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Annual Meeting Offers Something for Everyone

A is for April and for Annual Meeting, a great time to demonstrate your commitment to the League process. Some of the many opportunities:

- catch up with League friends, especially the ones not in your unit
- learn about tomorrow's energy as seen by Dominion VA Power
- approve the proposed budget for next year or suggest changes in priority
- meet the new officers of our League
- enjoy a delicious lunch somewhere other than in your own kitchen

How can you resist? Registration form inside (see page 6).

Calendar

1	NCA Board meeting
9	NCA Capitol Steps fundraiser
13	Domestic violence committee
	courthouse tour
16	Annual Meeting, Amphora
	Restaurant, Herndon
18	Passover begins
20	Board meeting
23	G.A. reconvened session begins
24	Easter
30	LWV-VA Convention in Blacksburg

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The President's Message

Julie Jones has agreed to be Co-President, yay! so LWVFA will start the Co-Presidency arrangement for the second time – so I understand. We still need a

Program Director and a Voters Service Outreach Director, to handle debates, forums, etc.

Let's talk about the Program Director. We have a Program Development Committee and now need someone to be Chair/Program Director who will be a board member. I don't know why people run away when you talk about being on the board. The board meets once a month for three hours – and that's two board meetings folks, the Gen Fund and Ed

Fund. I really don't think you can do LWVFA business any faster. So, let's see – three hours a month which makes 36 hours for one year and 72 hours for two years which equates to three days a year. And apparently three days a year is too much to ask to spend on board meetings. Of course, there will be more time spent on LWVFA business, but most of it can be done from your home using e-mails. Am I making it seem too easy? Somewhat, but with all the people who have volunteered to form committees to help the board portfolios, it's not as time consuming nor as arduous as it once was. We are cutting up and parceling out the different portfolio activities so the responsibilities are spread out and the time requirements are less. We are all busy people, and we are trying to make things as simple and less time consuming as possible. So, please, when asked to be a board member, don't automatically say no. Think about it -and then think some more. Thanks,

Janey

County Reapportionment Efforts Move Forward

By Anne Kanter

I was so pleased to be asked to be the LWVFA representative on the County's reapportionment advisory board, to be headed up by Kate Hanley, former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. I was honored to be following the late Sally Ormsby. Reapportionment can be a blood sport, but Fairfax County has had quite a peaceful history. The County has purchased some ingenious software, so that the 20 or so members of the committee could move around precincts in the privacy of their own computer rooms and draw up plans. The public was also given access to the plans, so they too could submit plans. The catch was, they had to do a whole plan, not just move their own pet precinct out of some supervisor's district. They also had to solve the imbalances in other districts, too. It had a dampening effect on outside submissions.

We also worked under great time constraints because Virginia has state office elections in November, and all our changes have to go through the U.S. Department of Justice. The Census Bureau got the Virginia numbers out by the last week in February in 2001. This year they came out the first week in February. Attaboys!

The LWV-VA did a study on redistricting and we all chose criteria for making redistricting choices. The League has one: "increasing competitiveness." The County has a competing one: "preserve incumbency." Those choices make

a difference. Legally, the difference in size from one district to another cannot exceed 10 percent. Practically, that means keeping districts plus or minus 5 percent of the median. We had information on the population of each precinct. Not citizenship, or registered voters, or voting results, those don't matter in the one-man, one-vote rule. Of course, they do in the final plan. In the end, redistricting is about politics.

In the end, we could follow distribution rules by changing only 6 or 7 districts. Now it goes to the Board of Supervisors.

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Electricity Overview "Sparks" Wide-Ranging Discussion

By Lois Page, Program Director

Despite about half of our unit members once again not receiving mailed February *VOTERS* in time (even though it was posted on our website), members dug into a discussion of the adequacy and reliability of electricity in the Metro area with a vengeance. The study was prepared by LWV of the National Capital Area, the 13-League entity that deals with area-wide issues. In truth, both the study and ensuing discussion often dealt with nationwide energy issues.

Those attending the briefing took an extensive look at the future of electrical generation. They concluded that generation isn't the problem. Regarding all types of power generation, the challenges are reliability, storage, cost effectiveness, and feeding it into the grid. We need a way for people to generate their own power with renewable sources.

