



# The Voter

League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County

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## Letter from the Co-Presidents

Dear Members,

In most years, summer is the time when as a League we take a well-deserved break from our usual busy routine. In most years, the planning and work for the annual meeting has been completed, fall programs have yet to begin, and very little is scheduled. This summer, however, has been very different from our typical summer.

At the request of the U.S. Citizens and Immigration Services Baltimore Field Office, many of our trained voter registrars have volunteered their time and talents at naturalization ceremonies to assist new citizens with registering to vote. Our registrars are finding this a rewarding experience, sharing the joy of new citizens as they take the first step to participate in the democracy of their adopted country.

Of course, as this is a General Election year, preparations for our customary election undertakings could not wait until after Labor Day. Our *Voters' Guide* is probably the effort most identified with our League and also the one most valued by the citizens

of our county. Publishing this guide requires substantial and timely work. Before it can be printed, pertinent questions on the issues must be prepared and sent to candidates for their comments. Their answers must be compiled and made ready for printing. While the guide is available at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org), many voters still ask for and rely on a paper edition.

For those who have been able to contribute to the Education Fund, please know how critical your donations are for paying the cost of printing the *Voters' Guide*.

This summer, we also initiated the League Connection (TLC), a monthly happy hour or coffee where members can meet and mingle in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

Finally, a reminder: the Congressional Candidates Forum for District 3 will take place October 26, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park. Please attend and bring your friends, family and neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Susan Elson and Niecy Chambers

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## Meet the LWVAAC Officers



### Niecey Chambers, Co-President

Niecey first joined the League in 1993 but her awareness of the League began at a very young age. Her grandmother, for whom she is named, was a lifelong social and political activist, and Niecey can still picture the LWV literature and signs that lined the office at her grandparents' house.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon (her father was a professor at the American University there), Niecey developed an early interest in languages, history and the Middle East. She majored in Ancient Studies at Smith College, studying Latin and Greek, and earned a masters degree at the American Graduate

School of International Management, where she gained a rudimentary knowledge of Arabic. Her business degree led her to a new language, computer-ese! She began working with technology at First City National Bank in Houston, Texas, and has endeavored to maintain a core competency throughout subsequent years of part-time and volunteer work.

Niecey and her husband Jim moved to Annapolis in 2004. They have three daughters and one grandson.



### Susan Elson, Co-President

Susan was born in Canada, grew up in Geneva, New York, and attended Cornell University for three years. At Cornell she majored in psychology, but ultimately she graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a degree in journalism. In 1981, after finishing University of Baltimore School of Law, she moved from Baltimore to Annapolis to take a job as a bill drafter for the Maryland General Assembly. She worked three sessions for the General Assembly, served as a judicial law clerk for the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County, and engaged in the private practice of law for a short time, before beginning a long career with the Maryland Secretary of State.

Shortly after retiring in 2010, Susan joined the LWVAAC. Soon she served on the Board of Directors, and in 2015 she became an LWVAAC Co-President. In addition to serving on the Board of the LWVAAC, Susan serves on the Board and is Legal Counsel to Partners in Care Maryland. This organization engages in services that help older citizens to stay in their homes. Like other volunteers for the organization, Susan provides rides for doctor appointments, grocery shopping, and other activities that improve the quality of life for seniors. She also volunteers in the "upscale, resale boutique" that helps sustain the organization.

Susan has one son, Rob, who lives in the District of Columbia and works as a writer for a large membership organization there. She enjoys movies, theater, reading, and traveling to spend time with her five sisters who live out-of-state.

## PLEASE HELP US WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce three new members to the LWVAAC. They all live in Annapolis:

***Mary Cleave, Frances Kushner, and Suzanne Pogell***

Please help us welcome all three to our upcoming events.



## Carol Sures, Secretary

Carol has been an LWV member for 47 years, 30 of which she has served on the LWVAAC Board. She touts herself as the “forever secretary,” however, she also is active in studies, voter services, and numerous other activities.

