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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
- get an overview of proposed program plans
- approve the proposed budget for next year or suggest changes in priority
- discuss opportunities for volunteer service locally and nationally
- learn about the implications for Virginians of the Affordable Care Act
- enjoy a delicious lunch somewhere other than in your own kitchen

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

Calendar

April

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| 1 | May <i>VOTER</i> deadline |
| 6 | Passover 1st Seder |
| 8 | Easter |
| 9 | Last day to register for
city/town elections |
| 13 | NCA Board meeting |
| 18 | LWVFA Board meeting |
| 21 | Annual Meeting 9:30 a.m.,
Hilton - Springfield |

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Presidents' Message



Janey and I hope to see you at our April annual meeting. We are so happy that our nominating committee persuaded such good people to say "yes" to working for LWVFA and our community. With job and task sharing, more people will have less to do. This reorganizing will need good communication so that the parts work together. As part of more rapid communication, we hope you appreciate the League email updates so that all information can be current.

This has been an interesting legislative year, to say the least, and I hope that you appreciate the action alerts, both from Virginia and National. In February, I attended my first Women's Round Table in Richmond and can't say enough good things about the experience. I hope that the Virginia League will continue to offer the hotel room across from the Capitol so that more of us can see the legislative process in action. It was two days of attending committee meetings and General Assembly sessions, visiting our own representatives, meeting other League members, hearing the latest happenings at the actual roundtable gathering, sharing conversations at meals, and even going to a press conference. Keep attending the Women's Legislative Round Table in mind for next year!

Julie



MORAG M. COLE

Morag M. Cole, a long-time member of the Fairfax Station Unit, died February 7. She served as finance chair of the unit for many years and worked the Reston Community Center preference poll every year. Born in New Orleans of Scottish parents, she moved to Washington D.C. in 1943, where she worked for the British Army Staff. She was awarded the King's Medal for her service during World War II. Following the war, she worked for the *St. Louis Star Times* until 1951. She then worked for the C.I.A. until 1954. A memorial service is being planned locally for May. Memorial donations may be made to www.pbs.org.

The General Assembly by the Numbers

- VPAP Produces New Video, Updates Interactive Seating Chart
- *How many Virginia legislators served in the military?*
- *What percentage are women?*
- *How many earned a bachelor's degree?*
- *How many were born in Virginia?*

The nonpartisan Virginia Public Access Project provides new insights into the 140 men and women who make laws on behalf of the state's 8 million residents. See for yourself in in VPAP's new online video. It takes less than two minutes – but it might change the way you look at the General Assembly.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb1ShCi2wLQ&feature=youtu.be>

Reserve Your Spot for the Annual Meeting Now

April 21 - 9:30 a.m.

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No Restrictions on Dollar Limit . . .

Virginia Legislators Report Gifts Received in 2011

Last year, Virginia lawmakers accepted almost a quarter million dollars' worth of free meals, tickets to athletic events, trips and other freebies. Virginia law allows members of the General Assembly and other top state officials to accept personal gifts of any value. The only requirement is that they disclose any gift valued at more than \$50 to allow the public to evaluate potential conflicts. The nonpartisan Virginia Public Access Project has posted the 2011 disclosures at vpap.org. Highlights include:

- Virginia Uranium accounted for nearly half the total dollar amount by spending \$120,000 to take legislators -- many accompanied by spouses -- on fact-finding trips to Canada and France. The company is seeking state permission to mine a uranium deposit in Pittsylvania County.
- While the number of gifts and free trips that General Assembly members report has declined in recent years, the average value of gifts reported has soared to \$450 from \$300 in the last three years.
- The Governor reported nearly \$44,000 in taxpayer-funded trips, which includes three overseas trade junkets. That amount is more than double the previous record of \$18,000 in taxpayer-funded travel since VPAP began tracking in 2006.

vpap.org improves access to the gift disclosures by placing the reports online in a value-added database which enables users to sort top givers, top recipients and top gifts by category. In the past, the only way for citizens to review statements involved a trip to the Capitol to inspect the reports in person at the offices of the House and Senate clerks.

See for yourself at vpap.org/updates/show/939.