Most of the units dealing with this question felt we must explore ways to use a variety of means of generation, with renewable sources—wind and solar being the favorites. As one group said, "... no one source [is] going to replace fossil fuel but that more research is needed in all alternatives to foster improvements that would be more cost effective and less negative impact to the environment."

However, any encouragement by the federal government for alternative energy initiatives seem to have gone by the board. As former EPA employee Elizabeth Lonoff points out, "...energy-efficiency tax breaks for consumers ended at the end of 2010 and the new House Appropriations Committee plans to cut the Department of Energy's budget for renewable energy for the current fiscal year and thereby all the related green jobs that would have been created."

More than one unit felt we need to look more closely at nuclear power, suggesting that the League needs to take another look at its position on nuclear power. "Why are we so far behind in the generation of nuclear energy?" The briefing group pointed out that nuclear power requires a tremendous amount of water, obviously not able to be used in all parts of the country. Another drawback is the risk of accidental release whether from the plant or during transmission.

The briefing group also discussed some of the pros and cons of various other forms of generation:
•Natural gas produces fewer carbon emissions but production releases methane, and additives in water get in water supply.

•Coal seems cheap but some claim it is the most expensive if you figure true costs (externality). Cap and trade would have led to higher coal costs. (One group feels that LWVUS should take up a study of cap and trade.) Is there such a thing as clean coal? No new coal plants have come on line recently. There is some indication that one coal plant (Brainard) emits little carbon. One member pointed out," ... the fossil fuels material should have mentioned that "fly ash and scrubber sludge result from air pollution control measures; also, some of these volumes are turned into byproducts." •Solar power requires no extra water but is a reliability and transmission issue.

•Geothermal power can be done anywhere but can be very expensive drilling down, as much as 400 ft. Also, there have been instances of geothermal drilling causing an earthquake.
•Wind power: the Atlantic Bite (Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras) appears to be ideal location for wind power generators as the floor is fairly shallow up to 10 miles out. There is apparently a way to put transmission lines underground and have them come up at the source of the need, thus avoiding objection to transmission lines Google is actually helping to find a way to transmit wind power.
•Need to keep in mind that electric cars need lithium for batteries and lithium is not widely available (Nicaragua.)
•Regarding the use of diesel fuel, one group wanted to know about its advantages.

One final thought on the future of electrical generation: "We need to go back to research and development. We need to produce more brilliant minds!"

Regarding the issue of transmission lines, most units did not feel they had enough material to decide. One unit observed: "It appears that building PATH and MAPP would be very difficult if not impossible with the many companies and many states, with different rules, etc. involved. We certainly wondered about the cost of going *under* Chesapeake Bay. We also worried about the effect on the environment." The briefing group heard about the opposition of environmental groups, such as the Sierra Club, which claim that PATH at least is not needed and furthermore it is being routed to bring "dirty" energy (coal) and thus not encourage alternative generation. Some people asked, "Can renewable energy sources use the transmission lines?" The MAPP line is apparently able to handle nuclear and wind power. Nearly everyone felt they did not know enough to answer this.

Deregulation occurred in the power industry as a means

of separating the company that generates power from the company that transmits it, but as it played out in Maryland and D.C., it led to higher power rates and a system that seems fraught with poor service. The competition that was supposed to materialize never did. Virginia toyed with deregulation but then pulled back, leaving some vestiges in place for large corporate power consumers. On balance, it looks as if deregulation is not a benefit.

The question about the Smart Grid was ducked by many units but those who pursued it see it as a mixed benefit. Fairfax Station says it is "an integrated system that would be efficient but also subject to hacking. If it can be safeguarded, it should be pursued." The briefing was directed to an article in National Geographic (July 2010) that included a fascinating map of the current power lines. Reston Evening observed, "the Smart Grid will ensure more reliable delivery. We also discussed if part of the Smart Grid included information for the consumer to know how much is consumed. Some programs now give the consumer capability to have more control of electric use in non-peak times, therefore saving money and distributing the load over non-peak times." Mt. Vernon Day reported "Security risks (hostile hacking into computer control system) might be a major problem. But such a grid is desirable, inevitable and doable although it will have initial problems. Would prevent brownouts from spreading and equalize demand for generation." Springfield felt it would be "more efficient but will limit customer freedom of life style. Should be cheaper as an incentive."

