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Unit Choice Information is listed on page 8

Besides your unit, perhaps one of the other unit projects appeals to you; call and join them. It will be fun!

At the LWVUS Convention in Minneapolis in June the League of Women Voters of Illinois will ask delegates to concur with their Position on the Death Penalty. Information on this subject is on pages R1-R3. There is a tear-off for you to mail-in so that LWVFA delegates will know your preference.

Calendar

April

- 01 *April Fools Day*
- 02 *Daylight Savings Begin*
- 03 Last Day to Register to vote in City/Towns Elections
- 04 May Bulletin Deadline/Schools Closed**
- 09 *Palm Sunday*
- 10 - 13 Unit Choice Meetings**
- 10 Board Agenda Deadline
- Schools Closed/Spring Vacation
- 13 *Passover Begins*
- 14 *Good Friday*
- 16 Easter Sunday**
- 17 Schools Reopen
- 19 Board Meeting/May U. C. Letter Deadline**
- 19 *Cities & Towns Voters Guide Published*
- 21 *Earth Day*
- 22 60th Annual Meeting**
- 28 *Arbor Day*
- 29-30 LWVVA Council

May

- 02 June Bulletin Deadline**
- 03 *Cities & Towns Elections*
- 06 *Briefing/Herndon Day & Housing Fair*
- 08 Board Agenda Deadline
- 8,9,10,11 Units - Topic: Sleep**
- 14 *Mother's Day*
- 17 Board Meeting**
- 29 *Memorial Day/Schools Closed*

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ATTENTION:

2006 ANNUAL MEETING KIT

INSIDE!

Happy Easter

Presidents Letter

Welcome Spring! Welcome April! Welcome, *Everyone*, to the LWVFA Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. This year, Annual Meeting will be held at the Heart-In-Hand Restaurant in Clifton. The trees will be blooming and the setting will be lovely! And the food will be good!

The 2006 Annual Meeting will include a special event – a play, “Promiscuous, Rampant, Women,” to celebrate 60 years of a League presence in Fairfax County. The “business” of electing new board members, adopting a budget for FY06-07 and a program for the next biennium (2006-2008) should be interesting because I’ve heard that some members will be trying to get a program item adopted that was not recommended by the board. (Look in your Annual Meeting Kit for a list of “not-recommended” items.) It will be like a real convention! So, make your reservation (form is in the Annual Meeting Kit) and plan to join in the fun!

Your 2006 Annual Meeting Kit is **inside this Bulletin** – not mailed separately as in the past couple of years. Members should take this kit to the Annual Meeting, along with LWVFA’s positions booklet, *Here We Stand*.

We are hoping to have mailed out a copy of 2006 *Facts For Voters* to everyone by mid-March. If you want extra copies, call or email the office. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) for one copy. Bulk orders can be picked up for free, or mailed if postage and handling costs are included with the order.

The *Spring 2006 Voters Guides* for city and town elections in Fairfax are being prepared by our Voters Service Director and will be included in the *Connection Newspapers* later in April. As of press time (mid-March), LWVFA was considering a candidates’ forum for the Town of Herndon elections. Hopefully, that event will have materialized by the time you read this Bulletin.

The units are “doing their own thing” in April with many different activities – check out the article on page 8 for details. Enjoy your events, and I will see you at the Annual Meeting.

Sherry

Notice

The Board will recommend at the Annual Meeting that LWVFA conduct a two-year multi-part study on Immigration to explore the various aspects of the issue in the Fairfax Area. If the recommendation is adopted, **Leslie Vandivere** will chair the study overall, but several sub-committee chairs are needed to handle the various parts of the study. Please contact Rona Ackerman at 703-476-5758 or email her at rona2@cox.net if you are interested helping with this project.

Women’s Voices Forum

Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at the Fairfax County Government Center, sponsored by the Commission for Women and Office for Women. Atrium registration 9:30 am. Welcome and Keynote Speaker Gloria Bohan, President & CEO of Omega World Travel 10 - 10:30 am. 10:45 - Noon three different sessions to choose from. Noon to 1:00 p.m light lunch provided. 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm three more sessions to choose from. Registration & lunch are free. Limited seating. Call 703-324 5730 to verify room still available.

