

# LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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### UPCOMING LWVAAC EVENTS

#### A Conversation with Two Daughters: The Fight for Social Justice **Thursday, August 6, 2020** **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** **A Virtual Event**

Daughters Mary Sue Welcome, Esq., and author Charlene Butts Ligon will share untold stories of their mothers and their battles against discrimination, inequality, and injustice and how they changed history and the nation.  
RSVP for the FACEBOOK livestream by clicking [here](#).

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#### Books for Learning Discussion!



*The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters*  
by Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins

Wednesday, August 26  
2:00 p.m. (virtual)

Please pre-register by clicking [here](#).  
ZOOM instructions will follow.

### Calendar

**LWVAAC Conversation with Two Daughters (virtual)**  
Thursday, August 6  
6:00 p.m.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment**  
Tuesday, August 18

**LWVAAC Annual Board Retreat (virtual)**  
Tuesday, August 18  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Women's Equality Day**  
Wednesday, August 26

**LWVAAC Book Discussion (virtual)**  
Wednesday, August 26  
2:00 p.m.



**Don't Miss**

Membership renewal  
July 1 – June 30

For questions about the payment process or about membership, contact: Kathy Larrabee, Membership Chair, [membership@lwvaacmd.org](mailto:membership@lwvaacmd.org).

## President's Letter

Hi Everyone,



Well, the 2019-20 program year has come to a close. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As election time nears, there'll likely be no pause this summer for League work. Just as COVID-19 continues its impact, our League work must continue as a voice for our Making Democracy Work®, now more than ever.

Right before the June 2 mostly vote-by-mail primary election, the League wrote a letter to the editor of the Capital. To equip voters with the facts necessary to participate and make informed decisions, we provided information and links to important resources such as the [Voters' Guide for the 2020 Maryland Primary Election](#), [VOTE411.org](#) and the [State Board of Elections website](#). LWVMD has since called on Gov. Hogan to declare a primarily vote-by-mail election for November 3 with an expanded number of in-person voting centers.

In these challenging times of a “new normal” election year, our usual methods of outreach and trying to educate and Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) at grocery stores, churches, libraries, and other community gathering places have been hampered by the COVID-19 health crisis. We'll need to rely on “new” ways to reach potential voters such as phone banks, texting, social media and virtual forums. While there was no opportunity this year to register new citizens July 4 at the historic William Paca House, Niecy Chambers and I did participate in an impressive and inspiring Juneteenth program and voter registration event in West county, organized by two local high school students. We registered six 16-year-old students.

On Tuesday, August 18, the Board will hold its annual “meeting of the minds” via a virtual retreat. Your input is welcome as we make plans for the coming year’s program activities.

In case you missed our lively book discussion on *Fearless*, I hope you will join us for our August 26 discussion on *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters* by Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins. See pg. 1 of the newsletter to learn more.

A quick reminder that our League’s membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. To renew/join click on the “Join the League” link below. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Kathy Larrabee, [membership@lwvaacmd.org](mailto:membership@lwvaacmd.org).

Enjoy the newsletter! Enjoy your summer! And as always, please know that I appreciate your support as we continue in our efforts to make democracy work for all.

~alfa

Alfa Stevens  
[pres@lwvaacmd.org](mailto:pres@lwvaacmd.org)

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THE  
LEAGUE!

## Member Spotlight: Pat Barnes

These days, everyone goes a little nuts now and then. The difference is that Pat Barnes advertises it. Really. It says so right on her card. But we'll get to that later.

Pat's journey to becoming a member of the League of Women Voters started April 1, 2020. No, it's not a joke. That's the day she retired after 35 years working at Allstate and vowed not to take up binge watching TV. Instead, wanting to do something productive and worthwhile, she researched how she could contribute in a meaningful way and found the League of Women Voters a good fit. Even before officially joining, Pat attended an LWVMD Council meeting and an LWVAAC book club meeting via ZOOM. A few days later she met LWVAAC members Kathy Larrabee and Niecy Chambers in person – separately, practicing social distancing, of course.