Coming soon: vpap.org will post legislators' full personal financial disclosures, including stock portfolios, real estate holdings and business partnerships.

Help Needed to Run Community Elections

We have up to 18 openings for Voter Registration Clerks and Ballot Counters in McLean on Saturday, May 19, 2012. AND: Up to 15 openings for Voter Registration Clerks and Ballot Counters in Falls Church at Skyline Plaza Condo on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. These are an excellent money making opportunities for the League.

McLEAN COMMUNITY CENTER:

This is an open air registration held at the McLean Day celebration at Lewinsville Park on Chain Bridge Road. Registration and voting will be from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and then we will move to the Community Center on Ingleside Ave. to count the ballots and give them the results.

SKYLINE PLAZA CONDOMINIUM:

This is a three-building high rise at Bailey's Crossroads in Falls Church. We will register voters in the main lobby from 8:30 a.m. till noon and then again in the afternoon from 3 until about 7:30 when we will move to the Penthouse to count the ballots and submit the results.

Check your calendars and mark them to volunteer for either or both by calling the League Office at 703-658-1950 or Una White at 703-644-3898

General Meeting Draws a Large Crowd

Approximately 75 Leaguers and guests gathered at the Fairfax Country Club on January 21 to listen to a discussion of Voter ID presented by Tim O'Brien, LWVUS Specialist for the Public Advocacy for Voter Protection Project and Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County Registrar. Mr. O'Brien underlined the various successes the League has had beating back increasing attempts at voter suppression in state legislatures. Ms. Quinn concentrated on the budget implications of proposed changes in voting laws in Virginia.



Be a LWVUS National Convention Volunteer, June 8 -12

And you will have a **FREE** ticket to the fundraiser for the LWVNCA,

♪ The Capitol Steps ♪ Musical Political Satire **Saturday, June 9, at the Hilton Washington Hotel**

We are looking for volunteers for the 2012 convention to be held at the Hilton Washington Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. Volunteers are needed for many different types of jobs, some behind the scenes and some on the floor of the convention. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of an exciting League function. It's work, but it's a lot of fun too.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

Every day (June 8 – 12)

Registration—staff registration desk; distribute badges and materials
 Credentials—certify voting eligibility of delegates; prepare official daily attendance report
 Information— staff information desk; provide local tourist information to delegates and visitors
 Personnel—staff volunteer room; assist with assignments; provide back-up to other volunteer areas
 Teller/Elections—process vote cards; count and record results

Friday through Sunday (June 8-10)

Hospitality—greet delegates and guests; host hospitality suite; assist with information
 Dine Around—staff dine around desk—sign-ups, reservations, information

Saturday through Tuesday (June 9-12)

Floor Committee:

Doorkeeper—check badges for eligibility to enter; distribute official materials; monitor doors.
 Usher—distribute, collect, deliver motion slips; collect vote cards; usher guests.
 Microphone Monitor—monitor floor mikes; keep order in lines; assist with vote counts.
 Timekeeper—notify speakers when time has expired

Questions? Contact Diane Hibino trihib@verizon.net 301-263-9876 or
 Anne Kanter akanter@cox.net 703-448-6626

Detach and return form to: Diane Hibino, 5051 Waukesha Rd., Bethesda MD 20816

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
 Address _____ League _____

Area(s) of Interest: (Please mark in order of your preferences – 1, 2, 3, etc.)

Floor Committee: Doorkeepers _____ Ushers _____ Timekeepers _____ Microphone Monitors _____

Other: Registration _____ Credentials _____ Information _____ Personnel _____ Teller/Elections _____
 Dine Around _____ Hospitality _____ Whatever else you need _____

Dates: Please choose times and days you are available to work and indicate AM, PM or all day. The number of hours you will be asked to work will depend on the number of volunteers and their areas of interest.

Friday, June 8 (PM and/or Eve) _____ Saturday, June 9 _____ Sunday, June 10 _____
 Monday, June 11 _____ Tuesday, June 12 (AM only) _____

If you are willing to work more than one day, please indicate here _____.