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Board Notes

Lavinia Voss

At the February 15, 2006, board meeting **Vanessa Johnson** was appointed as the Public Relations Director to serve on the board for the rest of the year.

Candidate questions for the May 2006 Towns and Cities *Voters Guide* were approved by the board. **Leslie Vandivere** passed out the latest version of LWVFA debates/forums guidelines, the board approved them without any further discussion. It was also approved that a mail-in, tear-off, member opinion poll will be included in the April *Bulletin*. There will be a concurrence at the LWVUS convention on the Abolition of The Death Penalty. We need feedback from our members on how they feel about this subject to fully inform our delegates before they attend convention.

Program Director **Susan Dill** restated the Program Planning recommendations for LWVUS and also recommended that LWVFA do a two-year, multi-month local study on Immigration as it impacts Fairfax County. **Leslie Vandivere** has agreed to be the overall chair of this study.

The Budget Chair **Bill Thomas**, presented and went over the two budgets to be included in the Annual Meeting Kit; the board approved both proposed budgets. The Nominating Committee Chair, **Barbara Nunes**, reported to the board the slate of Officers and Directors to be included in the Annual Meeting Kit.

A sheet was distributed to the board for sign-up of all who were willing and able to be delegates to attend the upcoming LWVUS convention, LWVVA council, and LWNCA convention in the next few months.

Jane Hilder, Action Director reported on how well the Observer Training held in Prince William County on February 11, 2006 was received. Several board members attended and gave additional feedback.

Seen and Heard Around Fairfax and Beyond-

1. President Zachry & Vanessa Johnson, along with representatives from other women's organizations, attended the February 27 BOS meeting to receive a Proclamation declaring March 2006 Women's History Month in Fairfax.
2. President Zachry attended the "teleforum" panel, co-sponsored by LWVUS, entitled "Are We Safer in the Dark?" in March at the National Press Club.
3. President Zachry spoke at the Reston Republican Women's brunch on Saturday, February 25, 2006.

Fairfax County Bus

Barbara Nunes 703-451-7238

Fairfax County is served by two major bus systems—the Connector and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which is regional in nature.

The Connector continues to grow in ridership. Thirty-six new buses have been ordered for delivery by the end of 2006. All will be low floor, ADA accessible, and equipped with "cleaner" engine technology.

The Regional Mobility Study conducted by WMATA, identified a need for more weekend service. Fairfax has noted an increase of 18.8% overall with an increase on Sunday and Holiday ridership of an average of 52.8% per year.

Since 1999, when improvements in service were made in the Dulles Corridor, ridership has increased on an average of 13.1% every year. This increase occurs with service expansions. There were improvements in 1999 and 2004 in the Dulles Corridor. Then in the fall of 2004, the South County Bus Plan, which included the Richmond Highway Bus Service initiative, added additional service.

The South County Bus Plan restructured Connector routes with the Richmond Highway Express (REX) limited stop express bus service. Other bus routes were modified and adjusted. Since then, FY 2004 ridership increased each month.

The Richmond Highway Public transportation initiative is part of the Board of Supervisor's four-year transportation plan. It will upgrade services and facilities. In addition to bus service changes, it included the design and construction of pedestrian, transit passenger, and intersection improvements that include sidewalks, crosswalks, median refuges, bus shelters, pedestrian signals, and lighting.

Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project (Pre-Rail) had an increase of 8.9% over FY 2004. Average weekday ridership has grown from under 6,100 in 1999 to 14,683 in FY 2005. Some months in FY 2005 showed ridership exceeded 16,000 passengers.

Smart Trip, which is part of the regional automatic fare payment option, will be added to the Connector buses in the near future. Already used by Metrobus and Metrorail, allowing integration of the Fairfax Connector customers.

VIRGINIA HAPPENINGS

Eating Goober Peas

Bernice Colvard, League Historian

No fossil record exists, but the peanut plant probably originated in Brazil or Peru. We do know that as long as South Americans made pottery (3500 years or so), jars were made shaped like peanuts and decorated with peanuts. Ancient Inca graves found along the dry western coast of South America often contain jars full of peanuts to provide food in the afterlife.