Pat grew up in Rockland County, N.Y., and spent her summers in Massachusetts, first camping in the family's little silver trailer on Tispaquin Pond and then with her grandmother in Middleboro, MA. The New England summers were spent waterskiing, playing tennis and enjoying lobster at the annual family clambake. It's no wonder Pat loves the water and New England.

Music has always played a large role in Pat's life. In high school, Pat was very involved in her church youth group and sang in both the choir and in small groups. They traveled to universities for national competitions, including Princeton. Today she sings with the Nightingales, a group of women from Howard County, and with the Arundel Vocal Arts Society.

Four years after she left New York for Maryland, Pat graduated in 1982 from Western Maryland College (McDaniel). She earned a degree in social work, but was unable to find a job in her field. She began working at Allstate and her people skills came in handy. She handled bodily injury claims and litigation, and also spent 10 years investigating fraud.

Pat and her husband, Stan, are a real-life [Match.com](#) success story and have been married for 15 years. They have five children between them. Pat has a 33-year old son living in Austin, TX, and a 30-year old daughter living in Baltimore. Stan's kids all live in the Baltimore/DC area.

In 2014, Stan, who works with special needs children in the Howard County Public School System, indulged Pat's lifelong dream to live on the water. They moved from Howard County to Anne Arundel County, where they enjoy watching the waterfowl and the sunsets over sloop cove.

In addition to singing, Pat loves a good book and a nice glass of wine to go with it. Her love of travel has taken her on several island trips with her girlfriends, throughout the U.S. and Canada with Stan, and to Europe for a 2-week trip with her daughter in 2015.

Now to the rest of the story. Several years ago, Pat and Stan started a little business selling spiced pecans. "She's Gone Nuts!" was born, and they started selling at local farmer's markets and festivals. These days, they sell primarily to friends and co-workers during the holidays.

Whether or not Pat is really nuts, she can't wait to see where this next chapter will take her. Kathy has promised to break Pat's 10-year hiatus from tennis and get her back on the court. If all else fails, Pat hopes to at least get back her down-the-line forehand!

Submitted by: Stan Rappaport

# Welcome New Members

Jessica Anders, Crofton

Erica Sante, Pasadena

Kelly Bacon, Pasadena

Sara Sanders, Hanover

Pat Barnes, Pasadena



## The League of Women Voters Takes Stand for Social Justice for Black Lives in America

The League is committed to expanding their stand for social justice beyond the [statement released](#) on May 29, 2020. The time is now. The League joined [coalition partners on a letter](#) calling for congressional action on police violence and for the implementation of needed police reform to dismantle systemic racism. Read [Standing in Solidarity with the Black Community](#), a blog written by Virginia Kase, LWV CEO to learn how the League plans to proceed as allies in the social justice space.

At the LWV 2020 Biennial Convention, the League of Women Voters of Missouri, in conjunction with 20 state Leagues and 27 local Leagues, proposed an emergency resolution in another stand against systemic racism.

The resolution, adopted by a vote of 1094 to 32, reads:

*We Resolve First*, that the League advocates **against systemic racism in the justice system** and, at a minimum, for preventing excessive force and brutality by law enforcement. We also call for prompt actions by all League members to advocate within every level of government to eradicate systemic racism, and the harm that it causes;

*We Resolve Second*, that the League help our elected officials and all Americans recognize these truths to be self-evident; that Black, Indigenous and all people of color (BIPOC) deserve equal protection under the law; and that we demand solutions for the terrible wrongs done, so that regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, and gender identity or sexual orientation we may truly become a nation “indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”.

Submitted by Alfa Stevens

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## Nonpartisan Policy (Revised)

*[Whenever the Nonpartisan Policy is changed, it is necessary for the Board to approve the rewording. The following policy is printed as it was approved at the June 23, 2020 Board Meeting.]*

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.

Members may participate in the political party of their choice as long as the individual does not represent the League publicly, as President or spokesman. That would usually mean the Voters Guide Chair, Voter Forum Chair, and Action Chair.

The President of the League should not display publicly his/her party affiliation.

In any voter service activity, or candidate forum, the League members involved may not indicate their party affiliation by what they say or by any insignia.