The League of Women Voters® of the Fairfax Area

64th LWVFA General Fund & 30th LWVFA Education Fund ANNUAL MEETINGS

Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 9:30 AM

**Hilton Springfield
6550 Loisdale Road
Springfield, VA**

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 take this Kit with you to the April 21 Annual Meeting.

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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 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.
- 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.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE FAIRFAX AREA 64th ANNUAL MEETING - PROPOSED AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order, Welcome and Announcements
Recognition of Elected Officials, League Presidents and Current Board
Adoption of Rules of Procedures and Agenda
Appointments of Parliamentarian and Reading Committee and Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 10:15 a.m. Treasurer's Report - 3rd Quarter LWVFA FY2011-12 (Therese Martin)
- 10:20 a.m. Presentation of Proposed FY 2012-2013 LWVFA Budget (Bill Thomas) followed by Questions
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation of Recommended Program for 2012-2014 followed by Questions
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation of Non-Recommended Program Items (if any)
Questions, Motions and Votes to Consider
- 10:50 a.m. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor (Pat Brady)
Election of Officers and Directors for LWVFA
- 11:00 a.m. **Speaker: Jay C. Ford, Coalition Coordinator,
Virginia Consumer Voices for Healthcare**
Jay has extensive experience organizing grassroots efforts here in Virginia, as well as internationally, having worked as a health care proponent in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Ecuador. As VCV's Coalition Coordinator, Jay assesses community strengths and weaknesses, manages coalition development in key communities, and mobilizes the grassroots through activities including town hall forums, lobby days, press events, and letter-to-the editor campaigns all around the Commonwealth. Jay also

coordinates VCV's social media campaigns and activities including online advocacy, community-outreach efforts, and blog posting. Most recently, Jay served as the Campaign Manager for Senator Ralph Northam's reelection campaign.

12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Discussion and Adoption of the LWVFA Budget for FY 12-13
1:15 p.m. Discussion and Adoption of Program for 2012-2014
[3/5 vote required for non-recommended items, if any, in the order that they were voted for consideration]
1:20 p.m. Adjourn LWVFA Meeting

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE FAIRFAX AREA EDUCATION FUND 30th ANNUAL MEETING-PROPOSED AGENDA

1:25 p.m. Call to Order, Adoption of Rules and Agenda, and Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes
1:30 p.m. Treasurer's Report - 3rd Quarter, LWVFA Education Fund FY 2011-2012
1:35 p.m. Presentation of Proposed FY 2012-2013 LWVFA Education Fund Budget
Questions, Discussion and Adoption of LWVFA Education Fund Budget
1:40 p.m. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor
Election of Officers and Directors for LWVFA Education Fund
1:45 p.m. Direction to the Board
1:55 p.m. Closing Remarks
2:00 p.m. Adjourn

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

March 2012

To: Members of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area
From: LWFVA Budget Committee (Rona Ackerman, Janey George (ex. off.), Therese Martin (ex. off.), Jane Pacelli, Bill Thomas, Chair)

Subject: Proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2012-13

The proposed General Fund and Education Fund budgets for 2012-13 appear on the following pages. The Ed Fund spends \$16,475 for operations, nearly the same amount as last year. Included in that total is \$4,600 to repay the General Fund for administrative costs shared between the two organizations. This approach to funding shared expenses was first adopted in last year's budget. Nearly all the direct Ed Fund expenses are for Voter Service, paying for Facts for Voters and the Voters Guides, which include the November 2012 General Election and primaries and town elections in the Spring and Summer of 2013.

