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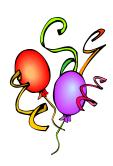
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LET'S CELEBRATE! LWVFA IS 60!

We are part of the baby boom generation! Officially chartered by LWVUS on April 15, 1948, our 60-year anniversary celebration follows the conclusion of our Annual Meeting on **April 19, 2008**, in the Hunters Crossing Conference Room of Greenspring Village (see luncheon registration form on page 7 of this *Voter*). Many events will precede this day—attend as many of the following as you can.



Monday, March 31, 9:00AM - The Government Center Auditorium, BOS Proclamation stating April 15, 2008, to be "League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Day;" Tuesday, April 8, 7:00PM — council chamber of City Hall, Fairfax City Council Proclamation; Wednesday, April 16, 7:30PM — George Mason Regional Library on Route 236, FCPL Reception and unveiling of the new LWVFA exhibit board; and at George Mason University's Fenwick Library, a League of Women Voters exhibit will be on display starting April 7th. And of course, the "real party" on April 19th!

So, join the celebration, commemorating 60 years of service to Fairfax City & County.

Remember: "60 Years Strong and Needed Now More Than Ever"

Calendar

April (No Unit Meetings)

01	May Voter/Bulletin Deadline
01-02	2 BOS FY09 Budget Public Hearing
07	Last Day to Register for City &
	Town Elections
07	GMU Fenwick Library, League exhibit
80	Fairfax City Proclamation for LWVFA
16	Board Meeting/May UC LetterDeadline
16	Geo. Mason Regional Library – 7:30 pm,
	reception & unveiling of LWVFA exhibit
	board
19	60 th LWVFA Annual Meeting &
	Anniversary Celebration at

Greenspring Village
20 Passover - begins at sundown on 19th

21 Cities & Towns Voters Guide Published

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2008 ANNUAL MEETING KIT IS INSIDE!

Look for the 'blue' pages and take them with you to the 60th LWVFA Annual Meeting on April 19th, 9:45 AM



The Acting President's Message

During our December program planning meetings, a question came up about "League Principles." The Principles are "concepts of government" to which the League subscribes and have two functions: authorization for program adoption and as a basis for taking action. Although Principles have the force of position, they are not used to take advocacy/opposition action in "stand-alone" form without member study and understanding of an issue, and agreement about what government's role should be relating to that issue. We don't speak without study and consensus.

These are our Principles and can be found in LWVFA's *Here We Stand*.

The League of Women Voters believes:

- in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.
- democratic government depends upon informed and active participation in government and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.

Join Us on Facebook!

The League now has a special page on the social networking site, Facebook. If you (or your friends, loved ones or co-workers) already have registered on Facebook, join our cause by logging in, visiting the League's page and clicking on "join." Not on Facebook yet? It's easy to sign up and connect with friends around the world! Go to www.facebook.com and follow the simple instructions. Once you've confirmed your registration by clicking on the verification e-mail, jump to the League's page (or search under "causes" for "League of Women Voters") and click "join."

- every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.
- efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.
- responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.
- cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

Now you know!

Mary Grace

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Units Respond to "Cool Counties" Program

By Lois Page, Program Co-Director

January's program on environmental issues, especially as relating to local initiatives on conserving energy, yielded feedback that may help to give direction to the program committee.

The report from the Reston Evening Unit summed up the reaction of most to the question about the cause of global warming: "There is no question that global climate change exists, that human activities are the primary cause, that the situation is serious with grave consequences to our earth. The United States, with its lavish and unrestricted use of oil, electricity and motor vehicles, is one of the chief villains."

At least four units suggested the committee might want to provide another informational meeting in the future on nuclear energy. The national League position concentrates heavily on proper methods to handle nuclear waste, but several units want to know if improved techniques have made nuclear energy a more viable energy source than in the Three Mile Island days. Several noted that nuclear energy is in fairly widespread use in Europe, and are curious about how they are handling the waste problem. One unit indicated they would like nuclear energy taken up on the national level with concurrence involved. Some wanted to know if there is such a thing as "clean coal" which is being promoted in the Virginia Energy Plan of 2007

Several mentioned that they are pleased that Fairfax County is taking the initiative in "green" promotion, but questioned if enough is being done to involve citizens. Many suggestions for stepping up our efforts several notches were offered:

more recycling by more people with more centers nearby

- buy cars with better gas mileage; promote gauges on cars that indicate fuel mileage
- buy long lasting, energy-efficient light bulbs (but several wanted to know how to best dispose of them)
- VA energy commission set up incentives for "hours of use" of appliances
- hire an "energy czar"
- make sure public transportation is in place to handle the BRAC influx in the Ft. Belvoir area
- reduce property tax per residence per trees left on the property
- encourage the use of solar roofs and solar heating and perhaps wind power.
- consolidate trash service so that trucks are not coming through communities three times a week
- make the Ox Road recycling facility more consumerfriendly: open every day and better marked.