Serving as a campaign manager or treasurer for a political party or hosting a fundraiser for a candidate should not be done by a member of the Board or any highly visible representative of the League.

## Study of Affordable Housing in Anne Arundel County

According to a 2018 study conducted by the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County, renters account for 26 percent of all households in Anne Arundel County, and 45 percent---nearly half---of all renters are considered overburdened: they pay more than 30 percent of their gross income in rent. When families are overburdened with rent, there is less available for other necessities including food, utilities, and transportation. The issue of affordable housing is in the news nationally and across the State of Maryland.

In 2020, LWVAAC is launching a study of affordable housing in Anne Arundel County. Members of the study groups will work together to:

- Review the existing LWVAAC position, adopted in 1992, as well as positions from other Leagues.
- Work to understand funding streams for affordable focusing from local, state, federal, and private funding sources.
- Research promising approaches to affordable housing challenges from other communities and their potential applicability in Anne Arundel County.
- Developing recommendations for LWVAAC.
- Present the recommendations to LWVAAC members for discussion and modification, and leading to a consensus on the position.

This study group welcomes additional members! If you are interested, please contact Jeanne Jehl at [afstudy@lwvaacmd.org](mailto:afstudy@lwvaacmd.org).

## Juneteenth Celebration & Voter Registration



On Friday, June 19, Alfa Stevens, Yolande Dickerson and Niecy Chambers represented LWVAAC at a Juneteenth celebration in West County hosted by the organization of protesting students (OOPS), co-founded by Kaela and Millie, AACPS rising seniors. OOPS uses the hashtag #changeisneveranaccident and the event's four diverse and powerful speakers issued a common call to action in the fight for social justice. Each also spoke of the importance of voting and we were glad the League was present to register six motivated young voters.

Submitted by Niecy Chambers

## Voter Registration at the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis



Voter Registration at Eastport Community Center

Thanks to LWVAAC member Renee Cantori, our League was invited to register voters at several Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) Resident Services pop-up events in June and July. Though volunteers Aden Brown and Niecy Chambers found most residents were already registered, our participation was appreciated and we enjoyed speaking with the residents and other service providers.

Submitted by Niecy Chambers

## Books for Learning

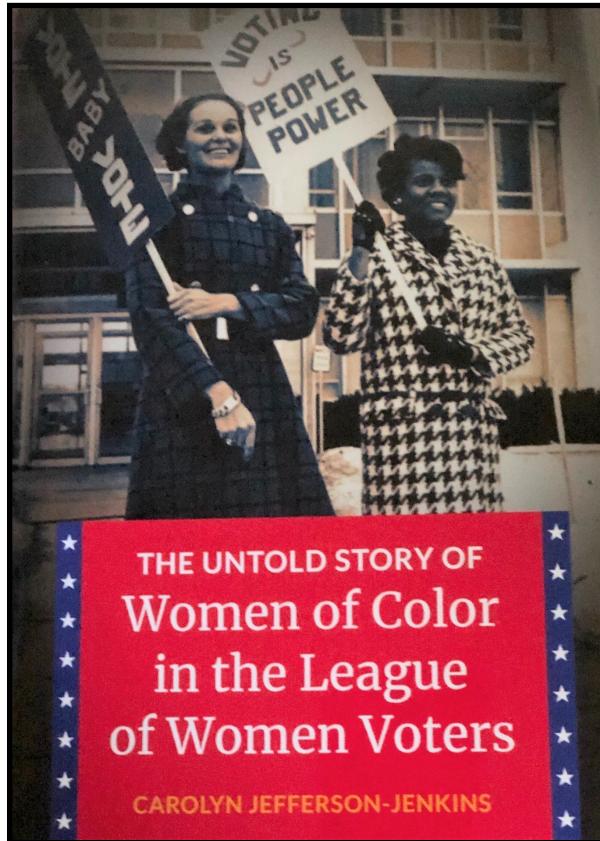
For our next Books for Learning discussion, we will discuss *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters* by Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins. She tells the story of notable women of color who, despite being marginalized, fought for ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution and helped establish the League of Women Voters. Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins was the 15<sup>th</sup> President of LWVUS and the first woman of color to serve as national president.

