

UPDATING OUR PUBLICATIONS

The Voter is being modernized with a supplementary publication, *The Bulletin*. The new plan is to publish *The Bulletin* each month with timely, up-to-date announcements and information on League participation within the community. *The Voter* will become a quarterly publication and contain articles on the League positions, studies and ongoing work.

Currently we are in beta mode, but readers should look forward to new features in the next "new and improved" *Bulletin*.

October 2019						
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Please Attend and Promote "Kirwan" Education Forums

The Coalition for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (legislation incorporating the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission), in an effort to increase public understanding of the Kirwan Commission recommendations, will hold community forums across the state during the months of October and November. While it has been noted that 74% of Marylanders support personally paying more in taxes to improve public education, it's also been noted that 77% know nothing about the work of the Kirwan Commission. At the same time as the community forums are being launched, a working group is meeting to develop the details of a new school funding formula and to prepare legislation for presentation to the 2020 General Assembly.

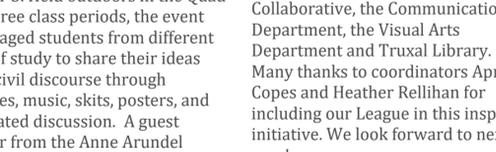
Please come out and demonstrate your support for funding the Kirwan Commission recommendations to improve public education. **LWVMD is a member of the Coalition for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.** We need your participation!

The first Anne Arundel County forum will be held on Tuesday, October 22 @ 6:00pm - IBEW Local 1805, 898 Airport Park Rd, #207, Glen Burnie.

A second Anne Arundel County forum will be held on Tuesday, October 29 @ 6:00pm - Bates Middle School, 701 Chase St., Annapolis.

D2 Talks Glen Burnie

Through our Observer Corps, LWVAAC has partnered with Councilwoman Pickard and the Anne Arundel County Economic Development Corporation to offer *D2 Talks*, an initiative to engage District 2 residents in an exchange of ideas and information. Please spread the word.



Bringing together nearly a century of League experience, the newly elected LWVAAC Executive Board will lead fellow Board Directors and members in providing voter services and engagement, taking action on League public policy positions, observing county government, and more. (l-r) Alfa Stevens, President, Gail Viamonte, Vice President, Niecy Chambers, Treasurer and Carol Sures, Secretary. Full Board of Directors [HERE](#)

Census 2020

Now Hiring!

The U.S. Census Bureau is actively recruiting hundreds of thousands of census takers nationwide. Positions are short-term and offer flexible hours and competitive pay.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, 18 and older, eligible to work and, in most cases, able to drive. Click [here](#) for a shareable information packet or go to

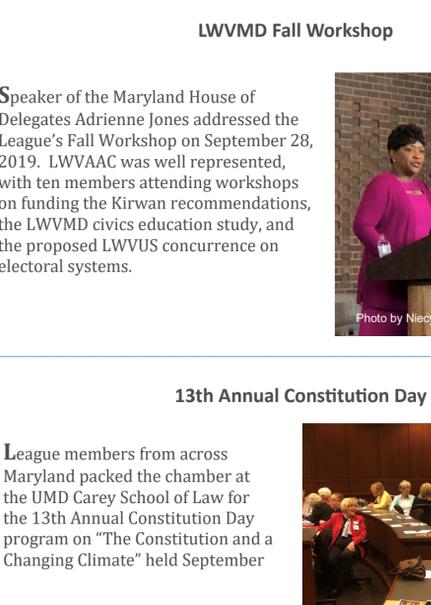


Kathy Larrabee promotes the 2020 Census with AA County Complete Count Committee Chair Harry Freeman.

Civility Matters at AAC

LWVAAC members Clyde Martin and Niecy Chambers helped 23 students register to vote during Anne Arundel Community College's second annual Civility Matters event, "Using Communications to Heal Society," on October 3. Held outdoors in the Quad over three class periods, the event encouraged students from different areas of study to share their ideas about civil discourse through speeches, music, skits, posters, and moderated discussion. A guest speaker from the Anne Arundel

County Resolution Center explained that conflict is necessary and inevitable, and demonstrated the importance of clear communication by having the students play charades. The event was jointly sponsored by the College's Social Justice Collaborative, the Communications Department, the Visual Arts Department and Truxal Library. Many thanks to coordinators April Copes and Heather Rellihan for including our League in this inspiring initiative. We look forward to next year!



Class members and passersby listen to presenters at AAC's second annual Civility Matters event on October 3, 2019.

