

March 2024 "eVoter"



Virginians Vote on Super Tuesday, March 5th

Our banner is unfurled at the Ting Pavillion on the Downtown Mall
Thanks to Ting Pavillion and Brookes Meade for allowing us to put up this banner on the Downtown Mall. Thanks Kerin Yates for making it happen.

The 2024 Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 5th at your local precinct ! Those in line at 7 PM can still vote. ID is required with or without a photo.

It is the last time a voter can choose from a variety of candidates, both Republican and Democrat for their choice as the party nominee for US President. Although the front runners are predicted to win ,all other candidates on the ballot have not dropped out of the race in Virginia. Some have just stopped their national campaigns. **No matter who wins, the percentage shows a clear message to that there may be voters who do not prefer the front runner. That's an "every vote counts" message that is sent and received.** If you or anyone you know is a citizen 18 or older by November 5th of this year, voter registration can be done at the precinct on Election Day.

For your voter status and precinct go to Vote411.org.

Celebrate Women's History Month

March is Women's History month. It's the month dedicated to reflect on the accomplishment of Women. The March newsletters that were emailed to you from LWVUS and LWVVA provided you with the history of how Women's History Month came about and how the League came to be.

For our LWV-CVA take the time to read our own League's history found on p.9 of the 2023-2024 Member Handbook.

Please share what you know of our local league and spread the word of who we are and what we do to friends and family.

LWV of Virginia Presents a Special Screening of the Documentary
“Invisible Warriors: African American Women and World War II”

March 20, 2024 - 7 PM. Cost is \$5.00 to defray expenses.

<https://LWVVAInvisibleWarriors.eventbrite.com>



LWV-CVA Annual Fund Drive is Underway

LWV-CVA's Annual Fund Drive is in full swing. Letters have gone out to all current members, some past members, and donors who have given within the last few years. **All donations made this year are tax deductible.**

The following members have contributed:

Anne Geraty, Susan Seidler, Marge Cox, Harriet Schley, Flora Patterson, Debbie and David Garth, Carol Hogg, Kerin Yates, Diane Inman, Sue Rainey, Betty Phelan, Dena Imlay, Peppy Linden, Cherry Blair Bourke, Joan Jay, Becky Bartness, Gerry Kruger, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Anita Pilling, Susan Roberts, Jean Minehart, , Shela Scott, Marry Steele, Sue Friedman, Beth Alley, Rosalie Simari, Carol Cutler, Lisa Hilgartner, Maggie Hoover, Sharon Beeler, and Shirley Payne.

For others whose donations are in the mail we thank you. If you have yet to donate, please consider doing so. Whether small gift or large each is deeply appreciated to keep our League operating effectively with our goal to inform, educate, and advocate for voters.

Maggie Hoover and Beth Alley have taken on the task of mailing requests for donations and sending Thank you Notes to those who contribute. Thanks to you both!

*The celebration of Michele Kellermann's life will take place on
March 23, 2024 at 2PM
at Greencroft Club ,575 Rodes Drive,
Charlottesville 22903
All LWV CVA members are welcome to attend.*



NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DEADLINE MARCH 15

It is that time again! Our LWV-CVA Board elections take place at our annual meeting in May and your nominating committee urges you to consider putting forth suggestions of members to serve on the 2024-2025 Board. Perhaps yourself!!

As of the publishing of this March eVoter we will be electing two officers: president and secretary for two year terms and two directors for two year terms, one member to the Mary Stamps White Committee for a three year term, and two members for the 2024-2025 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee also creates a list of recommendations for the newly elected Board to appoint Appointed Directors and Committees. For suggestions or questions please contact Nominating Committee Chair, Kerin Yates, at 434 964 1840, or email: kerinyates@hotmail.com.

Deadline for suggestions: March 15, 2024.

Nominating Committee: Kerin Yates, Susan D. Roberts, Anita Pilling

League Day Revisited 2024 was on February 7th.

League members from all over the state met in person for a Women's Legislative Round Table with speakers, both from the General Assembly and from partner organizations including Chris Piper, the Virginia Public Access Project, Senator Russet Perry (District 31), Megan Ryne, Virginia Coalition For Open Government, Jamie Lockhart, Planned Parenthood, Matthew Schweich, National Popular Vote, and Lexi White, ReproRising, all of whom spoke about their issue.