On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League's founding, Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins calls on us to acknowledge the contributions of these women and their stories.

Join the discussion on Wednesday, August 26, at 2 p.m.

Please pre-register by clicking on the link provided on pg. 1 of the newsletter.

Submitted by Marg Duffy



## PBS American Experience: "The Vote"

LWVAAC members are becoming quite skilled in virtual gatherings using Zoom. On July 8, members Myrna Siegel, Niecy Chambers, Susan Cochran, Abby Root, Yolande Dickerson, Kathy Larrabee, Pat Barnes, Carolyn Ciepiela, Alfa Stevens, Joyce Martin and Marguerite Duffy (see photo, p. 8.) participated in our informal, enlightened discussion of the PBS *American Experience: The Vote*, adeptly moderated by Board member, Kathy Larrabee .

*The Vote* creatively focused on the last decade of the Suffrage movement—a powerful story of the suffragists' tenacity and heroic activities over three generations, including League Founder Carrie Chapman Catts. Zoom meeting time constraints prevented a lengthier discussion on topics such as President Wilson and his re-election issues, impact of temperance on the voting crusade, and the Black women's suffrage movement, which we will discuss as its own topic in Books for Learning (see *Untold Story* book discussion above).

Submitted by Marg Duffy

More on women's suffrage see: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/02/style/woman-suffrage-movement-descend.html>

## PBS American Experience: “The Vote” (continued)

Twice recently, LWVAAC members interested in moderated group discussions have joined on video conferencing, honing their Zoom skills. First, members (pictured) met to discuss the book *Fearless by Charlene Butts Ligon*, and most recently to discuss a PBS 2-part series on *The American Experience* (described below).

To complement the film, PBS convened a stellar panel to discuss the suffragists’ hard-fought battle to win the vote for women. The panel of notable participants, including Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton, was moderated by the film’s director, Michelle Ferrari, and included Johns Hopkins University History Professor Martha S. Jones, and author Elaine Weiss, who spoke at the LWVAAC 2019 annual meeting about her book *The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win The Vote*.

LWVAAC strongly encourages its members to read *The Woman’s Hour* and to watch the PBS series as part of an LWV orientation. Only when you know how the League took root, under the leadership of Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920, can you appreciate its maturity, including its practices and processes.



### Film Description from American Experience

One hundred years after the passage of the 19th Amendment, “The Vote” tells the dramatic culmination story of the hard-fought campaign waged by American women for the right to vote — a transformative cultural and political movement that resulted in the largest expansion of voting rights in U.S. history.

In its final decade, from 1909 to 1920, movement leaders wrestled with contentious questions about the most effective methods for affecting social change. They debated the use of militant, even violent tactics, as well as hunger strikes and relentless public protests. The battle for the vote also upended previously accepted ideas about the proper role of women in American society and challenged the definitions of citizenship and democracy.

Submitted by: Kathy Larrabee

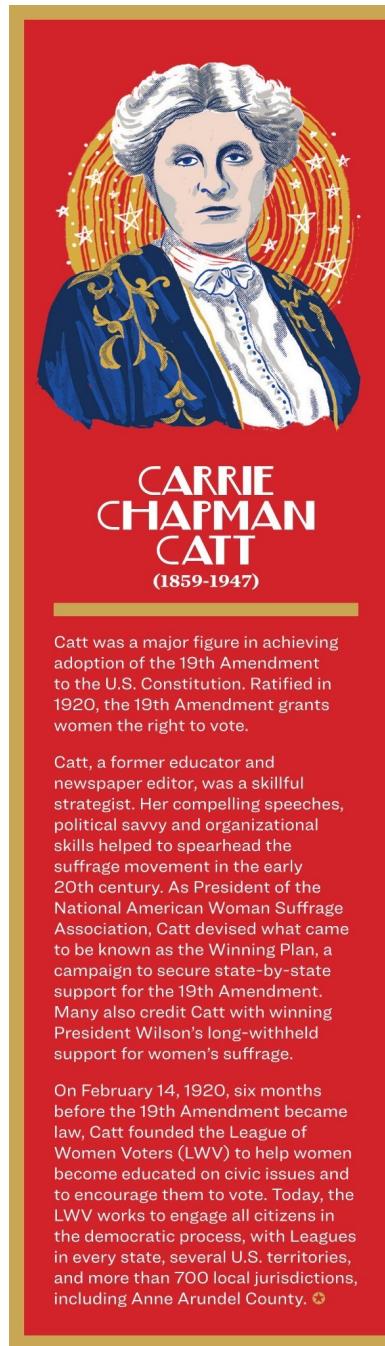
## LWVAAC Community Outreach: Suffragists Bookmarks

