August 7th was National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Your Calvert League of Women Voters was there to celebrate and educate.

Local League members staffed a table at the Harriett E. Brown Community Center in Prince Frederick, where we talked with National Night Out participants and registered people to vote. We distributed literature about the LWVCC, information from Vote411.org, an description of the newly formed Student League in Calvert, and event details for the LWVCC Candidate Forums on October 4th and 10th at St. John Vianney in Prince Frederick.

We had a wonderful time and enjoyed a true sense of community on this special day. National Night Out is fun and inspiring. Be sure to volunteer to staff the table next year, or at any other of our many events.

Our Observer Corps

By John Perryman, LVVCC Observer Teams

We’re always looking for new members to augment our local league’s observer corps work. Our teams attend and monitor the Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education and the Planning Commission meetings. The corps overarching interest is transparency in government. The meeting agendas and hyperlinked support materials are available online before each meeting and can be subscribed to; our teams focus on what’s at the meeting.

Our observers familiarize themselves with the meeting support material attached to the agendas, but we’re in the room to observe the interactions, explanations and statements by staff and elected and appointed officials. What the leaders do is obvious. Our observers try to discern the “why” the leaders are doing something.

We meet monthly at the Harriett Brown Community Center at 1:30PM on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We don’t meet in August or December. Most members can’t make all meetings.

If you would be interested in joining our efforts to Make Democracy Work, please write me at muffin@olg.com.
Creating Strong Leagues: A Leadership-Membership Workshop

By Cassandra Okwumabua, LVVCC Member

Several members of the Calvert County League of Women Voters attended the workshop on "Creating Strong Leagues” hosted by the LWV of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA). Attendees viewed a presentation on the LWV’s Transformation Journey, “Advancing a Clear Strategic Focus - Assessment.” The League struggles to successfully tell its story. The organization lacks the proper story collection channels to demonstrate relevance and impact. Telling a stronger story will increase the league's visibility, relevance, and funding opportunities.

The national organization will continue its focus on the goals set in the strategic plan and the Campaign for Making Democracy Work, including: voter protection and mobilizing; election reform; and money in politics.

The road map for transformation includes the following areas 1) Advancing A Clear Strategic Focus 2) Building A More Inclusive Culture 3) Building A Healthier League Network and 4) Increasing Capacity At All Levels. To obtain more details on the road map to transformation go to https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-06/lwv_transformation_roadmap.pdf

The workshop also included a “Get Out the Vote” Presentation, presented by Alex Dickson, of the LWVDC Communications. This presentation focused on "Expanding Your Reach with Social Media". For part II of Get Out the Vote a panel covered areas of Candidate Forums, Voters' Guides/Vote411, Getting Voters to the Polls and Voter Registration. Also, "Proof that Data is NOT a 4 Letter Word" was presented by Alice Keck and Meredith Gross of the LWV Montgomery.

Voter Registration Training and Upcoming Events

By Janet Bellizzi, LVVCC Voter Services

With National Voter Registration Day fast approaching, the Calvert LWV has been thinking about how to get voters here in Calvert County registered. We’re planning two voter registration events soon. The first will be on Tuesday, September 25th and the second on Wednesday, October 3rd. Both events will be at the College of Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick, both from 9am to 7pm.

As always, we need volunteers to staff this event. We are requesting volunteers sign up for two-hour shifts throughout the day. Each shift must have at least one LWV member to staff the registration, so please sign up today. Visit our web form to sign up today: bit.ly/2MCMYJk

All individuals who will be registering voters must be trained by the Calvert County Board of Elections. The Calvert County Board of Elections will conduct a voter registrar training session on Monday, September 17, 2018 at the Harriet E. Brown Community Center, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, at 7 pm. Training will take approximately 30 minutes.

Sign up here to attend the voter registration training session: bit.ly/2MCMYJk

Voter registration certification lasts two years, so please come out and get certified. Even if you can’t staff either of these two events, you’ll need this certification for the future. So come on out and get certified to register voters.
Help Make Democracy Work in Calvert County

It is with great honor and excitement that I introduce myself, Renita Alexander, as the new CCLWV Membership Chairperson. Over the past 10 years, I have served the residents of Calvert County in various roles as a community volunteer. Now, I am looking forward to working along with the members of The League of Women Board to attract, recruit and retain members in Calvert County.