Spanish and Portuguese explorers and traders took peanuts back to Europe and production spread to Asia and Africa. Portuguese traders used peanuts as a cheap form of nourishment on slave ships.

Peanuts were brought to Virginia along with slaves from West Africa. Initially, they were grown and consumed by the slaves themselves. Planters saw them as food fit for cows and pigs, not for human consumption.

Peanuts were consumed by troops of the North and South during the Civil War. Their Bantu name, **nguba**, became **goobers** or **goober peas**. They were also called pinders, ground peas, and groundnuts. However, **peanuts are not nuts**. They are a **legume**, **a member of the bean family**.

Union veterans helped spread peanuts in the northern states. Some, who were unemployed, began roasting peanuts (as they had done in camps) and selling them on street corners. In 1870, P. T. Barnum first sold bags of roasted peanuts at his circus. As the circus wagons rolled across the countryside, a taste for peanuts went with them.

Virginia's first commercial peanut crop was grown in Sussex County in the 1840s; however, production was slow and labor intensive. General production shot upward after labor-saving devices were invented around 1900. Coincidentally, the boll weevil devastated the South's cotton crop. Farmers were urged to diversify and grow peanuts. Scientist George Washington Carver began researching peanuts in 1903 at Tuskegee Institute. He developed more than 300 uses for them.

Of its many uses, perhaps the greatest to us is that beloved American staple, **peanut butter**. Used by South American Indians 3,000 years ago, we tend to think it was developed in the U.S. in 1890 when a

Missouri doctor created it for his elderly patients. His goal was to offer good nourishment that didn't require chewing and was easy on the digestive system. One half of the current U.S. crop goes to the making of peanut butter.

Peanuts today are a multibillion dollar industry in Virginia and an important crop in the southeastern U.S.

Sources:

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Virginia-Carolina Peanuts--A Short Peanut History, <www.aboutpeanuts.com> 2003 Virginia-Carolina Peanut Promotions, Nashville, NC, 3-29-05.

Virginia Tech--College of Agriculture and Life Sciences--Tidewater AREC. Personal e-mail to Fshokes@vt.edu.

WORD SEARCH 105

Find and circle 20 "League Lingo" words hidden in the grid below. The words can be found up, down, forward and backward through the grid. Enjoy!

E	L	I	F	P	Y	B	B	O	L	R
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O	D	N	U	F	B	O	A	R	D	E
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K	A	Y	F	I	T	S	E	T	A	D
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W	A	L	Y	B	L	A	U	N	N	A

Devised by Lavinia Voss

Word Search 105 Answers:

State, Item, Fil
Workshop, Me
Principles, Edu

Community Election Projects

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The final election for fiscal year 2006 is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the Skyline Plaza Condominium 3703 S. George Mason Dr., Falls Church.

It will be an all day election, as before, so we will need volunteers for morning, afternoon, and evening shifts. Kay McQuie and Doris James have agreed to co-chair again. They did an excellent job last year as did our volunteer registrars and vote counters. Volunteer by email - kaymcquie@aol.com or call 703-765-7104 or contact me as above.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting. Thanks for all your help.



LWVVA News

LWVVA Board met in Richmond on 2-07-06 and accepted Julia Flowers-Taylor's resignation. Announced the finance drive response has been very successful so far.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to LWVUS recommending a new study on Immigration both legal and illegal be adopted and funds be placed in the budget to accomplish this. Approved some added language criteria to the guidelines for statewide candidate debates and forums.

Approved providing pro and con information for the Marriage amendment that will be on the ballot in the fall, the information will be available at Council in early spring. Agreed to the continuing efforts to sublease the office in Richmond.

The board meeting adjourned so attendees could prepare packets for League Lobby day the next day.



Membership Update

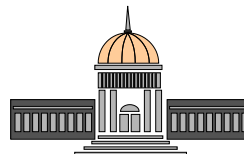
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Welcome new members Patricia Neiderpruem (GSV), Leslie Meagher Brown (RE), Sheila Coates (UAM), and Robin Williamson (DU). And nationally recruited members: Carl A Onesty, Rosalind E. Cohen, and Clarine Schmukler.