Students posted selfies on social media with messages of civil discourse and self-empowerment



Photos by Niecy Chambers.

LWVAAC Action Alert!!

On Oct 7, President Alfa Stevens presented testimony in favor of the Forest Conservation bill to a packed chamber of the Anne Arundel County Council. Susan Cochran also presented testimony in favor as an individual. Several Councilmembers expressed in remarks before public testimony began that they would prefer a workgroup be formed to work on the bill over a longer period of time than the usual 90 days afforded a bill. They compared the significance of this bill to the stormwater bill a few years ago for which a workgroup was formed.

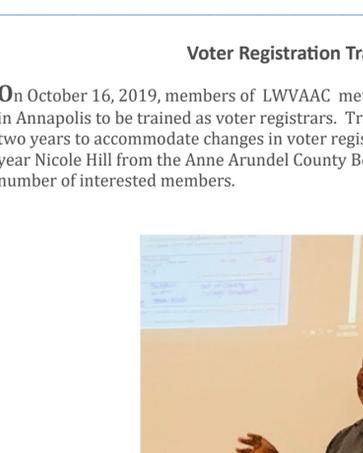
Public testimony concluded around midnight. The Council voted to hold consideration of the bill until Oct 21. No amendments were discussed, but are expected Oct 21.

It is not too late to email or call your Councilmember. If you can't talk to them, please speak to their aide. Thank you to those who have done so already.

Note: Councilmember Lisa Rodvien, District 6, sent us a personal email thanking us for sharing our position (written) and for coming to testify. Councilmember Rodvien expressed her wholehearted support of the bill and has signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill. She will be introducing several amendments to strengthen it.

Questions? or want to join the Action Committee? Call Susan Cochran, 410-703-9957.

Meeting with the County Executive



(l-r) Niecy Chambers, Susan Cochran, County Executive Steuart Pittman, Alfa Stevens, and Alexis Dorsey.

On September 12, LWVAAC members spoke with Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman and his Government Affairs Officer Peter Baron at Arundel Center in Annapolis. During the meeting, President Alfa Stevens offered an overview of our League's structure and purpose, and Observer Corps Chair Alexis Dorsey and Action Chair Susan Cochran discussed their portfolios. The County Executive observed that

several of our League's positions align with his administration's initiatives, and following the meeting, he became our newest member. Welcome, County Executive Pittman, and thank you to Susan for arranging this introduction.

LWVMD Fall Workshop

Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates Adrienne Jones addressed the League's Fall Workshop on September 28, 2019. LWVAAC was well represented, with ten members attending workshops on funding the recommendations, the LWVMD civics education study, and the proposed LWVUS concurrence on electoral systems.

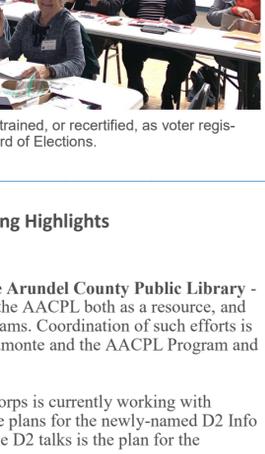
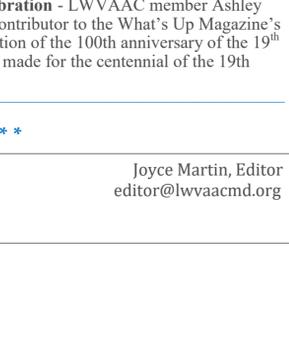


Photo by Niecy Chambers

13th Annual Constitution Day

League members from across Maryland packed the chamber at the UMD Carey School of Law for the 13th Annual Constitution Day program on "The Constitution and a Changing Climate" held September



(At right) LWVAAC member Marg Duffy visits with other state League members



(At left) LWVAAC members Dona Sauerburger, Gabrielle Strandquist and Mary Vickery compare notes at the Constitution Day reception.