In addition to the request for more information on nuclear power, respondents had several other requests for the environment committee:

- monitor the Climate Protection Plan in Austin, Texas, mentioned in the study (sounds rather "pie in the sky")
- periodic updating in the Voter on new ways to conserve energy, or other environmental news.
- occasional updating on the progress of the "Cool County" program

Many units responded that they appreciated the "Alphabet Game," whereby they were asked to find the answers in the study that explained certain energy-talk acronyms such as GHG (green house gas).

Membership News

By Leslie Vandivere, Membership Director

Welcome to new local members: Molly Hewitt, Inga and Larry Marler, and Vera Steiner Blore; and new national members: Kathleen Dehm and Gary Sydow.

Did you know that LWV members can update their information online?

The LWVUS database and Web site has been upgraded. Now, individual members can update their profiles in the League's online database; go to the "Login" section (top right side of homepage) of www.lwv.org. Members can update their address, telephone number and e-mail address, using the "Update Profile" option (left side of the page). Members also can subscribe to online lists and the *LeagueE-Voice* and join the Grassroots Lobby Corps.

MAKING HISTORY CLOSE TO HOME

By Bernice Colvard, League Historian

Speaking Of Women's History Month [March]

An historic change occurred in the 2008 Virginia General Assembly as women, three of them African Americans, were chosen to head seven of the State Senate's ten standing committees. They are **Sens. Yvonne B. Miller** (Norfolk), Transportation; **Mary Margaret Whipple** (Arlington), Rules; **Linda T. "Toddy" Puller** (Fairfax), Rehabilitation and Social Services; **Janet D. Howell** (Fairfax), Privileges and Elections; **L. Louise Lucas** (Portsmouth), Local Government; **Mamie E. Locke** (Hampton), General Laws and Technology; and **Patricia S. Ticer** (Alexandria) Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources. We congratulate these legislative pioneers and wish them continuing success.

LWVFA In A Time Capsule

The new Fairfax City Regional Library, which opened in January 2008, requested contributions for its 50-year time capsule to be sited in a column near the main entrance.

(Time capsules are no longer routinely buried; too many have been lost.) LWVFA submitted a package containing a copy of *Tracing Our Roots*, *Remember The Ladies...*, a 2007 Facts For Voters, our 1989 and 1991 Recycling Guides, the June 2005 and Feb. 2006 Bulletins with out most recent library studies, our new Library Position, and a "Letter to the Future"

This "Letter" was to address any aspect of life and our library system. Excerpts from the League's letter stated: "The Fairfax City Regional Library is unique in serving two separate governmental jurisdictions, the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County. The League of Women Voters also represents both jurisdictions. The Virginia Room, located in the Fairfax City Regional Library, is another unique feature.......The blending of diverse languages and cultures is stretching our horizons and will certainly affect library services in the future. The needs of the community for unfettered access to information is unlikely to change. Just as the need for unbiased, nonpartisan political information should remain a constant in our democratic nation."

COME AND JOIN FELLOW LEAGUE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TOURING WASHINGTON WITH "ELEANOR ROOSEVELT"

[i.e., Beth Cogswell – LWV of Arlington member]

When: Saturday, April 12, 2008
Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Meet: DAR Hall - 17th Street, NW

Price: \$50.00, includes box lunch with water and bus (some walking)

Reservation deadline: Friday, April 4, 2008 Check payable to: LWVNCA ************************************
Reservation form for Eleanor Roosevelt tour, 4/12/08 I/We will be attending at \$50.00 each League Names(s) for the name tag(s)
I/We require a vegetarian box lunch
Mail check & reservation form to: Barbara Sherrill, 4826 North 17th St, Arlington, VA 22207

Coming in May to a unit near you - "Restoration of the Civil Rights of Felons"



League of Women Voters® of the Fairfax Area

60th LWVFA & 26th LWVFA Ed Fund **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

Saturday, April 19, 2008 9:45 AM

Greenspring Village **Hunters Crossing Conference Center Meeting Room** 7470 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, VA (Directions on Page 6 of April 2008 Voter)

Complete reservation form for Luncheon on page 7 of April 2008 Voter. Return the form with your check by: April 8, 2008

Please take this kit and your copy of "Here We Stand" with you to the meeting

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to allow members, collectively, to consider and approve the annual budgets, local program, and elect officers & directors. Members may also give direction to the board.

PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Rules of Procedure, when consented to by the members, become the tools which permit a majority to accomplish its purpose within a reasonable period of time, after allowing the minority an opportunity to express its views on issues.

- I. The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised ("Parliamentary Procedure") will generally guide the proceedings.
- II. Only members in good standing in the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will be permitted to speak and vote.

III. Discussion

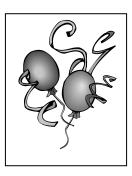
Speakers shall identify themselves by **name** and **unit**. Each speaker will be allowed **two minutes**, unless otherwise announced. The chair will not recognize a person the second time until all who wish to speak have done so. Debate must be germane to the subject. Members may request an extension of time.