Yes, readers of a certain age group still collect paper bookmarks. Carrie Chapman Catt, who was instrumental in the ratification and passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and also founded the LWVUS in 1920, is one of three suffragists LWVAAC chose to recognize on bookmarks in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of women getting the vote.

The two other notable suffragists are Madeleine Lemoyne Ellicott, who founded the LWVMD, also in 1920; and Augusta T. Chissell, an important African American leader of the suffragist movement in Baltimore in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The bookmarks were developed prior to the arrival of COVID-19, the mandatory stay-at-home order, and prohibition of large group gatherings. They were intended to be distributed at several LWVAAC public events to honor the Centennial, including a performance by Kate Campbell Stevenson, *Amending America: How Women Won the Vote*, at the newly expanded Discoveries: Library at the Mall in Annapolis.

For now, we look forward to the day when once again we can gather as a League with the public for Take 2 of our 2020 program year.



Front view



**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
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The League of Women Voters, founded in 1920, is a grassroots nonpartisan, political organization. It educates and advocates on important local, state and national issues and offers voter services, including voter registration, candidate forums, civic instruction and voters' guides.

Illustrations by Donald Ely

Back view

Submitted by Kathy Larrabee  
Illustrations by Donald Ely

## Board Meeting Highlights - June 23, 2020

- **Annual Meeting vote recap:** 53 members returned Annual Meeting ballots, voting in favor of all four proposed items (budget, nominating slate, bylaws revision and adoption of Affordable Housing Study).
- **Appointments:** The Board appointed Carolyn Ciepiela, Susan Cochran and Mary Vickery to one-year Director positions. Myrna Siegel was designated Director Emeritus. Kathy Larrabee was approved as Nominating Committee Chair with Marg Duffy as a Committee member. Carol Sures was named Bylaws Committee Chair, with Mary Vickery as a Committee member. Kathy Lottenbach will be asked to continue on the Bylaws Committee as the off-board member.
- **Nonpartisan policy:** The Board adopted LWVAAC'S nonpartisan policy with minor revisions. See p. 5.
- **Book discussion:** *The Untold Story of Women of Color* by Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins was selected for the member book discussion on Wednesday, August 26. LWVAAC will purchase three copies for its lending library.
- **Year of the Woman (YOW):** LWVAAC will purchase a new YOW banner to be displayed in downtown Annapolis during the month of August.
- **Board retreat:** The annual Board retreat will be held virtually in two sessions, from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18. Members are encouraged to attend. Please email [lwvaacmd@gmail.com](mailto:lwvaacmd@gmail.com) to request the link.

## Did You Know?



Painting by Marguerite Duffy Harbachewski

Suffrage activists Elizabeth Cade Stanton and Susan B. Anthony adopted the Kansas State Flower, the sunflower, as a symbol of the suffrage cause. Soon, yellow became the symbolic color of the national women's suffrage movement. Supporters were urged to "show your colors" by wearing yellow ribbons, buttons, and sashes.

Stanton wrote newspaper articles under the pen name "Sunflower" to promote marriage reform laws, higher education for women, and the vote.

Submitted by Marg Duffy

## LWVMD 2020 State Council

The LWVMD Council was hosted virtually this year on Saturday, June 6. Kathy Larrabee and I represented LWVAAC as voting delegates.

