



The Juneau VOTER

Local League news from the League of Women Voters of Juneau

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Upcoming Events:

Monthly Board Meeting:

June 4th, Valley Library 5:00 pm

How to Run for Local Office workshop: June 9th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, 155 S Seward St, Juneau, AK

March with us in the 4th of July Parade!



VOTER REGISTRATION

Members of the League of Women Voters of Juneau were registering voters at the Juneau Maritime Festival

at Marine Park on Saturday, May 12th. Special thanks to the members who volunteered: Judy Andree, Marianne Mills, Trish Turner Custard, Alicia Hughes-Skandjis, Peggy Cowan, and Bridget Smith. The League was also at the high schools registering new voters. Thanks to Hetty Barthell, Nancy Waterman, carolyn Brown, and Peggy Cowan.

News from the State Convention

The State League of Women Voters held their convention April 28-29 in Soldotna. The Central Peninsula League of Women Voters were fantastic hosts! Josie Bahnke, Director of Alaska Elections, and members of her staff presented a workshop Saturday afternoon and discussed Election Security and the Future of the Alaska Election Process.

The group, "Kenai Change" (website: kenaichange.org and Facebook at @kenaichange) also spoke at the convention. It was an interesting discussion on their efforts to educate citizens about the dramatic, clearly evident, effects of climate change in our state.

The League of Tanana Valley has launched a study in redistricting and gerrymandering and recommended consideration of a new Position that focuses on this issue. The Census will be held in 2020, and what follows is a redistricting effort in all states. Too often this has resulted in gerrymandered districts where politicians select their voters rather than the voters selecting their elected officials. There is a committee set up to continue this study. If you are interested in helping, send an email to Margo Waring, at margowaring@gmail.com.

From the LWVUS: “Transformation Journey”

Recognizing the changing external environment -both in the nature of volunteerism and the growing number of competing organizations in the democracy space- the League of Women Voters of the United States, with input from state and local Leagues around the country, has been working over the past several years to ensure that the League enters its second century strong, visible, and relevant. We've been referring to this as our “transformation journey.”

As the next step in that journey, LWVUS has published a “Transformation Roadmap” that includes specific action steps to be implemented. It is a synthesis of many threads of work, including input from Leagues across the country, interviews with internal and external stakeholders, review of the larger non- profit environment and the professional expertise of consulting firms. The action steps will help us achieve the vision of a network of vibrant Leagues that are powerfully communicating our story consistently at all levels; engaging and welcoming new members, supporters, and volunteers; embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion; and has the resources necessary to support our core work and have a meaningful impact for the next century and beyond. In short, it is a way forward to ensure the successful future of the League.

You can download and read the full report [here](#) or download [an executive summary](#) that covers the highlights of the report.

We still need people to attend the National Convention on June 28th - July 1st. The League will cover \$1200 in costs to attend. Contact Marianne Mills at marianmills@msn.com.

Can't attend the LWV National Convention?

Volunteer to host a Viewing Party Thursday, June 26 on Redistricting - live streamed from Convention.

Not able to attend Convention but want to participate in our Thursday evening program, “A Conversation on Redistricting with Nick Stephanopoulos and Ruth Greenwood?” The LWVUS will be live streaming this program so that all League members can participate in this timely and engaging discussion.

This event is a great opportunity to host a viewing party for your fellow League members and others who are interested in this topic. Interested members should fill out the [survey](#) to receive more information from us on planning and hosting your party. This will take place at 7 pm Central Time, which would be 4 pm in Alaska.

Student Members

If you are a full time student, over the age of 16, you are now eligible to join the League at NO COST to you! The LWVUS and the LWVAK organizations are waiving the cost of membership to all full-time students. As part of the League's ongoing transformation work, we recognize the need to make our organization more inclusive. This program is a great starting point for us. Are we welcoming to new generations of volunteers? Can we fold their talents and skills into the League and help shape the future of this organization? Reach

out to students and encourage them to join us.



Don't forget to sign up for the **How to Run for Local Office workshop on June 9th!**
[Register here.](#)