It is time to renew your yearly membership for all those who pay their dues locally. You may pay your dues at the Annual Meeting. Please bring the back page of this Bulletin to the meeting to use with your renewal check.

NCA



NEWS

The first meeting of the NCA study committee on the Airport Position was held in January. The next meeting will be April 8 at 10:00 am at Naomi's house call 202-686-0124 or naomisol@juno.com; more members are needed from Maryland.

NCA will recommend an Immigration study to LWVUS. They also approved the convention concurrence on the Abolition of the Death Penalty. After some discussion it was decided that having a table at the wares market at convention was not practical or profitable when the convention was out of D.C. A briefing on the LWVUS budget will be offered for all delegates from the NCA area on May 5 at the League office in D.C.

News from LWVUS

The new 2006 Publications Catalog is now available in the "Library" section of LWVUS web site under "Publications." It is a streamlined version and lists only items in stock and currently available. LWVUS encourages all local Leagues to add a link to their web sites to the online Voter Registration Tool available at their web site. To use it go to www.lwv.org/RegisterToVote/ this is a quick and easy way to register to vote.

Animals in the Postal Service

The ancient civilizations of Egypt, Persia, Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome relied on horses and pigeons to carry messages to far flung corners of their kingdoms and empires.

In 1850, Paul Julius von Reuter began his news agency by sending stock prices between Aachen and Brussels by pigeon. And until earlier this year, the Indian state of Orissa used a police pigeon service to carry information during floods and cyclones.

When Paris was besieged in 1870 during the Franco-Prussian war, pigeon fanciers provided a vital link to the outside world. Pigeons were smuggled out in balloons and returned with much-needed news. During the four-month siege, more than a million letters were delivered to the citizens of Paris by this ingenious post.

In the first and second world wars, British armed forces relied on hundreds of thousands of pigeons. Many lives were saved by the timely arrival of a pigeon, and 32 of these winged heroes received the Dickin Medal (the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross) for bravery in World War II.

When the gold-rush generation arrived in California in 1848, it took 24 days for letters to arrive from loved ones in New York. There was clearly a gap in the market for a swifter service. Although it lasted less than two years, the Pony Express in 1860, advertised for "young, skinny, wiry fellows, not over 18. Orphans preferred. Must be expert riders willing to risk death daily."

There was no shortage of applicants. They carried mail from the railroad station in St. Joseph, Missouri, across nearly 2,000 miles of wilderness to California in nine to ten days. Even so, the Pony Express was a financial failure and was put out of business by the transcontinental telegraph.

Further north, huskies delivered mail to Alaska and Canada. Commercial dog teams saw their livelihood ebb away when mail delivery contracts were lost to the airplane in the 1920s. Many of today's dog sled races follow the historic mail routes. Animals have been retired from the communications business and are now found only in the pages of stamp collections.

Source : Hankins, Justine "Pushing the Envelope" *Best Friends Magazine* Jan/Feb 2006



Unit News

The PWA unit staffed a two day voter registration event in March at the Woodbridge campus of the NOVA Community College at their celebration of Women's History Month. Several LWVFA members, including the president, attended the reception on the evening of March 24th and heard Irma Clifton talk about the role of the Occoquan Workhouse in the suffrage movement.

Jamestown 400th Anniversary Event

Sen Thomas Norment, R- James City announced that Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will be honorary chairwoman of the commemoration of the first permanent English settlement in America. Television and radio host Tavis Smiley will take part in one of the main events.

Source: Staff Reports. *The Virginia Pilot*, 2/28/06.

2006 LWVUS Convention

Program Planning suggestions from Leagues around the country: (in addition to proposed concurrence with Illinois State LWV page R-3); a new study on Immigration, both legal and illegal, and its impact on national, state and local economy, jobs, educational systems, health care and social systems; restudy the Apportionment position to include a statement on Redistricting; also continuing discussion on other aspects of Election Reform including Electoral College and technology such as centralized databases and verifiable paper ballots.