The NCA study included information about who regulates energy, three federal agencies with different pieces of the pie-FERC, NRC, and EPA-plus regulators on the state level such as the Virginia State Corporation Commission. Also involved are local jurisdictions and sometimes the park services on various levels because of the temptation to run power lines across park land. Briefing group observed, "Current system is a mish-mash: FERC regulates and can overrule the 13 state entity PMJ which regulates the transmission lines. There are three major interconnections, Eastern, Western and Texas. Power does not cross out of these areas. Recently Texas had to buy power from Mexico because of extra cold weather. The western grid is maxed out." The idea of simplifying energy regulation, while attractive on the surface, alarmed a few units: "Think Homeland Security," said Fairfax Station, uneasy over creating a body with too much authority. Another unit observed, "There certainly are many agencies and levels of government involved. Probably it can only be simplified if government and industry sit down together." Mt. Vernon Day feels that "cap and trade would eliminate the need for lots of regulations and would provide important environmental protection with a market-based system."

Most units didn't bother to answer the question about how

electricity makes our current way of life possible. Reston Day summed it up: "We all laughed at this as we had just lived through a 12-hour loss of power last week. We here in Reston were fortunate, as our wires are underground and it was only 12 hours. Even that short period of time was most difficult. Electricity allows our way of life. Need we say more?" Springfield added that the loss of electricity can be life threatening. Some people asked, "Can renewable energy sources use the transmission lines?" Nearly everyone felt they did not know enough to answer this.

Fairfax Station added another wrinkle, saying that we all need to be responsible and prepare for inevitable losses of power. They suggested that certain preparations should be made: hand-cranked radios, have propane lanterns, keep food stocks that don't spoil, fill a bath tub with water, put in gas fireplace that accesses to inside, gas logs. They invite readers to make additional suggestions that will appear in future Voters.

One of our members, Elizabeth Lonoff, is a former employee of EPA. She wishes the study had recognized:

- the power supply mix is partly the result of (ongoing) federal support for fossil fuels,
- distributed power supply (some people even are leaving the grid),
- electricity reliability is a homeland security issue, and
- the potential role of conservation measures.

LWVFA to Send Ten Delegates to State Convention in Blacksburg, April 30

President Jane E George announced that the Fairfax Area League would be permitted to send ten official delegates to this year's annual State convention scheduled to run from April 30 through May 1 in Blacksburg. "In addition, we encourage other members to accompany the delegation and take advantage of workshops planned by the state organization." stated George. "We are the largest League in the state and should have a large representation at the convention."

This is an opportunity to discover from the experts how the new voting districts in Virginia will affect our area. Make new friends from other parts of the state and learn what they are doing and what might work here in northern VA.

Workshops include a session on redistricting, voters service and program. Please contact Rona Ackerman, Executive Assistant at our League office if you are interested in participating either as a delegate or an observer. Plans are being made to carpool and share hotel rooms.



The League of Women Voters® of the Fairfax Area

63rd LWVFA & 29th LWVFA Education Fund

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 10:15AM

Amphora Restaurant 1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

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The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to allow members to collectively consider and adopt an annual budget, and to elect officers and directors for the organization. Members may also give direction to the board.

Please bring this Kit with you to the April 16 Annual Meeting.

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, but only after allowing the minority a reasonable opportunity to express its views on issues.

- I. The Bylaws of the LWV and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised ("Parliamentary Procedure") will generally guide the proceedings.
- II. Only members in good standing in the LWVFA 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 the bylaws or program, which change the intent or enlarge the scope, will not be permitted.