IV. Motions and Amendments

Lengthy motions and amendments shall be written and submitted to the Secretary. An amendment may be amended only once. As all agenda items require prior member notice, motions to amend, which change the intent or enlarge the scope, will not be permitted.

V. Procedure for Program Adoption

- 1. Recommended items: Only questions of clarification will be permitted at this time.
- 2. Non-recommended items: A two-minute presentation of the item, followed by a formal MOTION TO CONSIDER. A member of the Board may give reasons for not recommending the item (one minute). The motion is then voted upon immediately. If it receives a majority vote, it is then considered for adoption on the same basis as the recommended items, except that it must receive 3/5 vote for adoption.
- 3. Proposed program (non-recommended items, followed by recommended items) MOTION(S) TO ADOPT program items are made.
 - a. Non-recommended items (in the order in which they were voted consideration) and recommended items will be taken up one at a time for formal motion, further debate, possible amendment and vote.
- 4. Current Positions. Members have an opportunity to reaffirm or reject current positions. After an item listed is moved for adoption, a MOTION TO STRIKE OR AMEND a particular position may be made.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF LWVFA

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax County was chartered April 15, 1948 under LWVUS President Anna Lord Strauss; it was established as a provisional League [now called an "MAL Unit"] in 1946. In 1964, the name was changed to the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, to show that it served the City of Fairfax, as well as the County. After the conclusion of today's Annual Meetings, we will celebrate our "official" 60th Anniversary as a full-fledged League. Please stay and enjoy the festivities.

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60th ANNUAL MEETING of The League Of Women Voters Of The Fairfax Area

PROPOSED AGENDA

9:45 a.m. Registration and Coffee Bar

10:15 a.m. Call to Order

Acting President's Welcome & Recognition of Elected Officials

Announcements

Adoption of Rules of Procedure & Agenda

Appointments of Parliamentarian & Reading Committee

10:30 a.m. Treasurer's Report - 3rd Quarter LWVFA FY07-08

10:35 a.m. Adoption of Proposed LWVFA Budget FY08-09

10:45 a.m. Adoption of Program for 2008-2010

Presentation of Proposed Recommended Program Items

Motion(s) to Consider Non-Recommended Program Items [if any] Motions to Adopt Program for 2008-2010 – [3/5 vote required for non-

recommended items in order of consideration]

Motion to Re-adopt all Current Positions

11:15 a.m. Adoption of Proposed LWVFA Bylaws Amendment

11:25 a.m. Report of the Nominating Committee/ Nominations from Floor

Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA

11: 30 – 11:40 BREAK

26th ANNUAL MEETING of The League Of Women Voters Of The Fairfax Area Education Fund

PROPOSED AGENDA

11:40 a.m. Call to Order

Adoption of Rules of Procedure & Agenda

11:45 a.m. Treasurer's Report - 3rd Quarter LWVFA Ed Fund FY07-08
 11:50 a.m. Adoption of Proposed LWVFA Ed Fund Budget FY08-09

11:55 a.m. Adoption of Proposed LWVFA Ed Fund Bylaws Amendment

12:00 p.m. Report of Education Fund Activities

12:05 p.m. Report of the Nominating Committee/ Nominations from Floor

Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA Ed Fund

12:10 p.m. Direction to the Boards

12:15 p.m. Adjourn for 60th Anniversary Celebration & Luncheon

To: Members of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

From: LWVFA Budget Committee (Diane Hardcastle, Mary Grace Lintz (ex. officio), Therese Martin (ex.

officio), Una White, Sherry Zachry, Bill Thomas, Chair)

Subject: Proposed LWVFA Budgets for Fiscal Year 2008-09

The proposed LWVFA General Fund and Education Fund Budgets for FY 2008-09 appear on the following pages. Both budgets represent decreases from projected spending for FY 2007-08. The Ed Fund spends \$14,625, a decrease of \$810 from spending projected in the current fiscal year. Much of this decrease is in the Voters Service budget, the largest category of spending in the Ed Fund.

General Fund expenses are projected at \$33,480 plus \$5,000 in support for the Ed Fund. This year, we are making an accounting change, reflecting meeting income in the income category and meeting expenses in the expense category (see Items I.G.1 and II.C.6 in the General Fund budget). This change adds \$4,000 to both income and expenses, but does not alter the balance between them.

While dues are held at \$55 for the coming fiscal year, an increase may be necessary in 2009. For FY 2008-09, some expenses are met by drawing down operating balances resulting from surpluses in prior years. (see below). This is consistent with what we have done in past years' budgets. But this is the last year we can do this. For FY 2009-10, we are likely to need to <u>increase both dues and income</u> from member and community contributions, in order to keep our programs operating at current levels.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Proposed Statement of Condition

Fund	<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	Actual <u>FY 06-07</u>	Adjusted** <u>FY 07-08</u>	Projected FY 07-08	Proposed <u>FY 08-09</u>
General Fund	A. B.	Operating Balance Reserve Funds	15,705	5,550	6,718	313
	1.	Equipment purchase	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
	2. * D.	Contingency Reserve Special Funds	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
		Subtotal	24,005	13,850	15,018	8,613
		Pre-paid dues***	8,950	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
		Total Cash	32,955	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Education		0 4 01	1 400	1.040	2.240	1 274
Fund	A.	Operating Balance	1,409	1,049	2,349	1,274
	B.	Special Funds	448	-	700	-
		Total Cash	1,857	1,049	3,049	1,274