The General Fund budget has operating expenses of \$36,820 and a transfer to the Ed Fund of \$9,345, for a total of \$46,165. Income of \$33,780 and a transfer from the Silver Fund of \$11,000 nearly balance total expenses, resulting in a drawdown of \$1,365 from the operating balance.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area General Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013					Page 1 of 2		
Line	Item	Actual FY 10-11	Adopted FY 11-12	Proposed FY 12-13	Notes:		
I.	INCOME & TRANSFERS						
A.	Dues					Regular	Joint
1.	Current Year	12,170	12,600	11,080	Dues @	65	90
2.	Prepaid for next year				Note (1)	Assumptions for dues	
B.	Member contributions					158 Regular memberships	
1.	Direct	45	750	500		9 Joint memberships	
2.	Unit projects	581	1,500	1,500		0 Student memberships	
3.	Memorial donations	0	0	0			
C.	Community contributions	0	5,000	2,000			
D.	Community elections	12,900	10,000	10,000			
E.	Interest	430	50	100			
F.	Special projects						
G.	Reimb from Ed Fund		4,163	4,600	25% Pct. Paid by Ed Fund		
H.	Miscellaneous income						
1.	Meeting income	3,550	4,000	4,000	Item II.C.6 reflects exp.		
2.	Other	345	-	-			
	Total Income	30,021	38,063	33,780			
I.	TRANSFERS IN						
1.	From Silver Fund	3,600	8,000	11,000	Note (2)		
2.	From special funds reserve	396	2,440	0			
3.	From operating balance resv		47	1,365			
	Total Transfers In	3,996	10,487	12,365			
I.	TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	34,017	48,550	46,145			
II.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS						
A.	GENERAL OPERATIONS						
1.	Office eqpt. & furnishings		200	500			
2.	Office supplies	183	200	200			
3.	Communications						
a.	Telephone	534	750	800			
b.	Internet	324	500	500			
c.	Web Site & Const. Cont.	352	200	350			
4.	Liability insurance	250	500	500			
5.	State corporation fee	25	25	25			
6.	Bulk mail						
a.	Mail permit	185	200	200			
b.	Mailing expenses	415	650	500			
7.	Comp eqpt & software	875	250	250			
8.	Rent	2,207	2,800	3,200			
9.	Employee compensation	3,645	10,000	10,000			
10.	General office copying	229	400	200			
	Subtotal: Gen'l expenses	9,224	16,675	17,225			
B.	BOARD & ADMINISTRATION						
1.	President	30	100	100			
2.	Secretary	0	50	25			
3.	Treasurer	122	75	75			
4.	Board activities	348	250	125			
5.	Fundraising	0	25	100			
	See Notes on following page						

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area							
General Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013					Page 2 of 2		
		Actual	Adopted	Proposed			
Line	Item	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	Notes:		
B.	BOARD & ADMINISTRATION (cont.)						
6.	Membership	533	350	350			
7.	Program director	10	50	50			
8.	Unit coordinator	100	75	75			
9.	Public relations	25	100	100			
10.	Historian	91	50	50			
11.	Miscellaneous	705	25	25			
	Subtotal: Board & Admin	1,964	1,150	1,075			
C.	CONVENTIONS/MEETINGS						
1.	Workshops/spec meetings	510	500	550			
2.	LWVUS convention	0	2,500	0			
3.	LWVVA convention	1,694	0	2,000			
4.	LWVVA council	0	250	0			
5.	LWVNCA convention	160	150	160			
6.	Meetings: Annual & General	3,243	4,000	4,000			
	Subtotal: Conv & Mtgs	5,607	7,400	6,710			
D.	AFFILIATIONS					PMP Amt.	
1.	LWVUS PMP	5,673	5,700	5,150	Note (2)	30.00	
2.	LWVVA PMP	2,865	2,925	2,640		15.00	
3.	LWVNCA PMP	191	200	180		1.00	
	Subtotal: Affiliations	8,729	8,825	7,970			
E.	VOTER/Ann. Mtg. Kit				Membership for PMP calc.		
1.	Printing	3,553	4,000	3,450	#	Cat	
2.	Supplies	0	100	0	158	Local indiv.	
	Subtotal: Bulletin	3,553	4,100	3,450	9	1st Household	
F.	ACTION	4	50	40	9	2nd Household	
G.	SPECIAL PROJECTS						
1.	Community elections	140	150	150			
2.	Coalitions/sponsorships	50	100	100			
3.	Other	189	0	0			
	Subtotal: Special Projects	379	250	250			
H.	MISCELLANEOUS	107	100	100			
	TOTAL OPERATIONS	29,566	38,550	36,820			
I.	ED FUND Support	4,000	10,000	9,325	Based on Ed Fund rqmts.		
	Total Expenses + EF Support	33,566	48,550	46,145			
J.	TRANSFERS OUT						
1.	To contingency & reserve funds	299	0	0			
2.	To pre-paid dues	0	0	0			
3.	To operating balance	152	0	0			
	Subtotal: Transfers Out	451	0	0			
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFR	34,017	48,550	46,145			
NOTES:							
(1)	For budget purposes, all dues payments are shown for the membership year						
(2)	Based on members as of February 1.						