LWVFA 63rd ANNUAL MEETING - PROPOSED AGENDA

	EW TROSIGATIONE MEETING - I ROTOSED AGENDA
9:45a.m.	Registration and Coffee Bar
10:15 a.m.	Call to Order
	President's Welcome & Introductions
	Announcements
10:20 a.m.	Adoption of Rules of Procedures
	Adoption of Agenda
	Appointments of Parliamentarian and Reading Committee
10:30 a.m.	Treasurer's Report - 3 rd Quarter LWVFA FY2010-11 (Therese Martin)
10:35 a.m.	Presentation of Proposed FY 2011-2012 LWVFA Budget (Bill Thomas)
	Consideration & Questions
11:00 a.m.	Break
11:05 a.m.	Speaker: Tim Sergeant, State and Local Affairs Manager, Dominion VA Power,
	"Tomorrow's Energy"
12:00 p.m.	End Question & Answer Session & Recess for Lunch
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Served
1:30 p.m.	Report of the Nominating Committee & Nominations From Floor
	Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA
1:25 p.m.	Adoption of LWVFA FY 2011-2012 Budget
1:35 p.m.	Adjourn LWVFA Annual Meeting

LWVFA EDUCATION FUND – 29th ANNUAL MEETING - PROPOSED AGENDA

1:40 p.m.	Call to Order, Adoption of Rules, Adoption of Agenda
1:45 p.m.	Treasurer's Report - 3 rd Quarter FY 10-11
1:50 p.m.	Presentation of Proposed FY11-12 LWVFA Ed Fund Budget
	Consideration, Questions & Adoption of EF Budget
2:00 p.m	Report of Nominating Committee
	Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA EF
2:05 p.m.	Direction to the Boards
2:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks
2:30 p.m.	Adjourn

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

March 2011

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

From: LWFA Budget Committee (Lucy Dlhopolsky, Janey George (ex. off.), Therese

Martin (ex. off.), Jane Pacelli, Una White, Bill Thomas, Chair)

Subject: Proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2011-12

The proposed General Fund and Education Fund budgets for 2011-12 appear on the following pages. The Ed Fund spends \$16,463 for operations, an apparent increase from this fiscal year. However, this increase results from a change in the way we allocate expenses between the two funds. Following the example of the national LWV, we are now charging a percentage of total administrative expenses to the Ed Fund. That item shows up as an Ed Fund expense and as an income item for the General Fund in 2011-12.

In the coming year, the Board plans for the Executive Director to assume additional responsibilities, and her compensation and hours have been increased to reflect those duties. In order to pay for that increased expense, the Board plans a new effort to increase community contributions significantly. The Board has also voted to increase the contribution from our Legacy Fund in the coming year. Those two income sources will allow us to balance the budget without an increase in dues.

Statement of Condition

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	Actual FY 09-10	Adopted FY 10-11	Proposed FY 11-12	Notes:
General Fund	A. B.	Operating Balance Reserve Funds	6,182	701	654	
	1.	Equipment purchase	_	_	-	
	2. *	Contingency Reserve	7,000	7,000	7,000	
	D.	Special Funds	89,696	86,096	75,656	-
		Subtotal	102,878	93,797	83,310	_
		Pre-paid dues**	7,525	#N/A	#N/A	
		Total Cash	110,403	#N/A	#N/A	
Education Fund	Α.	Operating Balance	1,133	1,068	1,456	
	B.	Special Funds	470	-	-	-
		Total Cash	1,603	1,068	1,456	

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

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

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area General Fund Budget for FY 2011-2012