Carol served on the LWVMD Board for many years. She edited both the *Voter* and the *Report from State Circle*. With LWVMD President Joan Paik, Carol created the monthly *State Board Letter*. She also authored the League handbook, *Maryland Government: How It Works and How to Work It*. Never one to shy from hard work, Carol has led several studies, including one on Domestic Violence.

Carol currently is in her 7th year of serving on the Anne Arundel County Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board. After moving to Annapolis in 1986, Carol became a legislative aide to several delegates in the Maryland General Assembly. Previously, she initiated the National Transit Internship Program for the Federal Railroad Administration and became executive director. At Syracuse University, Carol majored in journalism and American Studies and became a feature writer for the Syracuse Post-Standard.

She has two daughters and two granddaughters. Her husband, Allan, is also a long-time LWVAAC member.



## Alfa B. Stevens, Treasurer

Alfa, who resides in Severn, joined our League soon after retirement from the National Security Agency where she worked for 31 years to become a senior manager. She began there in 1975 as a computer systems intern, a career change following two years of teaching math in the Chesapeake VA Public School System. Alfa graduated from Hampton University in Virginia.

Alfa credits her mother and grandmother for giving her confidence and teaching her independence and the value of education, family, and faith in God. For her, they modeled their strong belief that doing good and being kind to others is a wonderful legacy to leave. So Alfa has a passion for service to others and social justice for everyone. She says the League is a good fit.

In her leisure time, Alfa enjoys travel, flowers, music, art, theater, and relaxing by the water. She especially values time with family, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She likes solving crossword puzzles and Sudoku.

In addition to the LWVAAC, Alfa is Second Vice President of the North Arundel County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She is also the scholarship chairperson for the non-profit organization, A Tribute to Women of Color (ATWOC).



## TLC (League Connection) Happy Hour

Tuesday, September 20, 4-6 p.m.

Yellowfin Steak and Fish House,

2840 Solomons Island Rd., Edgewater

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!**





## LOCAL LEAGUE HAPPENINGS

### LWVAAC Board Meeting Highlights

#### Board Meeting, August 23, 2016

- **Nonpartisan Policy:** Amendments to the Nonpartisan Policy statement were approved and adopted. (See Nonpartisan Policy statement below.)
- **Membership:** LWVAAC currently has 41 new and renewed members, including three new and three household members.
  - TTLC:** Larrabee reported two membership happy hours had been held over the summer. They are known as the Third Thursday League Connection (TTLC). Four attended the first and 11 members attended the second.
  - Membership Development:** Five additional members, including two new members and another who plans to join, completed voter registrar training in August. We now have 21 members certified to register voters.
  - New Member Orientation Coffee:** A coffee will be scheduled in October.
  - Directory:** Membership directory will be prepared after the Sept. 30 renewal deadline.
- **Programs:** Siegel said two programs are planned.
  - Criminal Justice Reform:** AA County State's Attorney is scheduled to discuss recent reforms and their likely effect, Tuesday, September 20, 1-3 p.m.
  - Book Discussion:** For a January meeting Siegel suggested reading Bryan Stevenson's "Just Mercy" and Ta-Nehisi Coates' "Between the World and Me." Members may choose to read either or both.
- **Congressional Candidates' Forum:** Ciepiela announced our District 3 Congressional Candidates Forum will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 7-9 pm, at Woods Presbyterian Church.
- **Voter Registration:** Larrabee worked with LWVMD to provide voter registration services at the USCIS in Baltimore. LWVAAC will staff an all-day voter registration at the Glen Burnie Library on Tuesday, September 27, National Voter Registration Day. Dickerson will arrange voter registration at the Brooklyn Park Library which will include the PowerPoint on voting.
- **Annual Meeting:** The annual LWVAAC membership meeting will be on Saturday, May 6, 2017.
- **Fundraising:** A chairperson is needed for the fall fundraising campaign.
- **Legislative Priorities:** The Board recommended that redistricting reform remain our top legislative priority for 2017.