Approximately 52 participants, 25 delegates representing 12 leagues and 11 Board members participated. Members Niecy Chambers, Yolande Dickerson, Kathy Larrabee, Ashley Oleson, Abby Root, Dona Sauerburger and Myrna Siegel, and were among those in attendance.

The day's ambitious agenda included a welcome and brief business meeting, a review of proposed rules and parliamentary procedure and two very timely and informative presentations: *Getting Out the Vote from Your Home* by Maggie Bush, Programs & Outreach Director LWVUS and *How to Combat Online Election Disinformation* by Bret Schafer, Media & Digital Disinformation Fellow at the Alliance for Securing Democracy.

Featured keynote speaker Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, 15<sup>th</sup> National LWV President and author of *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters* shared an insightful message ... Is the Fight Finished? No! Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins reminded us while in the midst of our centennial celebration to celebrate the contributions of all women... from those in footnotes to those who appear on the main page. It is important to give women of color the recognition they deserve, in this centennial year... to acknowledge the past, learn from it and do better. She challenged us to be good stewards of our story but to be better stewards of our democracy. It is as simple as making "an America as good as its promise."

Of particular note, as highlights from the State Council:

- The Council voted 35-0 to adopt a state study of vote-by-mail. LWV Montgomery County has already begun to study and has volunteers. Linda Kohn, LWV Montgomery County will chair and be looking for input from local Leagues.
- Two of LWVMD's major priorities had opposite results. Recommendations of the Kirwan Commission (HB1300) passed. Sadly, none of the Redistricting bills introduced achieved the priority designation required to be taken up for a vote by either the House or Senate committees. This means that the redistricting process in Maryland will remain unchanged when the maps are redrawn in 2021.

For more details, click [here](#) to view the 2020 State Council Workbook in its entirety.

LWVMD's Biennial 2021 Convention will be held on the campus of the Prince George's Community College.

Once again, this experience gave me the opportunity to connect more dots and gain a greater understanding of the complexity of the League and some of the tough issues before us. The fact that one hundred years later, we remain united in our mission to empower voters and defend democracy, despite any obstacles there might be, is both encouraging and inspiring.

Submitted by Alfa Stevens

*When democracy is attacked, we can't stay neutral.  
We must stand in our positions and advocate for  
what is right and just.*

- LWV CEO Virginia Kase

## 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWVUS Convention – Online with 1200+

What a unique pleasure it was to join with 34 Maryland and 1,267 Leaguers nationwide on June 25-27 at the 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial League of Women Voters National Convention. All activities were held online, mostly through Zoom, for the first time in the League's history! Before you wonder how tiny each of our images appeared on the screen, let me explain: while the state League Convention "prep" meetings were visually interactive, the Caucus and Convention activities were a hybrid. Delegates and observers could see and hear the presenters, but the Delegates and Observers participated through audio only.

The Convention was heralded by information sessions and caucuses Monday and Tuesday evening that illustrated how our sister leagues empower the youth vote and voting rights across the lifespan; use the power of music to Get Out the Vote; foster inclusiveness, diversity, and equity; and address previously low voting turnout districts. Value added: since all were presented "virtually," many of these events were recorded. Click [here](#) to skim through or luxuriate in any of the individual sessions with the added option of controlling your viewing! I found both inspiration and challenging food for thought and action in "[Climate Migration, Immigration and Human Rights: What You Need to Know](#)," particularly Bill Holston's explanation of recent changes in asylum procedures and how these affect individuals and families. Alfa Stevens attended the "[Engaging Non-Voters & Seldom Voters in Lowest Turnout Precincts](#)" caucus hosted by the LWV Port Washington-Manhasset (NY), where they shared the creative ways they used to increase voter turnout. LWVAAC members, Niecy Chambers, Marguerite Harbachewski, and Kathy Larrabee, also sat in on caucuses as "Observers."

