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November 2024 "eVoter"

A Time for Consensus

Staying current with our public policy positions on issues that affect us all is an essential element of our mission .

Our State League Committee has focused a study for the last two years on

The Inalienable Right to Vote

This is part of Representative Government under Voting Rights. Now that the study is completed each local League is required to hold a consensus meeting and where we weigh in through responses to Consensus questions after reading, digesting, and understanding the material presented in the study.

Date: Saturday, November 16th

Where: The Center at Belvedere

Time: 11am-2 pm

Each member has received a copy of the study: The Inalienable

Right to Vote that was emailed to you on October 18th.
Please participate if you are able. It is rewarding to be a part of
being a member.

Light Refreshments will be served.



Hoos come out to register
voters on UVA Grounds

and we helped!

Thanks to Gwedette Crummie, Roger Williams, and Sue Lewis.



Evette Barton , our DEI ,Chair at Piedmont Community College Election Expo on October 23rd.



These ads were on every CAT Bus on each route for the last 2 months!

Save These Dates!

December 4th Pre session for the General Assembly Women's Legislative Roundtable is from 9-1pm.

[Register Here](#)

December 14th Meet Our General Assembly Reps Laufer, Carlsen, and Deeds at Crozet Library's Meeting Room from 2-4pm.

Committee News

Voter Services by Kim Harris

Voter Services has officially wrapped up an extremely busy volunteer season. I wanted to thank you all again for your support over these past few months - together we all worked at over 16 events, handed out hundreds of buttons, magnets, information sheets, and voter applications, and reached parts of our greater community that we had not been to before!

I'd also like to give a special shout-out to our social media person, Jessica Harris, who has done a fabulous job getting important information out on Instagram and Facebook in a timely manner these past few months. She's extended our reach significantly - other leagues across the country have been sharing our posts with their own members!!

As we look forward, I'd like to focus on continuing outreach to other local organizations to build a solid network of folks we can work with on the important issues facing our communities. I will also see how we can help educate voters about Ranked Choice Voting in Charlottesville since it arrives in 2025! So, if you'd like to help our committee as we continue to grow our outreach, please let me know. We meet via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 pm. I can send you the link!

Kim Harris
Voter Services

Gun Violence Prevention by Meg Heubeck

The GVP Committee met on October 28th via Zoom to discuss the upcoming "Peace Up, Guns Down" event being held in Charlottesville on Saturday from 9-4. Lois Sandy and Meg Heubeck will be representing the league at the event but anyone who would like to attend, feel free.

9am Filming of "Juvenile Five Stories" at Violet Crown

11am Panel discussion with Film makers

12pm Gathering at Jefferson School for Procession to Cherry Ave. Boys and Girls Club (Distributing posters to tape in car windows for those participating in the procession)

12:30 CGVPC and LWV will be setting up tables.

1pm Lunch in gym and exhibits will open. We are raffling a gun safe at

2pm. Meg will give the announcements.

3pm- Clean up

We are also discussing:

Plans for MLK Day Rally- Getting a bus with CGVPC

Domestic Violence Month- Social Media posts, other ideas

Our Monthly meeting will be November 19th, the fourth Monday of the month, at 3pm via Zoom. Contact Meg Heubeck for more information.

Natural Resources by Linda Goodling

AC44, the updated version of the 2015 Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan, was again the main topic of the October NRC meeting. This Plan will guide the County's next 20 years of action on development, preservation, housing, transportation and climate change resilience, among many other features of life in Albemarle.

Linda Goodling, Sally Thomas and Peggy Gilges attended the AC44 "Check-in" meeting at the County office building on October 30. This was primarily a presentation by county staff on the Growth Management plan, followed by a brief Q&A opportunity and break out session showing a draft future land use map and map of 30 proposed activity centers located in the designated development areas. We will continue to monitor AC44 as draft chapters are revealed, and make LWV aware of any of our concerns, as well as opportunities for public engagement. In the meantime, you can learn more about the details of AC44 [here](#).

We also discussed the removal of acres of tree cover on Old Ivy Road for a new housing development, and the fact that the County's Climate Action Plan depends upon maintaining forests and open space to sequester carbon, reduce the impact of greenhouse gas emissions, protect our fresh water resources and prevent flooding.

We are also in the process of planning our February Community Dialogue on the problems of plastic pollution and ways to reduce use of plastics.

NRC will meet Monday, November 26th at 4:00 pm at the Piedmont Environmental Council office.

IR FG News October 2024

By Gerry Kruger

The International/Federal Government committee met on October 9, 2024 to discuss the weaknesses in our election system. Present were **Chair, Rice Wagner**, Anita Pilling, Kathy Sudduth, Carol Cutler, Miriam Fleitman, Diane Slazak, Gerry Kruger, and Linda Smith. Thanks to **Lois Sandy**, who hosted us at Linden House.

Anita Pilling began our discussion by stating the weaknesses in our election system are the result of three factors: the Electoral College; states running the elections, which the Constitution requires; and the long, drawn-out process that allows for all manner of obstruction and delay.

The Electoral College encourages candidates to focus narrowly on a few states where the outcome is uncertain. This year they are, Arizona, Nevada, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. Most states have a “winner-takes-all” policy. Maine and Nebraska allow their votes to be split. Georgia and Pennsylvania have no rules to prevent “faithless” electors from opting for another candidate. As a result, some voters in other states don’t even vote thinking their votes don’t count. The only way to eliminate the Electoral College is with an amendment to the Constitution which requires a 2/3 vote in each house of Congress to enact and 3/4 of the state legislatures to approve. This is highly unlikely considering our divisive politics.

Election rules and deadlines are different in every state, but the Constitution states that “Congress May at times by Law make or alter such Regulations.” This has been done. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed to end Jim Crow Regulations in the South. It is no longer being enforced due to a Supreme Court decision in 2013. The Supreme Court ruled that certain states in the South no longer had to get approval for new voting laws that could make it harder for people to vote.

Anita also explained the rules and regulations governing Virginia’s elections. Numerous deadlines, procedures, and requirements must be followed before the governor certifies the results, which are transmitted to the President of the Senate, Kamala Harris. Each state having different rules lengthens and complicates our national elections.

Two books related to our studies are highly recommended: *Autocracy* by Anne Applebaum and *The Age of Revolution* by Eric Hobsbawm.

Our next meeting on November 13 will also be at Linden House at 10:30 am. Diane Slazek who is an attorney, will be leading our discussion on the Constitution. All are welcome to join us.

In Memoriam

Polly Deck, a long time active member, passed away in August 12..

LWV CVA Calendar of Events for November 2024

Mark your Calendars!

Nov. 12th at 5pm online **Voter Services meeting** . Contact Kim Harris for details.

November 14th LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - at Northside Avenue Library Meeting Room **5-7 pm**
Please note time change.

November 16th at The Center at Belvedere 11-2pm at Learning Ctr. A. **LWV-CVA Consensus Meeting** on The Inalienable Right to Vote.
Refreshments will be served.

November 19th at 3pm online. Gun Violence Prevention Committee,
Contact Meg Heubeck for details.

November 26th at 4pm Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Meets on Monday, Monday, at the Piedmont Environmental Council Office
.Contact Linda Goodling linniecg740@gmail.com for details.

Nov.13th from 10:30-12:30 **International Relations/Federal Government**
Meets at Linden House, 1250 Branchlands Dr., C'ville 22901. Contact Anita Pilling for more information at 936-662-5744 or anitapilling.ap@gmail.com

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