^{*} LWVUS recommends a reserve amount equal to at least two months' operations (for both GF and EF)

^{**} Adjusted reflects FY06-07 actuals

^{***} Pre-payment of dues not considered in the budget

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2008-09

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Actual Adopted Projected Proposed FY 06-07 FY 07-08 FY 07-08 FY 08-09 Notes:

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I.	INCOME & TRANSFERS					
ι. Α.	Dues					Regular Joint
7. 1.	Current Year	13,275	14,855	12,700	13 575	Dues @ 55 75
2.	Prepaid for next year	10,275	14,000	12,700	10,575	Assumptions for dues
ъ. В.	Member contributions					225 Regular memberships
1.	Direct	590	1,000	500	750	
2.	Unit projects	2,874	2,000	2,250	2,500	•
C.	Community contributions	500	1,000	500	2,500 500	•
D.	Community elections	11,300	10,000	12,200	10,000	
E.	Interest	715	750	750	750	
F.	Special projects	0	0	0	750	
G.	Miscellaneous income	U	O	U	U	
1.	Meeting income	0	0	4,000	4 000	Item II.C.6 reflects exp.
2.	Other	346	0	250	0	nem m.c.o reneoto exp.
	Total Income	29,600	29,605	33,150	32,075	
	Total income	23,000	23,003	55,150	32,073	
G.	TRANSFERS IN					
	From equipment reserve		0			
	From special funds reserve		0			
	From operating balance resv	3,371	10,155	8,987	6,405	
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	TOTAL INCOME &					
I.	TRANSFERS	32,971	39,760	42,137	38,480	
II.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS					
A.	GENERAL OPERATIONS					
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<u>Line</u> B.	<u>Item</u>		-	-	Proposed FY 08-09	
6.	Membership					
a.	Postage & Supplies	222	250	200	250	
b.	Membership Materials & Outreach	75	200			
7.	Program director	165	150			
8.	Unit coordinator	69	200			
9.	Public relations	42	100			
10.	Historian	34	50			
11.	Miscellaneous	0	25			
	Subtotal: Board & Admin	1,071	1,700	1,400	1,700	
C.	CONVENTIONS/MEETINGS	,	,	,	,	
1.	Workshops/spec meetings	400	500	500	500	
2.	LWVUS convention	0	4,000	4,800	0	
3.	LWVVA convention	2,254	0	0	2,700	
4.	LWVVA council	0	250	250	0	Alternate years with LWVVA conv
5.	LWVNCA convention	150	140	150	140	
6.	Meetings: Annual & General	22	0	4,000	4,000	See I.G.1
	Subtotal: Conv & Mtgs	2,826	4,890	9,700	7,340	
D.	AFFILIATIONS					PMP Amt.
1.	LWVUS PMP (2)	7,060	6,310	6,310	6,170	28.00
2.	LWVVA PMP	4,350	4,080			
3.	LWVNCA PMP	232	260			
	Subtotal: Affiliations	11,642	10,650	10,389		
E.	VOTER/Ann. Mtg. Kit					Membership for PMP calc.
1.	Printing (1)	3,699	3,200			5 ,
2.	Supplies	51	250		_	
	Subtotal: Bulletin	3,751	3,450	3,398	3,550	
F.	ACTION					16 2nd Household
1.	Director/Unit action	0	75			0 Student
2.	Activities & support pubs	20	100			
3.	"Here We Stand"	0	50			
_	Subtotal: Action	20	225	150	275	
G.	SPECIAL PROJECTS					
1.	Community elections	154	300			Costs related to admin of elections
2.	Coalitions/sponsorships	50	75			
	Subtotal: Special Projects	204	375			
H.	MISCELLANEOUS	0	100			
	TOTAL OPERATIONS	26,456	31,460	34,137	33,480	
I.	ED FUND Support Total Expenses + EF Support	6,000 32,456	8,300 39,760			Based on Ed Fund requirements
J.	TRANSFERS OUT					
1.	To equipment reserve fund	515	0		0	
2.	To contingency reserve fund		0		0	
3.	To pre-paid dues					
4.	To operating balance		0		0	
	Subtotal: Transfers Out	515	0		_	
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFR	32,971	39,760	42,137	38,480	

NOTES: (1) Expense shared with Education Fund

⁽²⁾ LWVUS gives a credit of \$5.00 for each national member we serve

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Proposed Education Fund Budget for FY 2008-09 Actual Adopted Projected Proposed