Page 1 of 2 Adopted Actual **Proposed** FY 09-10 Line FY 10-11 FY 11-12 ltem Notes: **INCOME & TRANSFERS** I. Regular A. Joint 12,040 65 1. **Current Year** 12,600 12,600 Dues @ 90 Prepaid for next year 2. Note (1) Assumptions for dues Member contributions 180 Regular memberships В. 315 750 10 Joint memberships 1. Direct 750 2. Unit projects 1,510 1,500 1,500 0 Student memberships Memorial donations 3. 2,440 0 C. Community contributions 5,000 500 0 D. Community elections 10,200 10,000 10,000 E. Interest 900 221 50 Special projects F. G. Reimb from Ed Fund 0 0 4,163 25% Pct. Paid by Ed Fund Η. Miscellaneous income 3,200 4,000 1. Meeting income 4,000 Item II.C.6 reflects exp. 2. Other 90.055 **Total Income** 120,481 29,750 38,063 TRANSFERS IN l. From Silver Fund 0 3,600 1. 8,000 Note (2) 2. From special funds reserve 0 2,440 5,481 From operating balance resv 5,316 48 10,488 **Total Transfers In** 5,316 9,081 I. **TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS** 125,797 38,831 48,550 II. **EXPENSES & TRANSFERS** A. **GENERAL OPERATIONS** Equipment maintenance 200 200 200 1. 2. Genl office supplies, incl postage 314 200 200 3. Communications a. Telephone 479 442 750 Internet 324 324 500 b. Web site 100 100 200 C. 4. Liability insurance 250 250 500 State corporation fee 5. 25 25 25 6. Bulk mail Mail permit 185 200 200 a. b. Mailing expenses 250 500 650 7. Equipment & PC software 157 250 250 8. 1,725 1,600 2,800 9. Employee compensation 3,894 5,000 10,000 10. General office copying 379 450 400 Subtotal: Gen'l expenses 8,282 9,541 16,675 **BOARD & ADMINISTRATION** В. President 73 150 100 1. 2. Secretary 44 75 50 3. 62 75 Treasurer 75 4. Board Tools, orientation 319 250 250 5. Finance/Director 25 25 1

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⁽¹⁾ For budget purposes, all dues payments are shown for the membership year

⁽²⁾ Board approved a special draw of up to \$10,000 from the Legacy Fund in FY 2011-12

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League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Education Fund Budget for FY 2011-2012

		Education Actual		uaget for I Proposed
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I.	INCOME & TRANSFERS			
A.	Member contributions			
1.	Direct	465	500	1500
2. 3.	Through unit projects Publications	2,155	2,500	2500
4.	Memorial and special funds	570	0	
B.	Contributions from the Public			
1.	Facts for Voters	1,000	4,000	2500
2. 3.	Memorial and special funds Publications	20 160	100	50
О.	Voters Service Reimbursements	675	200	300
D.	Miscellaneous	13	25	0
E.	Contribution from the General Fund	6,350	8,000	10,000
_	Total Income	11,408	15,325	16,850
F. 1	TRANSFERS IN From operating balance	1,655	65	0
2.	From memorial funds	586	0	0
3.	From restricted funds	750	0	0
	Total Transfers In	2,991	65	0
I.	TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	14,399	15,390	16,850
II.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS			
A.	OPERATIONS and ADMINISTRATION			
1.	State corporation fee	25	25	25
2. 3.	Liability insurance Admin cost percentage (to Gen Fund)	250 1,307	250 1,485	0 4,163
4.	Other administrative expenses	7	250	125
	Subtotal Operations & Administration	1,589	2,010	4,313
B.	EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES			
1.	Study coordination & development	17	130	50
2.	Study Printing and Purchase	2,373	2,850	
3. 4.	Special Projects Miscellaneous	28	150 0	200
4.	Subtotal Educational Activities	2,418	3,130	2,750
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C. 1.	VOTERS SERVICE Director expenses	0	100	100
2.	Facts for Voters	5,714	6,000	6,000
3.	Projects: Voters Guide	3,274	2,700	1,000
4.	Projects: What's on the Ballot	790	1,000	1,500
5. 6.	Forums and other projects Voter Service Outreach	0 124	200 250	500 200
0.	Subtotal Voters Service	9,903	10,250	9,300
D.	MISC & SPECIAL PROJECTS	20	0	100
	TABLE	40.000	45.000	10.100
	Total Expenses	13,929	15,390	16,463
E.	TRANSFERS OUT			
1.	To operating balance	0	0	388
2. 3.	To memorial funds (2) To restricted (grant & Facts) fnds	470 0	0	0
J.	Total Transfers Out	470	0	388
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFRS	14,399	15,390	16,850

Note The special funds are not spent in the proposed budget; their use is governed by the Board.

2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for consideration by members at the Annual Meeting on April 16, 2011. 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.

