



Welcome to our new blog - What We Are Doing!

Have you noticed that people can be rather ornery these days? Whether from frustration over Covid-19 or the political divide, communicating with some of our neighbors can be unpleasant and downright testy at times, especially on the topic of elections and voting. But it isn't a reason to give up trying. The League of Women Voters of the Greater New Brunswick Area started a **REV UP** campaign to give a boost to our voter registration efforts. So far we have had some really positive results.

“Even if you don't register a lot of people, it can be a very rewarding experience,” reported one volunteer registering voters outside the Shop-Rite at Piscataway's Towne Center. “I received many positive comments from people who were already registered but still wanted to thank me for what I was doing and assure me that they absolutely planned to come out and vote.”



At one point a Rutgers University student came up and asked how he and his friends could help our group at other voter registration events. The best moment of the day was getting the opportunity to register a young person on their very first day after becoming a United States citizen. That was a real thrill!



In addition to area Shop-Rites, the League of Women Voters of the Greater New Brunswick Area can be found helping register new voters at farmers' markets and outdoor community events and festivals. You will see photos and read more about these events in upcoming blogs. We are also training Somerset and Middlesex County high school student volunteers to set up voter registration drives in their schools. It's great to see these young people stepping up to get involved in their democracy.



As you can see, our League is getting **REVved UP** for New Jersey's general election on November 2, 2021, and we're just getting started! Our **mission** is to offer voter registration to all who qualify. Our **message** is to convey the importance of becoming an educated voter. Our **goal** is to get out the vote in every election! (**R**egister-**E**ducate-**V**ote)

Here's how you can **REV UP** too:

- **Take up the mantle** and help just one person register to vote, maybe more than one if you like! Perhaps you know someone who is just turning seventeen, is a new citizen, has recently moved or had a name change, or is on parole or probation. You can provide that person with this QR code for online voter registration and "voila!" you may have helped sign up a new voter!



- **Learn about the candidates** and what issues they support. Become an educated voter. It's not as difficult or time consuming as it sounds. Vote411.com is one place you can go to find out about the candidates on both sides of the political spectrum. Whose issues align with yours? Will they work for the change you care about? Attend local forums where issues are debated. You might be saying to yourself, "What's a forum?" Find out by asking us, and you can even volunteer to help out at a forum. Learn by doing!
- **Make your voice heard** by casting your vote at your polling place on election day, use a Vote By Mail ballot delivered to a secure ballot drop box in your county of residence. Or vote at one of the early voting locations in your area.
 - Early voting locations in Middlesex County may be found here: [Middlesex County Early Voting](#).
 - Early voting locations in Somerset County may be found here: [Somerset County Early Voting](#).

We at LWVGNBA look forward to your comments and encourage your participation. Join us in our **REV UP** campaign and volunteer to help out with voter registration at our next event. To find out where, email us at lwvngnba@gmail.com