Imagine being "present" at an "Expanding the Vote" panel discussion with D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, YWCA USA CEO Alejandra Y. Castillo, When We All Vote Board Chair and The United State of Women Co-Chair Valerie B. Jarrett, and Southern Coalition for Social Justice Interim Executive Director & Chief Counsel for Voting Rights Allison Riggs. These engaging and transformative women spoke of the League's accomplishments and work to be done. Mayor Bowser was excited to announce the news that the U.S. House of Representatives would vote FOR Bill H.R. 51 in support of D.C. Statehood—I believe those of us attending the panel were the first of the public to hear this latest news.

The three levels of Convention participation (local, state and national) are what stood out for me. All complemented one another to immerse me in all-things-League. While processes and procedures of the Convention were true to LWVUS policies and Parliamentary Procedure, the outcomes were not always predictable! LWVUS saw eliminating the "Associate" membership status as efficient "housekeeping." In contrast, several local leagues explained how they recruited as members "whole families" and encouraged rising young leaders through Associate membership status (this amendment proposal to eliminate "Associate" membership failed). At the Caucus led by LWV New Mexico, an Eastern State League member passionately questioned whether Federal Land ownership might lead to increased land mismanagement or sale. Leagues from Western states explained their need for Federal support in protecting lands where the states couldn't afford the upkeep. (continued, pg. 13)

## Major outcomes of the biennial LWVUS Convention:

- The LWVUS program for 2020-2022 Campaign for Making Democracy Work<sup>®</sup>: ensuring a free, fair and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters by focusing on Voting Rights, Improving Elections and advocacy for the National Popular Vote Compact, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics and Redistricting and to continue to work on urgent issues: Climate Change, the Equal Rights Amendment, Health Care, Gun Safety, and Immigration. Passed 1139 to 30.
- Motion to adopt the abolition of the electoral college by Constitutional amendment as a LWVUS action focus for the 2020-2022 biennium. Passed 681 to 458.
- Motion for concurrence on the Transfer of Federal Public Land. Passed 885 to 207.
- Motion for concurrence to support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable and enhance representation for all voters. Passed 1064 to 79.
- Motion to reaffirm “commitment to immigration reform, for efficient, expeditious immigrant entry into the United States”. Passed 1,092 to 12.
- The resolution for advocacy against systemic racism in the justice system; a call for prompt actions by all League members to advocate within every level of government to eradicate systemic racism, and the harm that it causes; and in support of solutions promoting equal protection under the law for Black, Indigenous and all people of color ...so that regardless of race ethnicity, religion, disability, and gender identity or sexual orientation we may truly become a nation “indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” Passed 1094 to 32.
- The resolution to call for “an immediate, wide-scale, mobilization by the United States, to restore, protect and fund an ecologically sustainable environment and climate, based on an interrelated approach that is environmentally sound, science based, just and equitable, dedicated to adequately addressing the scale and speed of the global climate change emergency.” Passed 1091 to 21.

[Click here](#) for complete Convention synopsis and debrief.

Outgoing President Chris Carson introduced the newly-elected 2020-2022 LWVUS President, Dr. Deborah Turner and Board of Directors. As we go forward, we are again in exceptionally capable hands. Dr. Turner shared her vision for the next biennium: making VOTE411 a household name, advancing our DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) work, and embracing inter-generational conversations. Dr. Turner closed with an invitation to the 2022 convention in Denver, Colorado. Thank you, Past President Chris Carson. Welcome, Dr. Turner... and thank you, again, LWV of Anne Arundel County colleagues for all you have accomplished since the last convention and your energies in looking ahead to the next two years!! I urge you to look at the Convention entries and follow the links that especially interest you. I believe that your respect for, and pride in, your membership will be validated and further enhanced.

Submitted by Gail Viamonte



*We, as an organization acknowledge our own difficult history with racism while we embrace our future, where DEI will become part of our DNA.*

-- LWVUS President Dr. Deborah Turner



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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 at least 16 years old.

Individual - \$65	\$ _____
Household - \$30 (additional member of an individual member's household)	\$ _____
Student - <b>FREE</b> (aged 16-30 and currently enrolled in an accredited institution)	\$ _____ N/A

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

Birth year: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES** Membership dues are not tax-deductible.

Tax-deductible contribution to the LWVAAC Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit	\$ _____
Non-deductible contribution in direct support of LWVAAC	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

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