<u>Line</u>	<u> Item</u>	Actual FY 06-07	Adopted FY 07-08	Projected FY 07-08	Proposed FY 08-09	Notes:
I.	INCOME & TRANSFERS					
A.	Member contributions					
1.	Direct	652	,		,	
2.	Through unit projects	3,010				
В.	Community contributions	2,790				Support for Facts for Voters
C.	Voters service reimbursements Publications	1,959				06-07 incl. Cox reimb for Herndon Forum
D. E.	Memorial & spec funds	345 345				
F.	Miscellaneous	1,200				Incl. grant income
G.	From LWVFA General Fund	6,000				-
	Total Income	15,959	•			
H.	OTHER TRANSFERS IN	. 0,000		,	,	
1	From operating balance		360) (1,075	
2.	From memorial funds	355	5 ()	700	
3.	From restricted funds	500) ()		
	Total Transfers In	855	360) (1,775	
I.	TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	16,814	17,060	17,075	14,625	
II.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS					
Α.	OPERATIONS	0.5				
1. 2.	State corporation fee Liability insurance	25 250				
2. 3.	Gen'l office & admin cost	322				
4.	Office copying (1)	152				Incl. costs for other line items
5.	Rent (1)	613				
B.	ADMINISTRATION					
1.	Communications					
a.	Telephone (1)	481				Cox will provide both services
b.	Internet (1)	108				under a bundled contract
c.	Web Site (1)	0.50				
2.	Mail - bulk mail (1)	350	350	300	300	
C.	PROGRAM					
1.	Study committees & director	89				
2.	Printing studies (in Bulletin) (1)	2,908				
3. D.	Special Projects PUBLICATIONS	1,584 0			0 5 50	
D.	Subtotal Items A-D	6,881				
E.	VOTERS SERVICE		•	·	•	
1.	Director expenses	42				
2.	Facts for Voters	6,230				Reduce print run
3. 4.	Projects: Voters Guide Projects: What's on the Ballot	863 949				
4 . 5.	Forums and other projects	911				
6.	Voters Service Outreach)		200	
F.	Subtotal Voters Service MISC & SPECIAL PROJECTS	8,995 675				Used for memorial funds
• •	TOTAL Expenses - Operations	16,550				
G.	TRANSFERS OUT	10,000	11,000	10,100	14,020	
1.	To operating balance	231	(940)	
2.	To memorial funds (2)		(700)	
3.	To restricted (grant & Facts) fnds		(
	Total Transfers Out	231	(1,640	0	
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFRS S: (1) Expense shared with General I	16,782	17,060	17,075	14,625	

NOTES: (1) Expense shared with General Fund

⁽²⁾ The special funds are not spent in the proposed budget; their use is governed by the Board 2008 Annual Meeting Kit- Page 7

2008 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LWVFA & LWVFA EDUCATION FUND BYLAWS

The 2008 LWVFA Bylaws Committee proposes the following amendments to the LWVFA and LWVFA Education Fund Bylaws in order to finish the 2007 proposed amendments that were not printed correctly in the 2007 Annual Meeting Kit.

LWVFA [GF]:

ARTICLE VI - FINANCE

Sec. 5. Distribution of Funds Upon Dissolution- In the event of dissolution of the LWVFA, all moneys and securities which may at that time be owned by or under the control of the LWVFA shall be paid transferred to the LWVVA League of Women Voters of Virginia. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed, which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVFA shall be contributed disposed of to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the LWVFA board of directors.

To simplify and clarify.

LWVFA Ed Fund:

ARTICLE VI- FINANCE

Sec. 5. Distribution of Funds Upon Dissolution. In the event of dissolution of the LWVFA Ed Fund, all moneys and securities, that may at the time be owned **by** or under the control of the LWVFA Ed Fund shall be disposed of transferred to the LWVVA League of Women Voters of Virginia Education Fund. All other property whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed, that may, at the time, be owned **by** or under the control of the LWVFA Ed Fund, shall be **contributed** disposed of by any officer or corporation to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as the LWVFA Ed Fund board may designate.

Upon dissolution of the LWVFA Ed Fund, its monies should go to the LWVVA Ed Fund; to make the Ed Fund bylaws consistent with the General Fund Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted by the 2008 Bylaws Committee: Sherry Zachry (Chair), Edith Appel, and Mary Grace Lintz.

PROPOSED LWVFA PROGRAM FOR JULY 2008 – JUNE 2010

Based on the suggestions gathered from the membership during the program planning units in December 2007, the Board of Directors makes the following recommendations for the 2008-2010 biennium:

Recommended Program:

- Re-adoption of all positions listed in Here We Stand.
- Schools positions should reflect the concurrences agreed upon in the June 2007 & March 2008 unit meetings, subsequently approved by the LWVFA Board.
- Study: A study of the adequacy, availability and coordination of mental health resources in the Fairfax Area.
- Update: An update of the LWVFA Human Resources positions regarding services to the elderly.

Non-Recommended Local Program Items

The following items, in no particular order, received some support from members but are not recommended by the Board. Members who wish to move adoption of any of these items for program and study must follow the procedure on page 2 of this kit. It is particularly important that leadership be available for any item considered.