To Be Elected to Serve Two-year Terms Beginning July 1, 2011:

Officers:

Co-President: Julia Jones Secretary: Lois Page

Directors:

Action Co-Director*: Helen Kelly

Memberhip: Miriam (Mia) Merin

Public Relations: Anne Thomas

Unit Coordinator: Vacant Program Director: Vacant

To Be Elected to Serve One-year Term, Beginning July 1, 2011:

Officers:

Co-President Janey George

Directors:

Voter Service (Publications)** Bette Hostrup

2012 Nominating Committee:

Chair: Pat Brady

Nominating Committee members (two): Dianne Blais and Viveka Fuenzalida

Note: The 2011 Nominating Committee also recommends that Baba Freeman be appointed to the 2011-2012 Board of Directors as Human Services Coordinator

Respectfully submitted, 2011 Nominating Committee: Viveka Fuenzalida, Chair Diane Hardcastle, Julie Jones, Gail Richmond and Sherry Zachry

- * Serves on the LWVFA Ed Fund without portfolio
- ** Serves on the LWVFA [GF] Board without portfolio

MEET YOUR NOMINEES

Jane E George-President

After joining the League in April 2006, Janey became a member of Court Watch and the Justice Committee. In October of that year she was appointed to finish the term of Unit Coordinator and was again appointed Unit Coordinator in 2007. One of the things she enjoyed most about that position was visiting all the units and matching names with faces. She was elected as the Voters Service Outreach Director for 2008-2010 and has served as our LWVFA President since 2010. Janey was able to arrange one live televised debate for the 8th Congressional District race in fall 2008. Two others, for the 10th and 11th Districts, fell by the wayside. She was elected as the LWVFA co-representative of the AHOME Foundation Board until 2011. She has attended state workshops, a state convention, a national convention and WRT Pre-session meetings. She chaired the 60th Anniversary Committee, as well as the Sunshine Committee that planned the panel discussion held

in March 2009. She has been involved in the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Committee and has been Membership Chair for the Chantilly Herndon unit since the 2007-08 League year. Janey is looking forward to many more years of being a "Leaguer."

Julia Jones - Co-President

Julia grew up in Ohio and attended Miami University (BS in Elementary Education). After a 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. Diane Hardcastle and Julia have shared the Unit Coordinator position for the past two years.

Lois Page – Secretary

Lois Page is currently completing her fifth year as either Program Chair or Co-Chair for LWVFA. She is a graduate of Dickinson College (B.A.) and West Virginia University (M.A.) and has spent many years in the education field, most recently with Fairfax County Public Schools. Upon retiring in 2001, Lois worked part time for GWU's Graduate School of Education and Human Development doing teacher training. She currently works with a program in GWU's School of Media and Public Affairs that assists scholastic media programs, principally in the District. Lois first joined the League in Harrisburg, PA, and has been a member also in Syracuse, NY, and Hightstown NJ. She has served as chair for the Fairfax Station Unit for a number of years.

Helen Kelly- Action Co-Director

Helen joined the League of Women Voters in September 2008. Unhappy about the result of recent elections, she realized that to make her voice heard, she had to join a grassroots organization of like-minded people. She joined the League, and she's glad she did. Helen majored in French at Georgetown, but quit after her junior year to get married. Though she did not work outside the home while her daughter was growing up, Helen volunteered at her elementary school and at the public library. After two of the companies she worked for went out of business, she worked as a temp until 2009 and now considers herself retired. Helen has always wanted to volunteer and believes that the League is a good fit. Like her dad, she is interested in politics, the process and the personalities. Joining the League has given her the opportunity to continue learning and to give back to the community.

Miriam (Mia) Merin- Membership

Mia Merin has a B.A. in Geology from Franklin & Marshall College, and worked in the environmental field for 10 years after college. Mia is also an artist; she paints portraits and landscapes in oil and acrylic when not busy working as a stay-at-home mother. She joined the LWVFA Reston Day unit in about 2003and was unit chair in 2004. She served as Recording Secretary for the LWVFA board from July 2005 to July 2007. Mia has also been involved with the Girl Scouts organization as well as a relay-for-life team called "Amy's Amigos."