Photos by Kathy Larrabee

QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The 2020 election year is just around the corner. What do you want to know about the candidates and their platforms? You can help determine the questions we'll pose in our online and print Voters' Guides by following the helpful hints in the [September State Board Letter](#) (page 3). Please email your

National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day On September 24, the LWVAAC participated in National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) with a presence at the Anne Arundel County Public Library in the Annapolis Mall and at the Marley Station Mall Food Court. LWVAAC registrars (l-r) Kathy Lottenbach and Kathy Larrabee, along with members Babs McCauley and Jean Christenson, registered voters and provided voting information. Of particular interest to the public is VOTE411.org, the League's online Voters' Guide, an essential voter education tool. NVRD is held annually as designated by The National Voter

Registration Act Of 1993, also known as the Motor Voter Act for requiring Motor Vehicle Administrations nationwide to make available voter registration for newly licensed drivers. In 2012 the LWV of the United States and partners began focusing on NVRD by organizing local leagues in 50 states to register voters. In 2018, on NVRD, local Leagues across broke all League records with the biggest number of registrations during a midterm, with over 865,000 new or updated registrations. In 2019, an off-election year, LWV local Leagues recorded more than 400,000 new and updated registrations. These numbers are a

Kathy Lottenbach and Kathy Larrabee register voters at the Annapolis Branch Library.

Voter Registration Training

On October 16, 2019, members of LWVAAC met at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Annapolis to be trained as voter registrars. Training is recommended every two years to accommodate changes in voter registration laws and forms. This year Nicole Hill from the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections trained a number of interested members.

Nicole Hill, AAC Board of Elections representative, trained LWVAAC members to renew or to begin working as voter registrars.

Photo by Kathy Larrabee

LWVAAC Board Meeting Highlights

September 24, 2019

- **Opportunities for Partnership with Anne Arundel County Public Library** - numerous opportunities exist to work with the AACPL both as a resource, and as a partner in their civic engagement programs. Coordination of such efforts is being facilitated by Vice President Gail Viamonte and the AACPL Program and Outreach Manager, Rebecca Hass.
- **Observer Corps at work** - the Observer Corps is currently working with District 2 Councilwoman Pickard to finalize plans for the newly-named D2 Info X-change to be held on 10/23. Subject of the D2 talks is the plan for the revitalization of Glen Burnie.
- **LWVAAC supports Forest Conservation legislation** - the Board strongly agreed to support the County's proposed Forest Conservation Bill 68-19. Members were asked to send letters of support to their respective County Councilmembers. President Stevens will present testimony on the League's behalf.
- **"Year of the Woman" centennial celebration** - LWVAAC member Ashley Oleson was selected to be a free-lance contributor to the What's Up Magazine's "Year of the Woman" year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. Additional plans are being made for the centennial of the 19th

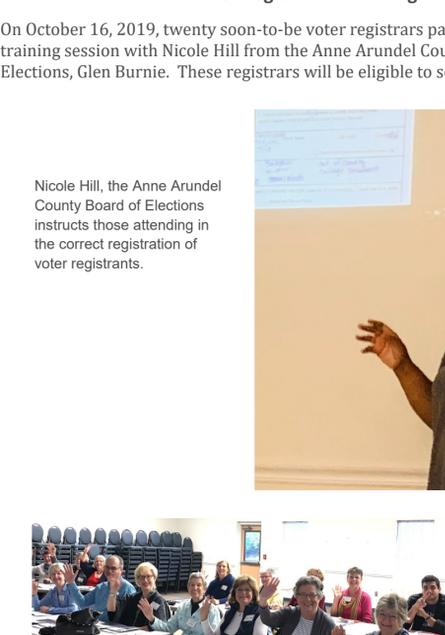
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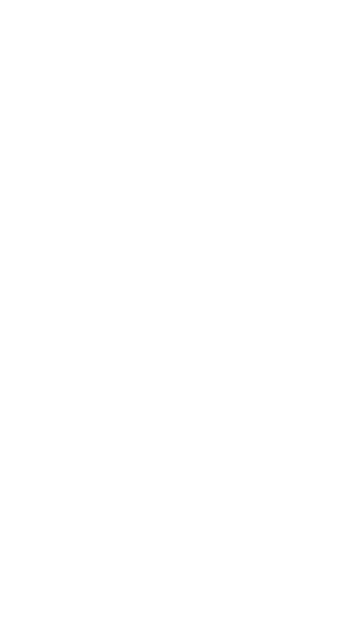


Kathy Lottenbach and Kathy Larrabee work NVRD at the mall library.

Voter Registration Training

On October 16, 2019, twenty soon-to-be voter registrars participated in a training session with Nicole Hill from the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, Glen Burnie. These registrars will be eligible to serve for two years.

Nicole Hill, the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections instructs those attending in the correct registration of voter registrants.



Many LWVAAC members participated in the Voter Registrar Training at St. Philips Episcopal Church, Annapolis.