(Category) Social Policy:

- 1) Human Resources: Finding homes for the homeless, rather than shelters
- 2) Juvenile Problems: Gang problems

(Category) Government:

- 3) Fairfax County/City: Citizen advisory boards
- 4) Fairfax County/City: Proffer system
- 5) Transportation: Changes after the establishment of the Northern VA Transportation Authority

Respectfully submitted: Mary Grace Lintz & Lois Page, Program Co-Directors

2008 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for consideration by the membership at the 2008 Annual Meeting. The slate is to be elected to serve as Officers and Directors of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Education Fund. At the time this Annual Meeting Kit went to press, not all of the positions had a nominee; it is hoped that at Annual Meeting, there will be nominations from the floor to complete the slate.

To Be Elected to Serve a Two-year Term - Beginning July 1, 2008:

Treasurer: Therese Martin

Directors: Jane Hilder (Action #)

Baba Freeman (Administration)

(Program)

Julia Jones (Unit Co-Coordinator)
Janey George (Voters Service *)

To Be Elected to Serve a One-year Term - Beginning July 1, 2008:

Secretary: Rona Ackerman

Director: (Outreach)

Nominating Committee Chair:

Nominating Committee Member: Gloria Haher Nominating Committee Member: Barbara Matthews

- Director w/o Portfolio on Ed Fund Board

* - Director w/o Portfolio on LWVFA Board

Respectfully submitted, the Nominating Committee:
Sally Ormsby, Chair
Janey George, Gail Richmond, Leslie Vandivere, Una White

MEET YOUR NOMINEES

Therese Martin - Treasurer

Therese joined the LWVFA in January 1970 and during that decade served as Voters Service, Program and Action Directors; and member of LWVFA representative government committee, LWVVA elections laws committee, LWVNCA congressional seminar committee, and LWVUS study of the Presidency committee.

She then returned to the U.S. Department of Education as director of budget execution and administrative budgets. Therese served on committees on local governance and finance, budget and audit. Since her retirement, she has chaired the justice position update study, was PR director, budget and audit committee member and chair, a member of the LWVVA redistricting committee and continued to serve the Reston Evening unit as membership and unit chair. She is LWVFA representative on the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and has been LWVFATreasurer since 2004 and is currently LWV-VA Treasurer. Therese and her husband have found time to indulge their post-retirement hobby of traveling, especially on walking tours in both the U.S. and abroad.

Jane Hilder - Action

Jane grew up in Michigan where her mother was a member of the League of Women Voters. She joined the League in 1977 in western Massachusetts, with her membership fee a birthday gift from her mother-in-law, who was very active in League in Indianapolis. Jane has lived in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County since 1984. She has been a nutrition aide, battered women's counselor, preschool and primary grades teacher and a school psychologist, as well as serving 8 years on the PTSA Board of Thomas Jefferson Science and Technology. Jane belongs to the Mt. Vernon evening unit and has been Action Director of LWVFA since 2004.

Baba Freeman - Administration

Baba has been a member of LWVFA since 1967—that's 41 years! During that time, she served as a Copresident, 1st & 2nd Vice-Presidents -administration, and as Bulletin editor. Baba is a member of the Reston Evening unit and has been unit chair, action and voters service for the unit. She has also served on several LWVFA committees including land use, transportation, child abuse, privatization and human resources. She is the current Hunter Mill District representative on the Fairfax County Human Services Council, and past board member of Reston Interfaith and Reston Citizens Association.

Julia Jones – Unit Co-Coordinator

Julia grew up in Ohio and attended Miami University (BS in Elementary Education). After an MA degree in geography at Michigan State University, her family moved to Columbia, SC where she joined the League in 1974 and served on the board for a brief period. After a year in both Mexico and Puerto Rico, she moved to Reston in 1982 and joined the LWVFA. She actively participated in the Reston Day Unit and, after resuming her elementary teaching career, switched to the Reston Evening Unit. She has held several leadership positions with Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary education sorority. Since her retirement in 2006, Julia spends her extra time substituting, reading and traveling.

Janey George – Voters Service

After joining the League in April 2006, Janey became a member of Court Watch and the Justice Committee. Then in October of that year, she was appointed to finish the term of Unit Coordinator and again appointed as Unit Coordinator in 2007. One of the things Janey enjoys most about being Unit Coordinator is visiting all the units and matching names with faces. She served on the Affordable Housing Committee and as Co-Representative to AHOME, later being elected to the AHOME Foundation Board. Janey has attended state League workshops, state convention and the WRT Pre-session meeting. She chaired the 60th Anniversary Committee and is Membership Chair for her unit, Chantilly Herndon.

Rona Ackerman - Secretary

Rona received an MS in Management from Purdue University. She subsequently worked in various positions in college administration and joined the League in 1988. She served in several board positions in

the Mid-Ulster (NY) League until she and her husband moved to an area without a local League. Two children and several moves later, Rona came to Fairfax, where she promptly joined the League again. She was LWVFA's Voters Service Director for two years, served as Program Co-Director from 2004-2007 and has been filling the Secretary's position since October, 2007. Rona was a member of the LWVUS lobby corps, a delegate to the 2003 LWVVA Convention and the 2004 & 2006 LWVUS Conventions. In addition, Rona has been PTA President for the last two years at her two daughters' elementary school. Rona attends the Reston Day unit.