North & South Poles Are Melting

Experts have long predicted that global warming would start to melt Greenland's two-mile-thick ice sheet, but they also thought the more massive ice sheet covering Antarctica would increase in the 21st century. It seems they were wrong. Two new studies find that despite the increasing snowfall that comes with global warming as a result of the increased moisture in the air, Antarctica's ice sheets are losing far more than the snow is adding. If the proper actions aren't taken, the sea level could rise as much as 80 feet by the time today's children reach middle age.

Source: Blakemore, Bill, ABC News. 03/02/06

Member Opinion Poll On The Abolition of the Death Penalty Concurrence

The League of Women Voters of Illinois has studied and reached a consensus on the issue of the abolition of the Death Penalty. At the **2006 LWVUS Convention in Minneapolis in June**, they will propose that their position be adopted through **concurrence**.

This is a valid method of developing new League positions (as was done on Gun Control in 1990, Early Intervention for Children at Risk, and Violence Prevention in 1994). They are now sharing a summary of their work with us.

They encourage you to visit the sites of the other state Leagues named, some of which adopted position this year. The following state Leagues all have abolition positions: **Illinois; Iowa; Kansas; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; New Jersey; New York; Ohio;**

All the information in the next 3 pages was taken from the *Seattle Voter*, January 2006.

Brief Summary of Pros/Cons of the Death Penalty

The "Arguments against the Death Penalty" section is numbered in parallel fashion to the "for" arguments and responds to those positions. These issues can be explored in more detail at <www.lwvil.org>

Arguments for the Death Penalty

1. Without a death penalty, murder rates would soar.
2. To take murder seriously, only the forfeiture of life is adequate punishment.
3. The death penalty is the only effective way for society to express its rage in the face of horrific acts of violence.
4. The death penalty is a deterrent to violent crime.
5. The death penalty saves taxpayers thousands of dollars.
6. Only the death penalty provides closure for families of murder victims.
7. Safeguards in our justice system ensure that only guilty persons have been executed.
8. The death penalty is given only to the worst criminals for the worst crimes, so it is fair.
9. A high regard for human life leads a civilized society to seek the death penalty.

Abbreviation used: SCOTUS = Supreme Court of the United States

Arguments against the Death Penalty

1. Studies show that states without the death penalty have murder rates as low or lower than states with it.
2. Only 2% of all murders result in the imposition of the death penalty.
3. Any violence is destructive to society.
4. Studies on the matter have fairly consistently concluded that the death penalty does not act as a deterrent.
5. Cost analyses have shown that life imprisonment is actually less costly than a death sentence. See web: <http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/article.php?scid=45&did=385>
6. A prison term provides speedier justice for the families of victims. The mandatory appeals process that accompanies a death sentence is very lengthy and postpones the possibility of closure.
7. Over 100 innocent people have been released from death row, most of these despite the system and not because the system worked. See web sites: <justice.policy.net/cjedfund/jpreport/> <www.law.northwestern.edu/depts/clinic/wrongful/exonerations/index.htm>
8. The same crime that lands one person on death row may result in a prison term for another. The worst criminals often escape the death penalty because it is used as a bargaining chip. <www.aclu.org/DeathPenalty/DeathPenalty.cfn?ID=9313&c=62>
9. The international community, for the most part, has determined the death penalty to be a violation of human rights. See <www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/> and click on "Foreign Nationals," "International Human Rights Standards," and "Death Penalty Worldwide"