As you know, our members are the “heart beat” of The League. Members are needed to continue the work of supporting the mission of The League. We are looking for members to assist in providing voter education and voter registration to the residents of Calvert County.

Volunteerism is key in taking an active part in our Government. The Calvert County League of Women Voters has successfully worked together over the years to successfully influence public policy through education and advocacy. We need your help to continue the work.

Volunteers are needed now to help register voters! If you are interested, please send an email to renita.alexander@gmail.com I would love to work with you to register the citizens of Calvert County to vote.

Student LWV Pilot Program Ready to Launch

By Ashley Anderson, Student LVV Committee Member

The Student LWV of the Calvert County League of Women Voters is a one-of-a-kind outreach program to get more high school students involved in the League, registered to vote, and educated in voting matters.

The committee, consisting of student member, Ashley Anderson, and League members Carol Booker, Margaret Dunkle and Jim Winship, will be piloting the program during the upcoming school year at Huntingtown High in conjunction with the Huntingtown student government association. The Student LWV’s first event will be a lunchtime “hot topics, cold facts” event pertaining to voting and what would persuade students to vote. At this event, there will also be voter registration and it will take place in mid-October.

The committee will re-evaluate the program in the beginning of 2019 to determine if it can be successfully set up at the other 3 high schools.

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Calendar

Wed., September 12 at 9:30 a.m.
LWVCC Board Meeting

Mon., September 17 at 7 p.m.
Voter Registration Training

Sat., September 22 at 10 a.m.
Voter Interest Meeting

Sat., September 29 at 9:30 a.m.
LWVMD Fall Workshop

Thurs., October 4 at 5:30 p.m.
Calvert Local Candidates Forum

Wed., October 10 at 9:30 a.m.
LWVCC Board Meeting

Thurs., October 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Calvert State Candidates Forum

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CANDIDATE FORUMS

October 4
5:30 PM - 8:45 PM
Local Candidates Forum for:
County Commissioners,
Sheriff, Registrar of Wills &
Clerk of the Orphans Court

October 11
5:30 PM - 8:45 PM
State Forum for:
Delegates, Senators,
Congressional District 5 &
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For more info, visit
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MORE INFO AT: LWVCALVERT.ORG

EVENT IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
12th Annual LWVMD Constitution Day Program

A panel of experts will discuss:

“The Changing Makeup of the Supreme Court”

Monday, September 17, 2018 at 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Ceremonial Court Room, University of Maryland Carey School of Law
500 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21201

Reception in Atrium follows program’s Q&A. The program and reception are FREE, but parking at Baltimore Grande Garage costs about $7 for 2 hours.

RSVP required by Sept. 14. Send email with your name, local League, contact info, and if parking is needed to: stateoffice@lwvmd.org

Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters of Maryland, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, University of Maryland-Baltimore, University of Maryland-College Park, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, MLaw Programs.
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FALL WORKSHOP
Saturday, September 29, 2018

First Evangelical Lutheran Church - 3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Early Bird Registration* fee: $25 for members, $35 for non-members
(Includes morning coffee/light breakfast, lunch, materials)

9:30 a.m. Registration and light breakfast

Morning Workshop Sessions

10:00 am Briefing on LWVMD Death with Dignity Study - Sandra Bjork and committee members
11:00 am You’re Voting on More than Candidates – 2018 Ballot Question Overview – Ralph Watkins, Voter Service Chair

OR

10 am & 11 am - Repeated Session LWVMD Action - the Who, What, When & How of State & Local Advocacy – Lois Hybl, Action Chair

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Keynote: Perspectives on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

FALL WORKSHOP 2018 REGISTRATION FORM
(Deadline for Early Bird Registration - *Sept.18, 2018, Late Registrations - $30 members/$40 guests)

NAME: ________________________________
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Phone: __________________ Email: __________________
Amount enclosed: ________________

Mail to: LWVMD, 111 Cathedral Street, Suite 201, Annapolis, MD 21401
Questions? Email stateoffice@lwvmd.org or call 410-269-0232

Or REGISTER ONLINE
Go to lwvmd.org/2018_fall_workshop

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