Carol Sures, Secretary

#### Nonpartisan Policy

The League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County is a nonpartisan organization. The League takes positions on issues but does not support or oppose political candidates or parties. League members may be active in the political parties they choose as long as they do not publicly represent the League. League representatives would include members who are officers and spokespersons, such as the League President and Chairs for Voter Services, the *Voters' Guide*, Candidate Forums, and Action. The President of the League shall not display publicly his/her party affiliation. Members involved in any voter service activity or candidate forum shall not indicate their party affiliation by what they say or by any insignia. Members of the Board, or any official League representative, shall not serve as campaign manager or treasurer for any political party.

(Adopted August 23, 2016)

### Meet New LWVAAC Member ... Fran Kushner

Frances joined the LWVAAC several months ago and wasted no time getting involved with voter services. She quickly made her way to the AA County Board of Elections to become a certified voter registrar and then volunteered for a number of LWVAAC voter registration drives. "Lifelong learning is very important to me, and I see my volunteer work as an offshoot of that," she says. Fran also is a mental health advocate with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Anne Arundel County and a member of the Anne Arundel Women Giving Together.

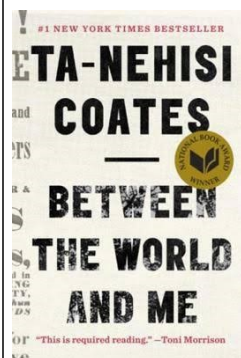
Originally from New York and later Connecticut, Fran graduated from University of Maryland University College with a business degree. After taking additional accounting courses at the Anne Arundel Community College, she passed the CPA exam in 1990. Her accounting career began in the Annapolis area where she worked part-time for local public accounting firms, while raising two sons. In 2005, Frances was hired as a staff accountant in the business office of St. John's College and retired from that position in August 2015. Since then, she has taught fall and spring sessions of NAMI's signature 12-week education program, Family-to-Family, which helps family members understand and support a family member living with a mental illness. She has also taken several credit and non-credit classes at the community college.



Frances met her future husband, Luke, in their senior year at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, Maryland. Fran and Luke relocated from the DC suburbs to Annapolis and have lived in the Bay Ridge community since 1986 where they currently reside with Skippy, their Golden Retriever. They enjoy traveling to the Bethany Beach area and to Connecticut to visit family.

### Books for Learning

At our Annual Membership Meeting, many expressed both their satisfaction with the meeting in which we discussed the book, *Give Us the Ballot*, and a desire to continue with such meetings. So,

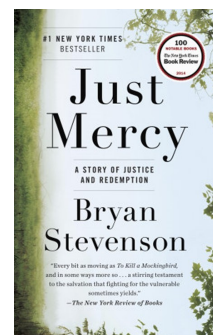


for our January meeting we have chosen two books for discussion: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

Coates' book is written as a letter to his teenaged son about the feelings, symbolism and realities associated with being black in America. Coates, who grew up in Baltimore, explains to his son the "racist violence that has been woven into American culture."

He shares stories of his experiences that led to his conclusions as to the truth about history and race.

Bryan Stevenson is a lawyer and social justice activist. After law school, he began representing poor clients in the South, first in Georgia, then in Alabama, where he co-founded the Equal Justice Institute. The book focuses mainly on that work and those clients. The narrative backbone of the book is the story of a black man, falsely accused of the murder of a young white woman, for which he spent six years on death row.



Both books are eye-openers. I can't say you will enjoy them, but you will begin to see the world from a different perspective. You can choose to read one or both books. They are both available at the library. The date, time and place of our January discussion will be announced later.

Myrna Siegel, Program Chair

## VOTER SERVICES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Your Vote Matters Campaign

Yolande Dickerson, Voter Services Chair, is organizing a campaign to call attention to the importance of voting. She asks members to submit suggestions of catchphrases that will motivate voters to go to the polls and VOTE (e.g. *Your Vote Matters—VOTE November 8*). She plans to post these on a variety of social media between now and election day. Send your ideas to [ydickerson2@gmail.com](mailto:y dickerson2@gmail.com).

### Paca House, July 4, 2016

On July 4, 2016, 24 candidates for citizenship participated in the naturalization ceremony at the historic home of William Paca, an Annapolis resident who signed the Declaration of Independence 240 years ago. LWVAAC volunteers Dawn O'Brien, Maryann Gosnell, and Mary-Lou McCutcheon assisted new citizens with voter registration. The registration followed an unprecedented patriotic naturalization ceremony, which included speakers, a children's' choir, the Annapolis Town Crier, a color guard, and many supportive friends and family.



