update your LWV CVA 2023-24 Handbook:

Welcome New Student Members!

From the League of Women Voters Club at Western Albemarle High School:

Mallory Smith, Caroline Grist, and Eleanor Buchanan

LWV CVA Calendar of Events for January & February 2024 - Mark your Calendars!

Annual Martin Luther King Gun Violence Prevention Vigil in Richmond **Monday, January 15, 2 to 3 and 3-5 PM**

LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - January 17th from 3 to 5 Northside Library Meeting Room -Hybrid session.

Link will be sent out by mid January

contact Meg Heubeck for more information - email: mfh2n@virginia.edu

Natural Resources Committee Meeting for January

Contact Linda Goodling linniecg740@gmail.com

International Relations/Federal Govt - Meeting - Northside Library on **Wednesday January 24th , noon to 2 pm.**

Questions: contact Rice Wagner 386-527-5392 at rice123@icloud.com

Advocacy Planning Meeting- Where Do We Stand?

Saturday ,February 3rd, 10-1 at Northside Library

Contact Katie Angioletti for details katieangioletti@gmail.com

Community Dialogue - Ranked Choice Voting

February 18th in the Swanson room at the Central Library from 2-4. Liz

Wise of Up Vote Virginia will be our guest speaker. For more details

contact Susan Roberts at susanrofva@aol.com

League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area

President: Meg Heubeck

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Visit our website: lww-cva.org



The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We are committed to applying the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of our operations and activities. We support governmental policies that apply these principles in addressing the social, environmental and economic problems in our communities.



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