Death Penalty Statistics By State

State	Number under sentence of death (1/1/04)	Number exonerated since 1973	Number executed (1976-2003)	Executions during 2003	Minimum age for dp	Juveniles on death row	Allows execution of mentally retarded (not SCOTUS rule)
Alabama	196	3	28	3	16	yes	yes
Arizona	128	6	22		16	yes	no
Arkansas	40		25	1	16		no
California	634	3	10		18		yes
Colorado	3		1		18		no
Connecticut	7		0		18		no
Delaware	21		13		16		yes
Florida	381	23	57	3	17	yes	no
Georgia	114	6	34	3	17	yes	no
Idaho	21	1	1		16		yes
Illinois	8	17	12		18		yes
Indiana	39	2	11	2	18		no
Kansas	7		0		18		no
Kentucky	37	1	2		16		no
Louisiana	92	6	27		16	yes	yes
Maryland	12	1	3		18		no
Massachusetts	no d.p.	2	0		no d.p.		
Mississippi	69	1	6		16	yes	yes
Missouri	60	3	61	2	18		no
Montana	5		2		18		yes
Nebraska	7	1	3		18		no
Nevada	89	1	9		16	yes	yes
New Hampshire			0		17		yes
New Jersey	15		0		18		yes
New Mexico	2	4	1		18		no
New York	5		0		18		no
North Carolina	205	4	30	7	17	yes	no
Ohio	213	3	8	3	18		yes
Oklahoma	106	7	69	14	16		yes
Oregon	31		2		18		yes
Pennsylvania	237	5	3		16	yes	yes
South Carolina	76	3	28	0	16	yes	yes
South Dakota	4		0		18		no
Tennessee	104		1		18		no
Texas	458	7	313	24	17	yes	yes
Utah	10		6		16		yes
Virginia	27	1	89	2	16	yes	yes
Washington	11	1	4		18		no
Wyoming	1		1		18		yes
Federal	28		3	1	18		no
US Military	7		0		18		
TOTAL	3503	112	885	65			

When added, state totals are slightly higher because some inmates are sentenced in more than one state. The statistics on executions reveal that the actual use of the death penalty occurs most often in the South and rarely elsewhere. Murder rates per 100,000 in 2002 by region: South (6.8); West (5.7); Midwest (5.1); Northeast (4.1); National (5.6). Percentages of executions in 2003 by region: 89% in the South; 11 % in the Midwest. As of 2/29/04, 72 death row inmates were sentenced as juveniles. 38% of these are in Texas. Statistics are from: the Death Penalty Information Center: go to <www.deathpenaltyinfo.org> for more information; and the Bureau of Justice Statistic Bulletin, Capital Punishment, 2002 Nov.2003.Capital Punishment, 2002

Conclusions Reached from an Analysis of the Statistics

- 1. Death Penalty Justice is not swift nor sure.** The justice of a death sentence requires an execution yet only eleven states carried out an execution in 2003. Two of the five states with the largest death rows, California and Pennsylvania had no executions. Of the 6,912 people under the sentence of death between 1977-2002, 12% were executed, 4% died by causes other than execution, and 33% received other dispensation such as life without possibility of parole. 112 sentences to date have been overturned and the inmates exonerated and freed. In these situations, the actual killers may never be tried due to the age of the cases or the unwillingness of prosecutors to reopen the case. States are eager to convict, not so eager to execute.
- 2. Executions are chiefly a southern phenomenon and seven of the eleven states with death rows over 100 are in the South.** From 1/1/77 to 12/31/02, 820 inmates were executed by 32 states and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Two-thirds of the executions occurred in five states: Texas (289), Virginia (87), Missouri (59), Oklahoma (55), and Florida (54). Thus, a death sentence and the execution of a death sentence depends more on geography than on the nature of the crime, lending credence to the contention that the death penalty is imposed arbitrarily.
- 3. Since 1995, death sentence convictions have been slowing:** from 327 in 1994 and 1995 to 323 in 1996 to 304 in 1998 to 232 in 2000 to 159 in 2002. More than half of the inmates were received in five states: Texas (37), California (14), Alabama (11), Florida (10), and Pennsylvania (9).
- 4. The death penalty may be inherently racist** because killers of black victims are treated more leniently than killers of white victims. Over 80% of completed capital cases involve white victims, even though nationally only 50% of murder victims are white.

Sources:

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<http://www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/dpqa.html>
<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org>
<http://justice.policy.net/cjedfund/jpreport/>
<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfu1convictions>
www.moratoriumcampaign.org www.mvfr.org
www.ncadp.org www.pewforum.org/death
<http://www.pfadp.org/index.shtml> www.quixote.org

Pro death penalty sites

www.dpinfo.com/dpnews.htm

www.prodeathpenalty.com

Since this planned move to concurrence will be held at the 2006 LWVUS Convention, the delegates who will be representing you, need to know how The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area membership feel on this subject. **Please take a moment to fill-in and mail your response to LWVFA 4026 Hummer Road, Suite 214, Annandale VA 22003-2403 or email a response to LWVFA@ecoisip.com ; Deadline is May 10, 2006.**

The Illinois State League of Women Voters wants concurrence with the proposed LWVUS Position Statement:
The League of Women Voters of the United States supports the abolition of the death penalty.

