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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
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Please Join Us . . .

Women's Legislative Round Tables

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Virginia

(not for women only!)

Who Will be There?

Legislators and aides

* League members (state-wide)

* League Coalition Partners

* Anyone interested in good government

When and Where?

The following Wednesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 during GA session

WLRTs are located in the General Assembly Building on Capitol Square in Richmond

Jan 18 - 4 East

Jan 25 - 4 East

Feb 01 - 3 East

Feb 08 - 4 East

Feb 15 - 4 East

Hotel Reservations: The Berkeley Hotel, 1200 E Cary St, Richmond, VA 23219, has a special room rate for members of LWV-VA who attend the WLRT, including \$10 valet parking for those who stay at the hotel. Their phone number is 888.780.4422 / 804.780.1300. You must book by the Friday before your stay for the rate. The Berkeley Hotel is located one block from the LWV-VA office where the strategy sessions will take place.

Advocacy strategy workshops will be held the evening before each WLRT from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the board room of our new office, 1011 E. Main St., about a block away from the hotel. Heavy snacks will be available.



2017 Women's Legislative Round Tables Start January 18

Virginia League Members and friends are cordially invited to gather at the General Assembly Building in Richmond for one or all of the series of Women's Legislative Round Tables on five consecutive Wednesdays starting January 18. Sessions are slated from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and will provide attendees a chance to meet some of our leading legislators and hear about their hopes and plans for this session.

The WLRT gatherings—set for January 18 and 25 and February 1, 8 and 15--will be held in various rooms in the GAB. Attendees are urged to check with the receptionist at the entrance. Check for more details on hotel reservations, strategy sessions the previous evening, and debriefing arrangements by going to “Election Modernization Initiative” under Members Information in the menu on our website. It is important to sign up for your preferred training session(s) on our Sign-Up Genius invitation <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48afa82fa7f94-lwvvirginia>

The WLRTs mark their 36th year of existence this year. In 1980, female state legislators were looking to form an organization to educate and equip women to be more effective in changing the laws. The League was uniquely positioned to take on the task. Our leaders agreed to become the moderators of this weekly forum during the General Assembly session, designed as an exchange of information. The first session was convened in January of 1981.

Come and join your fellow Leaguers and coalition members in this fascinating peek inside the workings of our lawmakers' efforts. League of Women Voters Day is scheduled for Wednesday,

Election Modernization Initiative Underway

LWV-VA recently received a grant to advocate for AVR (Automatic Voter Registration). We're excited about this grant and how our LLs (local leagues) can benefit by advocating for AVR, with promotion of redistricting reform and no-excuse-needed absentee voting (NEAV) as an added advocacy focus.

For more details on WLRT and/or the Election Modernization Initiative plans, [Click Here](#) or paste in the following URL <http://www/lwv-va.org/ElectionModernization.html>. Additional information can be obtained by clicking on the Automatic Voter Registration or LWV-VA_Grant_Steps links in the menu on the left-hand column.

Fairfax City Election Up-Date

The deadline for registering to vote in Fairfax City has been corrected by ELECT officials. The correct deadline is January 24, 2017.

Dave Barry's Mentions League in Column in *The Washington Post*

The League of Women Voters was mentioned in Dave Barry's tongue-in-cheek "Year In Review: . . ." column in *The Washington Post Magazine* on New Year's Day. In case you missed it . . .

“● We learned that the Russians are more involved in our election process than the League of Women Voters.”

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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