Anne Thomas – Public Relations Director

Anne joined the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area in 1978 after moving to Vienna and has been a member ever since. She previously served on the LWVFA Board as the Voter [then called the *Bulletin*] editor. Over the years, Anne has served in various unit officer positions for the Vienna Evening Unit including unit chair, voter service and membership. She is active in GLBT rights and is the help-line coordinator for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Anne holds BS and MS degrees in Materials Engineering and has always been a champion of the Women's Movement.

Bette Hostrup - Voters Service, Publications

Bette joined the League in 1984 and is a member of the Mt. Vernon Evening (formerly Hollin Hills Evening) unit. In 1992/1993 she served on the LWVFA Board as a Voter Service Director and in 1994 she served the League as one of three LWVFA Program Directors. In late 1997 she worked with other Fairfax leaguers to create the first LWVFA web site and she maintained the web site until 2004. During 2004-2008 she worked with over 40 Fairfax leaguers on the Court Watch program. She also served as one of two representatives from the league on Fairfax County's group Network Against Family Abuse (NAFA). LWVFA finds her when the league starts to update their publications and needs an in-house desktop

publisher. The last publications she prepared for the printer on LWVFA's behalf were *Remember the Times* (2008) and *Remember the Ladies* (2008).

Pat Brady- Nominating Committee Chair

Pat Brady joined the League in 1970 after moving from Washington D.C. to Virginia. She served on various committees of the Fairfax League and then was named to the local Board of Directors. Later she was elected President of the Fairfax League of Women Voters where she served two terms. She was also active at the national level and worked with the National Capital Area League of Women Voters in lobbying Congress on League issues. In 1994 she was appointed to the LWVUS Board of Directors and served there for two terms. After that she served LWVUS as an off-board member of the Nominating Committee. Over the years she has remained an active member of the Springfield unit of the Fairfax League of Women Voters.

Dianne Blais- Nominating Committee Member

Dianne has been active in the League of Women Voters (LWV) for 10+ years. She has been impressed from the time she joined LWV with the League's efforts, publications and members. Dianne chaired the state Redistricting Committee and worked on Gerrymandering the Movie recently shown at Pohick Library. Dianne, a mother of four, was active in church, PTA, and Girl Scouts and was an emergency foster mother to 100+ children in Fairfax County. Dianne, a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for 25+ years, has held numerous positions including state co-president. She is currently the AAUW of VA public policy co-chair

Viveka Fuenzalida-Nominating Committee Member

Viveka was born in Santiago, Chile, in 1940; she immigrated to the United States in 1966 and subsequently became a US Citizen. She is the mother of three children, grandmother of eight. Viveka has an Associate Degree in Accounting of Northern VA Community College and worked as Executive Secretary for the U.S. Agency for International Development from 1960 through 1965 and as Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant/Financial Planner Assistant from 1979 to 1989, at various Reston/Herndon Financial Planning Companies. Viveka joined the League of Women Voters in 1989 (or 1990?), was Unit Chair of the Reston Day Unit for several years and Arrangements Chair for General and Annual Meetings for many years.

Sargeant to Keynote Annual Meeting With Insight on "Tomorrow's Energy"



As the state and local affairs manager for Dominion VA Power Company, Tim Sargeant is in a position to know about energy. He will provide some insight as to "Tomorrow's Energy" as the Keynote speaker at the LWVFA's Annual Meeting on April 16.

Sargeant is no stranger to the League, which honored him at last year's annual meeting for his long-time efforts on obtaining funding from Dominion Va Power for the League's "Facts for Voters."

A member of numerous boards, task forces ad civic organizations, Sargeant was recently reappointed in for

a second term as an At-Large member to the Fairfax County Planning Commission which will expire at the end of 2014.

Sargeant was appointed by Governor Kaine in 2008 as a member of the Board of Visitors of Gunston Hall. Gunston Hall Plantation, a National Historic Landmark, is located on 550 acres in Fairfax County and was the home of George Mason.

Sargeant was previously in charge of media relations for a natural gas utility. He also worked as a newscaster, reporter and editor for the Associated Press Radio Network in Washington, D.C. He currently lives in the Mount Vernon District with his wife and two children.

No Gerrymandering Allowed . . .