Meg Heubeck, Susan Roberts, Evette Barton, Beth Kariel, Donna Yobs, Stephanie Lowenhaupt and Lisa Hilgartner spent the day meeting, listening to, and legislators and speakers. Later, our members sat in on the General Assembly floor meeting where the LWVVA was recognized by Senator Barbara A Favola as a valuable group of dedicated citizens who work to help all the citizens of Virginia by advocating for laws that protect their rights to vote and work to help the lives of all the people in the Commonwealth. Before heading home our members met with Legislative assistants for Creigh Deeds, Amy Laufer, Katrina Callsen (Albemarle/Charlottesville), Tim Griffin (Nelson), and Ellen Campbell (Waynesboro) giving them information on bills the League of Women Voters support and advocate for and making sure that our voices will be heard whenever we seek their help





Committee News



Gun Violence Prevention Committee along with the Coalition for Gun Safety traveled to Richmond on January 15th to meet under the bell near the General assembly building with other GVP supporters from all over the state to raise awareness for the importance on Gun Safety GS members and the public.

If you want to learn more or participate in upcoming events contact Maggie Hoover at maggie.hoover@gamil.com or Beth Alley at beth.alley@gmail.com for more information.

Voter Services

Ranked Choice Voting Came to Charlottesville on February 18th, 2024

Voter Services Committee Director, Susan Roberts, hosted a Community Dialogue on Ranked Choice Voting at the Central Library's Swanson Room. Liz White, the executive Director of Up Vote Virginia spoke on the benefits of using Ranked Choice Voting as a way of finding the overall favored candidate, a fairer and more satisfying way to choose a winner where 3 or more candidates are on the ballot. It elevates the need for a run off election, saving time and tax dollars.

To learn more about Ranked Choice Voting and its benefits go to. UpVoteVA.org



International Relations/Federal Gov't Report by Rice Wagner

On February 28th the IR Committee met with an in depth discussion on **Hungary, its Prime Minister, Viktor Orban**, and the history leading up to his rise to power. Hungary is considered an autocratic democracy now. Guest speaker for this event was Lillian Connor who was born in Hungary and left for the US with her parents when she was 8 months old. She is currently writing a book about her parent's life in Hungary.

April's meeting topic will be review of the General Assembly's work during the last session. The next meeting will be March 27th at Northside Library from 1 to 3 pm. All members are welcome to attend and join in to lively discussions.

For more information about the IR/FG committee, contact Rice Wagner, email: ricew123@icloud.com.

Community Engagement Lisa Hilgartner

International Discussion on the US Electoral Process

at the Center for Politics

Our president ,Meg Heubeck, working in conjunction with the International Visitor Leadership Program and the Center for Politics at UVA led a discussion on **The U.S. Electoral Process ,An Inter-Regional Project for the Indo-Pacific and South and Central Asia**

with visitors who were invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program.

International Guests included:

Mr. Jaydee NOMISASA from **Australia**

Vice President, Solomon Islands Wantoks Association of New South Wales

Ms. Nasreen SULTANA, Bangladesh

Politician and Human Rights Activist, Amar Bangladesh Party

Mr. Mutchu MITHI India

Member, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly

Ms. Palak Vasantkumar VERMA India

Municipal Councilor, Anand Municipality

Ms. Yi Zhen WU Taiwan

Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Asst., Office of Legislator Chao Tien-lin **Mr.**

Ruchapong CHAMJIRACHAIKUL Thailand

Political Specialist, Internet Law Reform Dialogue

League members Lisa Hilgartner, Stephanie Lowenhaupt and Beth Kariel joined Meg Heubeck in a discussion with the group . They talked about voting , health care and about the League of Women Voters. Each one came away with a greater understanding of each other's voting system.



Update your LWV-CVA Handbook

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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LWV CVA Calendar of Events for March 2024 - **Mark your Calendars!**

March 5th Primary Election Day for President of US (both parties) at your assigned precinct. .

League of Women Voters of Virginia Legislation Pre-Session - Virtual - Wednesday, March 6- 8:30AM to 10:30 AM

Gun Violence Prevention Committee -contact Beth.alley@gmail.com

LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - March 20th at Gordon Avenue Library Meeting Room 3- 5 pm
contact Meg Heubeck mfh2n@virginia.edu

Natural Resources Committee Meeting, Tuesday March 26th at 1:30 via ZOOM.
Contact Linda Goodling linniecg740@gmail.com

International Relations/Federal Govt - Meeting - Northside Library on Wednesday March 27th , 1 to 3 pm
Questions: contact Rice Wagner 386-527-5392 at rice123@icloud.com

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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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