Gloria Haher –Nominating Committee

Gloria was born in 1927, in Brooklyn, NY. She graduated with BS in Chemistry from Wagner College, Staten Island, NY. 1949. She joined LWVPG in 1954, was elected county treasurer in 1956 and resigned in 1957 upon moving to VA. Gloria joined LWVFA in the 1990s after living abroad on and off for forty years. She has served on Nominating committee, was Membership Director for 2 years, 1 year as Outreach-off board. She currently is a member of the Mt. Vernon Unit.

Barbara Matthews – Nominating Committee

Barbara moved to the area in 1973, first living in Annandale and has been a resident of the City of Fairfax for the past 21 years. She joined the League at the invitation of neighbor Shirley Strong in 1991. In 1994, Barbara became unit chair of the Fairfax City Day unit and has served as Voters Service Chair continuously since that time. She became unit co-chair with Jeanne Agee in 2007. For several years, Barbara has worked at the polls on Election Day, both as a paid worker and as a volunteer. She and husband Bob have a grown daughter who lives in Morrisville, NC with three grandchildren.

Action Faction . . .

Redistricting Reform Killed by Subcommittee Action

By Jane Hilder, Action Director

This year appeared to be the year that redistricting reform might actually pass in the Virginia General Assembly. With the Democrats in control of the Senate and the Republicans in the majority in the House, no one could predict which party would predominate in 2011 for the next redistricting. Del. Brian Moran of Alexandria and Senators Creigh Deeds of the Charlottesville area and Ken Cuccinelli of Fairfax introduced bills that would make redistricting more of a bipartisan process. Although Moran's bill was quickly squelched in the House, SB 38 (Deeds' & Cuccinelli's bill) sailed through the Senate and generated a great deal of support outside the legislature. The business community, Republicans, [former Senator] George Allen and [Lt. Governor] Bill Bolling, along with Democrats [Gov.] Tim Kaine and [former Gov.] Mark Warner, all came out in support of the bill, as did the Washington Post editorial page. In the LWVFA testimony to our legislators on January 5, we had featured the issue of redistricting reform. We emphasized it again on League Lobby Day, January 30.

Then after 'crossover,' a subcommittee of the House Privileges and Elections Committee killed this reform legislation on a 3 to 2 vote, not officially recorded. The subcommittee would not allow the bill to be heard by the full Privileges and Elections Committee or to come to the floor of the House; thus, the House Republican leadership made clear that they did not want the legislation to advance. This process of killing legislation in subcommittee meetings at 7 a.m. by a very small number of Delegates is exactly why the League has been opposing the subcommittee system implemented by the House leadership several years ago. Some members of the P. and E. Committee attempted to revive the bill. Supporters had planned a demonstration at the state capital on Friday, February 22 to coincide with that attempt. The leadership of the P. and E. Committee called an emergency meeting on February 20 and killed the legislation before there could be any more discussion of it. Redistricting reform was killed for yet another year.

Meanwhile, on both the county and state levels of government, budgeting has been very difficult this year. The plunge in housing values, along with the decline in number of sales, has reverberated throughout the economy. Anticipating this, the County Board of Supervisors had

informed the School Board there would be no increase in the 2008-2009 transfer that covers school costs. But the School Board, while proposing some cuts, requested a 4% increase, or \$60 million more than last year, as reported by Ginger Shea in the March *Voter*.

County Executive Tony Griffin proposed a budget that keeps the tax rate flat on a declining residential revenue base. The average residential assessment fell 3.4%. Fortunately, nonresidential property has somewhat increased in value, on average, with assessments rising 13.6%. 2008 is the first year that the BOS has had the option of implementing a different and higher tax rate for nonresidential property, and there may be a rate increase of about 12 cents [on nonresidential property], but that is reserved for transportation improvements. The current rate is 89 cents per hundred dollars of valuation for both residential and nonresidential property. In recent years, residential property taxes have made up 60 % of the county's revenue, so declining home values are having a big impact. Also, the recent reductions in interest rates have resulted in an additional revenue loss on county investments of \$26 million. The net effect on expected county revenues will be a 0.5% reduction in total income for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The proposed budget totals \$6.1 billion. Of that 52.4% would go to the public schools for operating expenses and debt service. The county executive has tried to equally spread the pain of a lean budget; county staff would receive raises of half the added cost of living and those entitled to merit awards would receive only half of the value. Total staff would be cut about 6 % due to attrition, with new positions in transportation being filled only as a result of designated funding. The penny for storm-water management and penny for affordable housing would be continued. Human Services funding would increase slightly.

Supervisors McKay and Gross were particularly concerned that there was no money allotted to expand the staffing of the code enforcement strike team. Tony Griffin suggested that the Board might want to consider increasing the tax rate a few cents, while noting that he expected the 2009-2010 budget process would be even more difficult and would involve bigger cuts. LWVFA is scheduled to testify on the FY-09 budget at the March 31 public hearing.