Do you prefer that our delegates support _____ Or oppose _____ adoption of this position?

Name _____ Unit _____
 Address _____ City _____ Phone _____

Meetings - Unit Choice Information

Any member may attend the unit choice(s) that appeal to them as long as there are no restrictions on the number of participants. First refusal should be given to the members of the particular unit that made the arrangements that wish to attend. But please feel free to contact the telephone number that is listed for more information to find out if there are any restrictions if you would like to join them.

Tuesday, April 11

9:45 am Annandale/Barcroft (AB)

To be determined later
Call Emily 703-346-9684 for info.

4:00 pm McLean (McL)

1008 Heather Hill Court, Nancy Hopkins, the Planning Commissioner for Dranesville will speak about planning issues in their area, Call Anne 703-448-6626.

7:45 pm Vienna Evening (VE)

To be determined later
Call Anne 703-938-9336.

Monday, April 10, 2006

2:30 pm Greenspring Vill. (GSV)

in the Village Square Theater.
Guest Speaker: Vivian Watts, 39th District Representative will speak on events transpired at the 2006 session of the General Assembly. Everyone is invited to join the Greenspring Unit for this interesting meeting.

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

7:00 pm Reston Evening (RE) at 1598 North Village Road. Viewers choice of DVD of Civil Liberties or CEDAW Forums. Call Therese 703-471-6364 to RSVP and for more information and directions.

Wednesday, April 12

12:00 Noon Fairfax Station (FXS)

Lunch in the Fairfax County Government Center cafeteria to be followed at 1:00 p.m. in Room 8 on the 2nd floor a presentation by Merni Fitzgerald, public relations specialist for Fairfax County. Topic: "How will Fairfax County prepare itself for the large scale demographic changes, that will be caused by the shift of use at Fort Belvoir?"

10:00 am Hollin Hills Day (HHD) & Hollin Hills Eve (HHE)

Tour of Noman M. Cole Jr., Pollution Control Plant - 9399 Richmond Highway (Meet at building closest to the road). Wear sensible shoes. Lunch at a local restaurant will follow tour at 12:00 Noon. For more information, details and restrictions call Inta Sradars 703-765-9458.

1:30 pm Vienna Day (VID)

"Highlights Tour" at the Smithsonian Indian Museum. Use the L'Efant Metro stop. Contact Dottie at 703-280-2932 or Dkilogore@verizon.net for more details on time to arrive at site, etc.

6:15 pm Dinner Unit (DU)

No Meeting.

Thursday, April 13

9:00 am Reston Day (RD)

Discussion "Should Reston be incorporated as a town?" 11908 Paradise Lane, Herndon 20171 Call Charlene at 703-620-3593 for info.

10:15 am Fairfax City Day (FXD)

A tour of the Access Service Library at the Fairfax County Government Center. Limited number Call Jeanne at 703-591-4580 for more information

9:30 am Springfield (SPF)

Packard Center (Lg. Conf. Rm.) 4026 Hummer Rd, Annandale
Guest Speaker: Vivian Watts, 39th District Representative, will speak on what ensued at the 2006 session of the General Assembly. Call Nancy 703-256-6570 or 703-256-9420 for info.

12:30 pm Chantilly/Herndon

(CHD) A tour of the Office of Emergency Management at the Fairfax County Government Center. Meet in the lobby at 11:30 am for lunch. Call Olga 703-815-1897 for info.

Saturday, April 15, 2006

P. WILLIAM AREA DAY & EVE

1:30 p.m. Manassas Museum Tour (cost: \$2.00). 9101 Prince William St. 11:30 a.m. lunch at the City Tavern Grill, 9405 Main Street, Manassas. Call Rita at 703-368-4178 for info.