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area								
Education Fund Budget for FY 2012-13								
Line	Item	Actual FY 10-11	Adopted FY 11-12	Proposed FY 12-13				
I.	INCOME & TRANSFERS							
A.	Member contributions							
1.	Direct	1,705	1,500	500				
2.	Through unit projects	3,942	2,500	3500				
3.	Publications							
4.	Memorial and special funds	100	0					
B.	Contributions from the Public							
1.	Facts for Voters	3,250	2,500	3250				
2.	Memorial and special funds							
3.	Publications	0	50	0				
C.	Voters Service Reimbursements	125	300	0				
D.	Miscellaneous	50	0	0				
E.	Contribution from the General Fund	4,000	10,000	9,325				
	Total Income	13,172	16,850	16,575				
F.	TRANSFERS IN							
1	From operating balance		0	0				
2.	From memorial funds	135	0	0				
3.	From restricted funds		0	0				
	Total Transfers In	135	0	0				
I.	TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	13,307	16,850	16,575				
II.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS							
A.	OPERATIONS and ADMINISTRATION							
1.	State corporation fee	25	25	25				
2.	Liability insurance	250	0	0				
3.	Admin cost @25% of total	0	4,163	4,600				
4.	Other administrative expenses	1,048	125	100				
	Subtotal Operations & Administration	1,323	4,313	4,725				
B.	EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES							
1.	Study Development	16	50	50				
2.	Study Printing and Purchase	2,094	2,500	2300				
3.	Special Projects	0	200	200				
	Subtotal Educational Activities	2,109	2,750	2,550				
C.	VOTERS SERVICE							
1.	Director expenses	85	100	100				
2.	Facts for Voters	5,665	6,000	6,100				
3.	Projects: Voters Guide	902	1,000	500				
4.	Projects: What's on the Ballot	645	1,500	1,500				
5.	Forums and other projects	0	500	450				
6.	Voter Service Outreach	0	200	450				
	Subtotal Voters Service	7,297	9,300	9,100				
D.	Advocacy	0	0	100				
E.	Miscellaneous	50	100	0				
	Total Expenses	10,779	16,463	16,475				
F.	TRANSFERS OUT							
1.	To operating balance	1,528	387	100				
2.	To memorial funds (2)	0	0	0				
3.	To restricted (grant & Facts) fnds	1,000	0	0				
	Total Transfers Out	2,528	387	100				
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFRS	13,307	16,850	16,575				

2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for consideration by members at the Annual Meeting on April 21, 2011. Those nominated and elected will 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, 2012:

Officers:

Co-President:	Helen Kelly
Treasurer:	Bill Thomas

Directors: Four to be elected

Program Director:	Judy Helein
Unit Coordinator:	Charleen Deasy
Domestic Violence:	Barbara Nunes
Voting Rights/Advocacy:	Therese Martin

To Be Elected to Serve One-year Term, Beginning July 1, 2012:

Voters Service Coordinator:	** Olga Hernandez
Action:*	vacant

2013 Nominating Committee

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

Note: The 2012 Nominating Committee also recommends that the Board appoint Baba Freeman to the 2012-2013 Board of Directors to serve as Human Services Coordinator. They also recommend that the following be appointed to off-board positions: Karole McKalip as Program Co-Director; Janey George as Voter Service Outreach; and Diane Hardcastle as Unit Co-Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted, 2012 Nominating Committee: Pat Brady, Chair, Viveka Fuenzalida, Dianne Blais, Mia Merin, Anne Thomas

*Serves on the LWVFA Ed Fund without portfolio

** Serves on the LWVFA [GF] Board without portfolio

MEET YOUR NOMINEES

Helen Kelly- Co- President

I joined the League of Women Voters in September 2008. I knew that if I wanted to make my voice heard, I had to join a grassroots organization of like-minded people. After checking out a few websites, I joined the League. I'm glad I did. I majored in French at Georgetown, but quit after my junior year to get married. While our daughter was growing up, I volunteered at her elementary school and at the public library. After two of the companies I worked for went out of business, I began working as a temp, and continued until 2009. I now consider myself retired. I have always wanted to volunteer, and believe that the League is a good fit for me. Like my Dad, I'm interested in politics, the process and the personalities.

