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# ***LWVCT LEADERS NEWS***

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## ***SUMMER 2019***

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### **ADVOCACY**

Judy Lhamon, Public Issues VP, and the terrific Public Issues Team helped LWVCT be front and center this legislative session. For the “What Happened...” advocacy wrap up report, you can go to:

<https://bit.ly/2x3ygRU>

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LWVCT joined Common Cause in an OpEd piece urging Governor Lamont to add automatic voter registration to the special session considerations. The OpEd was published this week and you can read it at: <https://bit.ly/31W2NPS>

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LWVCT has been successful reaching more people through our website and social media. Please let your members and supporter know that LWVCT legislative information is available online.

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### **VOTER SERVICE**

Just a reminder that the LWVCT will be participating in National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) again this year, which falls on **Tuesday, September 24, 2019**. Be sure to register your own local league so that you can receive their free packet of information including posters, stickers etc. as well as templates and ideas for voter engagement. You can also request materials in up to two additional languages. Here is the link to their website: <http://nationalvoterregistrationday.org>

2018 was a banner year for NVRD and state leagues and their local chapters were a big part of that--read the final report at: <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/documents/2018/12/2018-national-voter-registration-day-final-report-pdf/>

Also, in preparation for the upcoming Election season, we will have a list of **LWV logo items** available for purchase by the local leagues at a reduced rate—details to follow shortly.

### **CENSUS 2020**

LWVCT representative on the CT Census Counts Committee, Elsa Peterson Obuchowski, will be keeping us up to date and ready to take action in support of Census 2020. The LWVCT board is discussing how best to raise awareness and encourage participation leading up to the Census. We will keep you posted.

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### **LWV 100<sup>th</sup> Activities and Celebrations**

You should be receiving the 100<sup>th</sup> news from Kay Maxwell and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee via email.

If, for some reason, your members are not getting these celebratory emails, please let us know ASAP.

LWVCT is eager to share more than what LWVCT is planning but also what your League will be doing to celebrate. We will be creating a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary webpage to announce the events and activities that you send us.

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### **2019 LWVCT STATE CONVENTION**

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We had a terrific Convention! If you had to miss it, we have sent out all the pertinent information for you to review.

For one member's assessment, immediately after Convention go to the LWV Southeastern Connecticut FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/reonda/videos/10216572082229316/UzpfSTU5ODUwNjIyMDMoOTg1MjoxMDY5NjAoMDE5OTA2NzMo/>

## **LWVUS 2020 Convention, Services and Advocacy**

As many of you know from reading the bi-monthly LWVUS League Update email, Leagues across the country have been joining a number of court cases. We are waiting right now for the LWV North Carolina case to be ruled on by the Supreme Court.

LWV is there for you in many other ways too. Be sure and check out the LWVUS Services offered at:

<https://www.lwv.org/league-management/policies-guidelines/guide-lwvus-services-leagues>

Laurel Anderson, LWVCT Treasurer, and Carol Reimers, LWVCT President, both attended the 2019 LWVUS Council meeting for state leaders. It was very exciting to not only hear what LWVUS is doing but also to speak to our fellow leaders from across the country about their current efforts and future plans particularly around the LWV 100th. We hope to bring some exciting things for Leagues across Connecticut especially as we move into our 100<sup>th</sup> year.

## **Your League won't want to miss the 2020 LWVUS Convention in DC, June 25-28, 2020.**

Please plan now to send a couple delegates, (and more leaders, if you can) to this once in a lifetime convening of League leaders during our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. It is bound to be a memorable Convention and one you can tell your children and grandchildren about.

## **LWVCT Online keeps Growing**

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We continue to make a concerted effort to have LWVCT be more visible on social media and online in general. Our Facebook page keeps expanding with "likes" and views. For example: in the last month our posts reached almost 10,000 people an increase of 132% from an earlier increase. Our post engagements went up 86%.

**Your Facebook page** can join in with this success by sharing our posts. LWV of the East Shore Facebook page in the past month experienced a post reach increase of 323% and post engagements increased 105%.

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## **League websites on LWVCT website platform**

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We are eager to have a greater online presence for all the CT Leagues. With this in mind, we will soon be adding the updates from the LWVCT home page to each of the local League websites that are located on the LWVCT website. Please send the office your events, news and photos to be added to your League's website.

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## **Time to send LWVCT your new board lists**

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Please keep your board members and other leaders updated and informed by sending LWVCT your most recent board and off-board leaders list. We are stronger as an organization when we stay connected. You can email your lists to [lwvct@lwvct.org](mailto:lwvct@lwvct.org)

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## **Theater Fun Coming Up Soon**

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LWV Southeastern Connecticut alerted us of this new play (see details below) being performed at the O'Neill Theater in Waterford. The performances are June 29, 30; July 3, 5. LWVSECT will be at the July 5<sup>th</sup> performance. Join them for the fun!

*An epic pop musical based on the true story of America's first congresswoman, JEANNETTE electrifies history of suffrage activist, social worker, and Montanan Jeannette Rankin. Elected to U.S. Congress in 1916 — three years before women are granted the right to vote — Jeannette finds herself the only female voice within the halls of power to vote on women's suffrage. Written by America's most produced playwright Lauren M. Gunderson and pop sensation Ari Ayesha Afsar, JEANNETTE heralds one person's radical voice in America's ongoing journey toward equal rights for all.*

# **2020 SAVE THE DATE! LWVCT 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration Event**

Save the date of: **February 22, 2020 at the Italian Center in Stamford.**

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## **CALENDAR**

<b>July</b>	
1	<b>LWVCT Board Meeting</b>
28	<b>LWVCT Board Advance and Retreat</b>
<b>August</b>	
26	<b>Women's Equality Day</b> - commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment
<b>September</b>	
24	<b>National Voter Registration Day</b> (sign up to participate now)

## ***LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT***



Redding LWV marches in the Memorial Day parade. Anyone doing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades?

**NOTE:** Please share your photos from your events with us for the League Spotlight. We would also like to use them on our website and social media to promote the League in Connecticut.