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## Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
<b>LWVCC Board meeting</b>	Feb 1, 2016	M	7-9 p.m.	Vogelson Library Room B. Members welcome to attend. Please let us know if you are coming as meetings may be cancelled or moved.
<b>LWVCC Board meeting</b>	Mar 7, 2016	M	7-9 p.m.	Vogelson Library Room B. Members welcome to attend. Please let us know if you are coming as meetings may be cancelled or moved.

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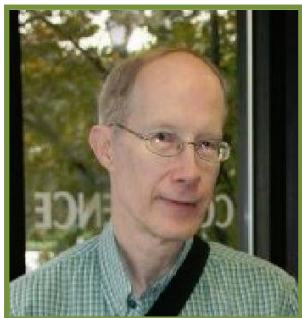
### Board Report Jan 4, 2016

1. The board learned that there are communication issues impeding progress on Running & Winning. Harriet and Beulah (co-chairs) are working to straighten things out.
2. The board approved Ed's summary of the Money in Politics Review.
3. We made plans for the Annual Meeting, probably again at Secora Springs, which worked well last year.
4. We agreed to participate in Callathon, calling our own League and another small group. Myrna will coordinate.

**League of Women Voters of Camden County**

## Board Message

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Greetings fellow League members and friends (who we hope will become members):

So, when did they start naming winter storms? I'm writing this as Jonas rages (sort of, he was raging more last night). And how did we get to "J" already? OK -- in case you're curious, I looked it up. Winter storm naming seems to be a "The Weather Channel" thing, since around 2011. The National Weather Service only names hurricanes. The other notable ones this season (Ajax, the first, and Delphi) were both Midwestern storms. Only some media sources follow TWC's lead.

But the League's work goes on. I see that Missouri is planning to put a voter ID on the ballot for a constitutional change (since their Supreme Court ruled that it is currently unconstitutional). Luckily, no such movement in New Jersey, although the League was disappointed that the Democracy Act was not signed by the governor (nor were key provisions put up for a ballot question).

NJ has vote by mail, which avoids the issue (but may raise others). I asked the County Clerk's office how they maintain confidentiality -- they replied that the signed envelope is separated from the ballot itself, so nobody will know how you voted. However, the fact that you voted in an election is a matter of public record. I suggested that this information be added to the frequently asked questions on the web site (since lots of people may wonder). Let's see if they do!

If any of you are reading a paper copy of the Voter, remember that you can easily get to an online version (with live links). Our home page is <http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/> -- easy to type. We're a subpage of the LWVNJ page. From there, click on "The Voter - our newsletter" in the left column. Years and years of back issues!

In League

Ed Gracely. Board member

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## Getting there - Directions!

**Haddon Township: Rohrer Library:** Take 295 to Route 30 north. On 30, pass King's Highway. In about a mile after King's Highway, just after Nicholson Road on the left, you'll see Cuthbert Road on the right. Turn right onto Cuthbert from 30. Stay on Cuthbert for about half a mile. Just past Hopkins, turn right onto MacArthur. The library is at that corner. // This is the same Cuthbert Road that becomes Cuthbert Blvd further north at routes 70 and 38, so you could take it south from there. MacArthur is about 0.8 miles south of Haddon Avenue on Cuthbert Blvd.

**Voorhees: Vogelson Regional Library:** Driving south on 30, turn left onto Somerdale Road just above the Voorhees Town Center. Go under the train bridge in about a half mile, then turn right onto Burnt Mill (at the light). Soon turn left onto Laurel Road at a light. The library is on your right as you pass the mall.

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## Freeholder Meetings

We encourage League members to observe Freeholder meetings when they are convenient for you. Just show up with a LWV button to let them know we are watching! Don't make any statements -- you aren't entitled to speak for the League (or even yourself after wearing a League button). You can ask a neutral/informative question, however. Meetings start at 7. It's good for Camden County!

The list for the year is online at <http://www.camdencounty.com/your-government/public-information/2016-freeholder-meetings>

The **February** meeting is February 18 at 7PM (Camden County College, Blackwood Campus, Connector Building, 200 College Drive, Blackwood). Take a look -- see when they are near you and observe the meeting!

## LWVCC Holiday Party and Consensus Dec 2, 2015

We used our annual Holiday Party at the Porters' this year to do the Money in Politics LWVUS update.



Some of the attendees schmoozing after the main discussion!

The topic was challenging to do in a single meeting, and some of the questions were (as usual) not as clear as we would have liked. But we worked through them and arrived at a consensus on most of the questions. Our report was approved by the board in January and Ed has now submitted it on the LWVUS web site.

We cannot use our conclusions for any local purpose -- they will be sent to the LWVUS to merge with the results of other local Leagues to form an overall conclusion. That will then be the basis for action by the national League. We may get action alerts based on these in years ahead!

As always, thanks to the Porters for letting us use their beautiful house, to everyone who brought tasty items, and all who came out to discuss.

More studies to come -- the LWVNJ is preparing one of sexual assault handling in college communities. Details about that should be coming out in a few months.

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