Joining the League has given me the opportunity to continue learning and to give back to the community.

Bill Thomas – Treasurer

Bill Thomas has been a member of the Fairfax League for nearly 15 years. He has chaired the Budget Committee for several years. Previously he organized the League's support of the Reston Community Center Preference Poll. He was a member of the Vienna Evening Unit before it switched to daytime meetings and now meets with the Dinner Unit. Bill and his family moved to Fairfax County in 1978. Bill retired from the Congressional Budget Office in 2002 after twenty years of Federal Government service, and now consults part time on military issues. He is a graduate of MIT and received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania. Bill's other interests--when he's not working on League business--include stamp collecting, music, and reading.

Charleen Deasy – Unit Co-Coordinator

We moved to Virginia in 1969 as a young military family and assumed we would be here 2 or 3 years. Many assignments later and as retired military we are still here and likely to stay. I taught 33 years with Prince William County Schools; I have taught in Freehold NJ, worked with the military recreation program in Germany and been a Home Economist for Cooperative Extension in Pottsville PA. Raising two children with a husband who traveled left no time for community activities, but once retired I attended a Reston Day meeting and decided to join LWV. I was looking for worthwhile community activities to jump into. I have not always been interested in local government as we voted absentee to Pennsylvania for years, but once retired I found that LWVFA was a good avenue for nonpartisan involvement. Other organizations I have found in retirement involve my field of family and consumer sciences – once known as home economics.

Barbara Nunes – Domestic Violence

Barbara has served on the LWVFA board in several capacities in the past, as transportation committee chair, domestic violence committee chair, for the juvenile justice committee, and as such has chaired several LWVFA studies on those topics. Barbara has served as the long-time League representative on Fairfax County's domestic violence and justice advisory committees such as Domestic Violence Community Coordinating Committee and on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) and attends the Springfield Unit.

Therese Martin – Voting Rights/Advocacy

Therese is from Southern California, with a BA from Marymount College (now Loyola Marymount University) in Los Angeles. After her MA in political science from Catholic University in Washington, she stayed on the East Coast and worked in association and government positions. Therese moved to Fairfax County in 1967 and, after retiring (for the first time) from the US Office of Education, joined the LWVFA in January, 1970. She served as LWVFA Voters Service, Program and Action Director; and was a member of the LWVFA representative government, LWVVA elections laws, LWVNCA congressional seminar, and LWVUS study of the Presidency committees. She then returned to the U.S. Department of Education, where she became director of budget execution and administrative budgets. After she retired (again) from the Education Department, Therese chaired several LWVFA committees while continuing to consult for the US Education and Treasury Departments. After finally ending her “work for pay,” she began her current period of LWV involvement, doing PR for LWVFA, serving on the LWVFA & LWVVA redistricting committees, chairing LWVFA studies on the jury system and schools, serving as the LWVFA representative on the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, and co-chairing the LWV-VA election laws study committee. Therese was the LWVFA Treasurer for eight years, beginning in 2004, and LWV-VA Treasurer for 4 years (2007-11). She is the off-board coordinator of Public Advocacy for Voter Protection projects for the LWV-VA. Therese and her husband Bernie travel several times each year, visiting New York City and Portland OR, in particular. They have two grown children and two young grandchildren who live with their parents in Portland and Bethesda.