Sandra Turner of Latvia (3rd from left) is accompanied by friends from her native country. She attends George Washington University.

(Photo by Kathy Larrabee)



Minata Sangare of Gaithersburg immigrated from the West African country Côte d'Ivoire about 13 years ago in order to receive a better education.

(Photo by Kathy Larrabee)



New citizens pledge allegiance to the American flag during their naturalization ceremony on July 4, 2016.

(Photo by Kathy Larrabee)





Dawn O'Brien (left) and Maryann Gosnell help new citizens register to vote.

(Photo by Kathy Larrabee)



Family supporter during citizenship ceremony, July 4, 2016.

(Photo by Kathy Larrabee)

## USCIS Voter Registration

For the past several months, the cadre of volunteer LWVAAC voter registrars, together with registrars from local Leagues in Baltimore, Howard, and Montgomery counties, have registered new citizens at the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service Baltimore Field Office. The registrations occur immediately after USCIS naturalization ceremonies, which usually take place twice each day for several weeks.

Ralph Watkins, the LWVMD Vice President responsible for Voter Services, launched the registration drive with a \$2,500 grant from the LWVUS to register new U.S. citizens. The grant supports "Welcome New Citizen" packets that provide information about elections in Maryland, explain the role of the League in publishing the *Voters' Guide* and other voter information, and include a postcard so that the new voters can request delivery of the *Voters' Guide* or a link to VOTE411.org when the site becomes active. Nearly 200 new voters were registered in one week in August. Volunteer registrars find the opportunity gratifying because the new citizens are eager to become part of the political process.

LWVAAC is grateful for the time and energy given to this effort by the following members: Kit Cahill, Mary Cleave, Maryann Gosnell, Fran Kushner, Kathy Larrabee, Rachael Lemberg, Joyce Martin, Mary-Lou McCutcheon, Nancy Pond, Alfa Stevens, Carol Sures, Mary Lou Symonds, and Gail Viamonte.



Carol Sures (left) assists new citizens at the USCIS Baltimore Field Office with their voter registration applications.

(Photo by Kathy Larrabee)





Immigrants supported by family and friends pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America during a naturalization ceremony at the USCIS Baltimore Field Office.

(Photo by Kathy Larrabee)

## “Day to Serve” at North County High School

Susan Elson represented the League and offered voter registration as part of the North County High School “Day to Serve,” which is an initiative of the Governor’s office that promotes local civic engagement. The event was held at the school on Wednesday, September 7, during lunch period. Susan reported there were 12 high school students registered and others took registration forms home.

## National Voter Registration Week

In recognition of National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) this year, the LWVAAC organized several events in recognition of this year’s National Voter Registration Day (NVRD). To kick off the week, LWVAAC volunteers will register voters and present the *Importance of Voting* slideshow at Brooklyn Park Library, Monday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On Sept.

27 (the official NVRD), the registration drive will continue at Glen Burnie Regional Library, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and at Anne Arundel Community College, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

In conjunction with the NVRD activities, our League’s September Board Meeting will be held at Glen Burnie Regional Library, September 27, 12 noon-2 p.m. Members are always welcome.

## A Voter Service Primer: Understanding Statewide Ballot Question #1

The 2016 Maryland general election ballot will ask voters to ratify a constitutional amendment passed by this year’s General Assembly. An explanation of the history, meaning, and pros and cons will be included in the *Voters’ Guide* for the November election. Ralph Watkins has prepared the following guide for local Leagues to review and discuss in advance.

### Origin of Ballot Question — This ballot question:

- 1) was proposed by the General Assembly at its 2016 session (HB 260) and received the approval of 3/5 of the members in and both the House and the Senate, which is required to propose an amendment to the Maryland constitution; and
- 2) because it is an amendment to the Maryland Constitution, it will not go into effect unless it is ratified by the voters. That is why it is on our ballot.