Competition Begins as Virginia College Teams Redraw Virginia's Political Map

Student teams at 13 Virginia colleges are competing to produce fair alternatives to gerrymandered political districts as state lawmakers race to remake Virginia's electoral map. Using fresh population data from the 2010 Census, the student teams will propose new boundaries for Virginia's 11 congressional districts, 100 state House districts and 40 state Senate districts.

The Constitution requires all 50 states to reapportion legislative districts in accordance with the population shifts recorded by the Census. With state elections looming this fall, Virginia is the first to act. The first such competition in the nation, the Virginia College and University Legislative Redistricting Competition www.varedistrictingcompetition. org began Thursday, Feb. 10. By March 10, the teams must present their proposed district maps to the nationally recognized judges, Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution and Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute.

The best maps in each category will be awarded a cash prize and will be presented for consideration by the Independent Bipartisan Advisory Commission on Redistricting created by Gov. Bob McDonnell. With input from the college competition and others, the Commission will make its recommendation to the General Assembly. Legislative committees are also working on new district boundaries, and the Assembly will convene a special session to vote on new maps in April.

"The Virginia Redistricting Competition provides a wonderful opportunity to open a process that is traditionally closed and politically self-serving to public scrutiny and participation," said Mann. "We are pleased to play a role in this very constructive initiative."

The competition was organized by Dr. Quentin Kidd of Christopher Newport University and Dr. Michael McDonald of George Mason University. The teams will use online redistricting software developed by the Public Mapping Project (www.publicmapping.org), a collaborative effort led by McDonald and Dr. Micah Altman, senior research scientist at Harvard University.

Federal Healthcare Reform: What Does It Mean?

By Helen Hutchison LWV California VP for Advocacy & Program.

Everyone is unhappy about healthcare, particularly healthcare costs, but not everyone realizes that a national healthcare reform bill is law, or what is in it. Research shows that many Americans don't even know that a reform bill has passed. Start by informing yourself about what is—and is not—in the bill, and then make it a point to talk to your friends and neighbors.

Some of what is included in the landmark Affordable Care Act:

- a guarantee that insurance companies can no longer discriminate based on pre-existing conditions
- an end to lifetime caps
- a requirement that insurance companies can no longer can drop people when they get sick.

In addition, the bill:

• gives tax credits to small businesses for providing

coverage for employees

- requires insurers to cover preventive care at no cost. There is misinformation being circulated about the bill's effects on Medicare. Don't let the naysayers scare seniors!
 - Medicare is actually being improved and strengthened.
 - The Affordable Care Act attacks waste and fraud.
 - The bill adds benefits for those on Medicare:
 - o helps seniors stay in their homes
 - bans discrimination based on pre-existing conditions
 - o provides preventive care with no co-pays.

Yes, there are taxes—but only for those with incomes over \$200,000-\$250,000. These taxes will provide for the largest investment in the healthcare workforce ever made. There is a huge need for primary healthcare providers, and the Affordable Care Act will help fill the gap by investing in education and training, and providing incentives for these desperately needed caregivers.



~ You are cordially invited to attend ~



LWVFA Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 16, 2010 at

AMPHORA Restaurant

1151 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

Meeting Agenda

10:00 a.m.Registration & Coffee10:20 a.m.Business Meeting11:00 a.m.Speaker: Tim Sargaent - "Tomorrow's Energy"

12:30 a.m. Luncheon (Cost \$30 per person) 1:30 a.m. Conclusion of Business Meeting

Menu: Field Green Salad with Pears and Currants, choice of Poached Atlantic Salmon with a Dill Creme Sauce and Roasted Potatoes or Chicken Kebab with Tzatziki Sauce and Rice Pilaf, Baby Asparagus Spears, Fresh Bread, Fruit Bavarian Cake

Directions: From the Dulles Toll Road, take Exit 10 and turn right onto Centreville Road which becomes Elden Street. Go about one-half mile and the Amphora is on your right.

Deadline for Reservations: Ap	 oril 14
Please choose – Salmon Chicken Kebab Program is free; Luncheon, \$30 per person. Make checks payable to LWVFA and mail with reservation form to 2011 Annual Meeting, 11020 Burywood Lane, Reston, VA 20194	:
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