Judy Helein- Program Co-Director

Judy, member of the LWVFA for almost three years, has represented the League in the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax and also served on the Adult Domestic Violence Committee. A graduate of St. Louis University School of Nursing, she began her career as the Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center in Fairfax County (1979-1985). From 1985 to 2000, Judy was Director of the national Volunteer Resources Department for AARP in Washington, DC. In preparation for serving overseas, Judy went back to nursing and became certified as a childbirth educator, working at Inova Health Systems and Mother and Baby Matters. From 2002 until June of 2006, she lived and worked in Cambodia co-directing the Maryknoll Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission Program (a program for HIV+ pregnant women). After returning to the states in 2006, Judy served as the manager of human resources for the Maryknoll Lay Missioners organization at their headquarters in Ossining, NY. Judy moved back to Virginia in 2009 and is currently serving as President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in her parish at St. Timothy's Catholic Church. Judy is the mother of five children and grandmother of 10.

Olga Hernandez - Voter Service Coordinator

Olga served as LWV-VA President (2007 to 2011), helped with the LWV-VA Legislative Directory, and worked to organize the US Senate televised debates in 2006 and 2008. Olga has extensive experience in organizing and moderating candidate and issue forums. She served as LWVFA Co-President in 2000 and was elected as President 2001-2005. As a LWVFA member, she has served as Voter Service Director, producing Facts for Voters, Voter Guides and WOTB, and Membership Director. She has been involved with the League since 1996 and now serves on the local LWVUS Convention Committee, as LWNCA Secretary, and as the Centreville/Chantilly Unit Chair.

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.

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 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.

~ You are cordially invited to attend ~



LWVFA Annual Meeting

on
Saturday, April 21, 2012

at
Hilton - Springfield

6550 Loisdale Rd, Springfield, VA

Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration & Coffee
10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	<i>Speaker:</i> Jay Ford, Coalition Coordinator, Virginia Consumer Voices for Healthcare
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon
2:00 p.m.	Conclusion of Business Meeting

Directions

COMING FROM THE NORTH (WASHINGTON): Take I-395 South to exit ramp 1B-A toward Richmond/Springfield. Take Exit 1B (Route 644) Springfield. Take 169A Franconia Road exit and follow signs for Loisdale Road. Turn right at the stoplight onto Loisdale Road. Turn right into the Hilton parking lot and follow directional signs to the entrance.

COMING FROM THE SOUTH (RICHMOND): From the U.S. Interstate Highway I-95 North, take 169A Franconia Road exit (Route 644 East). At the first stop light make a left onto Loisdale Road. At the next light take a left onto Loisdale Court. You will find the entrance to the Hilton parking lot at the end of the court on your right.

COMING FROM TYSONS CORNER AND I-66: Take 495 South (Capital Beltway) and take Exit 57A. Follow all signs for 169A Franconia Road exit and then follow signs for Loisdale Road. At the stoplight turn right onto Loisdale Road. Turn right into the Hilton parking lot and follow directional signs to the entrance.

Program is free; Luncheon, \$35 per person.

Menu: *Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Shitake Mushroom Risotto;
Seared Salmon with Asparagus Risotto and Mustard Cream Sauce;
Or Tuscan Vegetable Penne Pasta with fresh Buffalo Mozzarella Cheese*

Deadline for Reservations: April 13

Make checks payable to LWVFA and mail with reservation form to:

2011 Annual Meeting, 11020 Burywood Lane, Reston, VA 20194

Name _____ Lunch @\$35 ea. _____

Phone Number & E-mail _____

Guest Name(s) _____ Lunch @\$35ea. _____

Total \$ enclosed _____

Please choose – Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Vegetable Pasta _____

For special dietary needs or questions, call Viveka at 703-404-0498

League Members Are Urged to Attend This Event . . .

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2012 AT 7:00-10:00 PM
Meadowlark Botanical Gardens • 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna, Virginia



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No Unit Meetings This Month
Plan to Attend the Annual Meeting - April 21



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(Dues year is July 1 through June 30. Current dues year ends June 30, 2013.)

Membership Category: Individual \$65 ____; Household (2 persons—1 *VOTER*) \$90 ____; Donation \$ ____
Student \$32.50 ____; (Coll. Attending ____)

Membership is: New ____; Renewal ____; Reinstate ____; Subsidy Requested ____

We value membership. A subsidy fund is available, check block above and include whatever you can afford.

Dues are not tax deductible. Tax-deductible donations must be written on a separate check payable to LWVFA Ed. Fund.

Please Print Clearly!

Name _____ **Unit** _____

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Thank you for checking off your interests:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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