VIRGINIA HAPPENINGS...

Fairfax League History Highlights - III

Bernice Colvard, League Historian

In the early 1990s, we were surprised and pleased to learn that several League chapters had been formed in Fairfax in the 1920s. As with many chapters across the nation, they were dissolved during the Great Depression of the 1930s. It was possible to retrieve the names of some of those members from microfilm of local newspapers in the library's Virginia Room and the records of the Virginia League's first president, Adele Clark, in Richmond.

In 1995, a Fairfax League Special Collection was started in George Mason University's archives. More materials are added periodically. The City of Fairfax Museum hosted an exhibit celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Suffrage Amendment and the League of Women Voters. An LWVFA traveling exhibit board, titled "Modern Pioneer Women," was rotated among our libraries and public high schools.

The 21st century has brought old and new challenges. One of our most recent efforts was to look at the complexities of immigration today through LWVUS studies. Positions, based on member agreement, will be established to allow addressing some of these issues. Consistently attuned to

environmental concerns, we are educating ourselves and others about global warming's impact on Fairfax. Acceding to a request from LWVUS to all state and local leagues, 2007 saw a change in the masthead of our monthly newsletter from the *Bulletin* to the *Voter*.

We find ourselves in another period of transition. We are dealing with the challenges of the electronic age while remaining cognizant of individual levels of access and varying capabilities. Some remain reliant on paper and the U.S. Postal Service as a means of communication. Some even prefer an old-fashioned phone call to e-mail! However we handle these matters, we are confident the League will, as in the past, persevere. We understand that the processes of representative democracy move slowly and ponderously. It is often necessary to return again and again to pursue specific goals.

The Washington Star summed it up in October 1979: "New times have by no means ended the League's usefulness. Rather they have increased the need for what it does. Political ignorance knows no gender and what the League has to give, like what it has already given the nation in sound information and decent advocacy, transcends its single-sex origins and purposes as throughly as it vindicates."

Adapted from Tracing Our Roots (LWVFA 1997)

DIRECTIONS TO GREENSPRING VILLAGE (now known as "Erickson Retirement Community"):

From Alexandria and Arlington: Go SOUTH on Van Dorn St., becomes S. Van Dorn as you pass over the beltway. Turn RIGHT onto Kingstowne Blvd., which becomes the Franconia-Springfield Pkwy (Rt. 7900). Go 2 miles, turn RIGHT onto Spring Village Drive. Proceed to the Greenspring entrance.

From Annandale, Falls Church and locations inside the beltway: Go SOUTH on Backlick Road, passing under the beltway. Exit from Backlick Road heading WEST onto the Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Rt. 7900). Drive 1 mile and turn RIGHT onto Spring Village Drive. Proceed to the Greenspring entrance.

From 1-95: Take exit 169A, Franconia Rd. Go EAST on Franconia Rd., past Springfield Mall. Turn RIGHT on to Frontier Drive, which borders the mall. Turn RIGHT onto Franconia-Springfield Pkwy. (Rte 7900) west (just before an overpass). Go just over 1 mile and turn RIGHT onto Spring Village Drive. Proceed to the Greenspring entrance.

From Western Fairfax County (outside of the Beltway): Go SOUTH on the Fairfax County Parkway (Rt. 7100), which becomes Franconia-Springfield Pkwy (Rt. 7900) at Rolling Road. Turn LEFT onto Spring Village Drive. Proceed to the Greenspring Entrance.

There is limited visitor parking in front of the Hunters Crossing Conference Center - Car pools are suggested. At the Greenspring Gate: Ask for directions to Hunters Crossing Conference Center. If no parking is available in front of the Conference Center, return to Parking Deck to park and take the shuttle to Hunters Crossing Conference Center.



60th LWVFA Annual Meeting 26th LWVFA Education Fund Annual Meeting

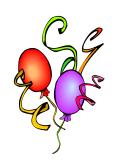
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60th LWVFA Anniversary Party!

Saturday, April 19, 2008



Greenspring Village Hunters Crossing Conference Center Room 7470 Spring Village Drive, Springfield VA (Directions on next page)



Registration at 9:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting begins at 10:15 a.m.

Celebration begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch served at 12:45 p.m.

Menu:

Fresh Garden Salad, Asparagus Spears, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Red Potatoes Cheesecake with Strawberry sauce, Coffee & Tea

Reservation Deadline (with payment) – April 8* Please make checks payable to LWVFA and Mail with form to: Annual Meeting, 11020 Burywood Lane, Reston, VA 20194	Cost: <u>\$25 per person.</u>
Name(s)	Unit
Phone Number & Email	
Guest(s)	
No. lunches @ \$25/per lunch = (Total encl	losed) \$
For special dietary needs or questions, Call Vive	ka 703-404-0498

* Note: This year, Greenspring is requiring payment <u>8 days before</u> the luncheon- so please send your check with your reservation by the deadline date.



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