**The amendment has two parts** — The amendment:

- 1) imposes new requirements on the process for the Governor to appoint a replacement for the Attorney General or Comptroller; and
- 2) requires that a special election be held to fill the last two years in the term of Attorney General or Comptroller when the vacancy occurs before the filing deadline in the presidential election year.

**Non-Party Officials** — This amendment keeps the door open to an unaffiliated candidate filling one of these offices — it provides that if the official being replaced was not a member of a political party, the Governor may appoint any qualified individual. In that situation, the party committees would not play any role in the process of filling a vacancy. Up to this point, officials elected to these state-wide offices have always been members of one of the major parties. However, given the growing number of voters who choose not to affiliate with either party, this is an important aspect of the proposed amendment.

**Partisan Considerations** — Members may note that, in the current line-up of officials, this amendment would prevent the Republican Governor from appointing a Republican to fill an Attorney General or Comptroller vacancy when a Democrat was originally elected to that office. When the General Assembly voted on this issue:

- the House vote was 89-49 in favor, and all but 1 of the “Nay” votes were cast by Republicans;
- the Senate vote was 33-13 in favor, and all but 1 of the “Nay” votes were cast by Republicans.

Because this is a highly partisan issue, it is particularly important to encourage voters to consider the merits of this change in this process, keeping in mind that the partisan situation is only temporary — in the future, there may well be a Republican elected to one of these offices and Democrats might regret passing this change, which would block Democratic Governor from appointing a Democrat as a replacement if a vacancy occurred.

**Legislative vs Executive Offices** — Party membership is particularly important in the General Assembly, which, as the body responsible for approving the laws of the state, should faithfully reflect the policy preferences of the voters. (See the League position below on vacancies in the General Assembly.) In contrast, party membership may be less important for the offices of Attorney General and Comptroller, who are bound to uphold the law and implement the financial policies adopted by the General Assembly. It also could be argued that both the Attorney General and Comptroller have some freedom of action in setting priorities for the work of their offices and, therefore, it is preferable to choose a successor by election and, when a temporary replacement is appointed, the will of the voters expressed by their electing someone of one party rather than another should be respected.

**League Position** — The League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD) does not have a position on the process for filling a vacancy in the office of Attorney General or Comptroller. LWVMD position on vacancies in the General Assembly favor election of a replacement at the same time as the next general election (that is, in a presidential election year).<sup>1</sup> LWVMD supports a temporary appointment by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly until the next election (whether a special election to fill the remainder of a term or an election to a new term), provided that the Governor shall appoint someone recommended by the party central committee of the party to which the person being replaced had belonged. For example, if a Republican delegate resigned or died, the Governor would be required to appoint someone recommended by the Republican Party Central Committee for the jurisdiction that elected that delegate.

The League has not discussed whether its position on filling vacancies in the General Assembly should apply to state-wide offices as well as the General Assembly. Because the LWVMD position does not

<sup>1</sup>In 2015, the LWVMD Convention voted to modify this policy to support the use of Instant Runoff Voting, which voters mark their first, second, third, etc. choices, rather than holding both a special primary election and a special general election.



specifically address state-wide offices, it should be regarded as binding the League to favor or oppose the current amendment. Members may treat the position as informative, noting that there are differences between the role of the General Assembly and the executive branch offices affected by the proposed amendment.

**What about a U.S. Senator?** — The same bill (HB 260) that included this constitutional amendment also amended the Maryland law that provides for the Governor to appoint someone to fill a vacancy in the U.S. Senate with someone from Maryland. Because those provisions were in the ordinary law and not part of the state constitution, the General Assembly could change them without further approval by the voters. As amended by the legislature, the law now requires the Governor, when appointing someone to replace a Senator who has died or resigned, to choose someone from a list of names provided by the party central committee of the party of which that Senator was a member.

Submitted by Ralph Watkins, LWVMD Voter Services Chair

### State and National League Activities

#### LWVMD Annual Fund Drive

On August 8, 2016, members Lois Fussell and Yolande Dickerson answered the call to help the state League prepare its annual fundraising appeal for mailing. Although it seemed like a menial chore, working alongside LWVMD Co-President Nancy Soreng at the state League office in Annapolis, and exchanging information and ideas, proved well worth the effort.

LWVMD assists our local League in many ways: hosting our website, funding VOTE411.org, managing our Education Fund and allowing us to use their office space and equipment. Although our League's per member payments (PMP) help fund some of these expenses, the state League relies on donations and grants to balance the books. Contributions to LWVMD and the LWVMD Education Fund truly benefit us all, and volunteers are always greatly appreciated!





# TENTH ANNUAL CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM

Thursday, September 15, 2016



Program 4:00 p.m.

Reception 5:15 p.m.

Ceremonial Court Room

University of Maryland

Francis King Carey School of Law

500 W. Baltimore Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

*Presented By*

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND**

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW**

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE**

## ***ELECTION 2016 AND THE STRUCTURAL CONSTITUTION***

**Moderator:** Maxwell Stearns, J.D. - Associate Dean, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

**Panelists:** University of Maryland Carey School of Law Professors:

Larry Gibson, L.L.B.; Paula Monopoli, J.D.;

and Robert Koulisch, Ph.D., Director, MLaw Programs

**RSVP by September 13 to reserve seating and parking  
and to volunteer or donate refreshments**

**(Parking - \$7.00 for two hours. Carpooling encouraged)**

Email your name, email address, phone and local League to

***andreagruhl@aol.com***

**Questions? 301.596.5460**

Now you can register ONLINE!  
Go to ***lwvmd.org/current\_events***

**Directions and Parking:**

From Route I-95 (North or South) take Route 395 (downtown Baltimore). Exit onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., staying in right lane. At fourth traffic light, turn right onto Baltimore St; pass law school on left side of street. Turn left at second traffic light onto N. Paca St.; turn right into entrance for Baltimore Grande Garage, which is across street from east side of law school. Parking building is for UMB Hospital patients/staff and law school faculty, but Constitution Day attendees who reserved a space will be accommodated.



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS OF MARYLAND**

**FALL WORKSHOP**

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Columbia, MD  
10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia, MD 21044 -2331

Registration fee: \$25

*(Includes morning coffee/breakfast breads, lunch, materials)*

9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Welcome and Announcements

10:15 am **Briefing on LWVMD Primary Election Study Part 1:**

Single member vs multi-member election districts

or

**Treasurer's Workshop:** Filing 990 postcards, Converting to a  
single 501(c)(3) entity and more

11:30 am Briefing on State-wide General Election Ballot Questions

12:00 pm Lunch

12:30 pm Speaker - Ben Ross, author of *Dead End: Suburban Sprawl and  
the Rebirth of American Urbanism*



**FALL WORKSHOP 2016 REGISTRATION FORM**

*(Deadline for Registration September 17, 2016)*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: LWVMD, 111 Cathedral Street, Suite 201, Annapolis, MD 21401

or call: 410 269 0232 or email: [lwvmd@verizon.net](mailto:lwvmd@verizon.net)

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Go to [lwvmd.org/current\\_events](http://lwvmd.org/current_events)

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from the Lois Stoner Scholarship Fund for the work-  
shop fee, please contact the LWVMD office at  
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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS\* OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (NEW AND RENEWAL)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Includes membership in three levels of the League of Women Voters: Anne Arundel County (local), MD (state) and U.S. (national)

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ New LWVAAC member ☐ Renewing LWVAAC member
- ☐ Former LWV member: prior League and last year of membership? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Life LWV member: state and year first joined? \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION This information will be shared only with other LWVAAC members.

Name (primary member) \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname? \_\_\_\_\_

Name (household member, if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact: ☐ telephone ☐ email ☐ postal

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND ANNUAL DUES Members must be U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older.

Individual - \$65 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household - \$30 (2nd or subsequent member of an individual member's household) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student - \$25 (aged 18-30 and currently enrolled in an accredited institution) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

School affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** LWV of Anne Arundel County

Mail application and payment to: Kathy Larrabee, LWVAAC Membership Chair, 604 Silkwood Court, Annapolis, MD 21401.

For questions, call: 410-353-3432 or email [lwvaacmd@gmail.com](mailto:lwvaacmd@gmail.com).

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