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Annual Meeting Will Engage, Satisfy and Enlighten

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 how Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Management can help you manage in an emergency
- enjoy a delicious lunch somewhere other than in your own kitchen

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

Calendar

April 2013

- 1 VOTER Deadline, April Fools Day
- 5 LWFVCA Board meeting
- 11 Springfield Unit meeting on Action
- 15 Tax Day, FCPS holiday
- 17 Board Meeting, Packard Center**
- 22 Earth Day
- 27 Annual Meeting, Hilton Springfield Hotel**

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Presidents' Message



Hello Leaguers,

Spring is coming, if not already here. We were glad that so many of you were able to attend our rescheduled General Meeting. The results of LWV-VA and LWNCA program planning were submitted and a shortened form is found on page 5 in this issue of the *VOTER*. Be thinking about what you would like LWVFA to study or explore next year!

We are excited about the names put forward by the Nominating Committee. With a combination of "seasoned" veterans and "new" members on the Board, we will be on our way to providing fresh ideas for growth. The Nominating Committee members (Viveka Fuenzalida, Chair; Dianne Blais, Mia Merin, and Barbara Nunes) were diligent and we appreciate their hard work. We have other active committees (Schools and Domestic Violence), but we would like to have more to explore many other areas. Check out our positions and let us know your interest or passion and we will put those of similar interests together. Ideas for new studies or informational programs are welcome.

Look carefully at the budget in the Annual Meeting Kit. You will see that we are moving more and more money from our reserves. This is a battle we all have in our own budgets – save for the future, cut back on expenses, spend now while we have it, find more income, etc. As you will see, we depend on your help in conducting community/condo election, holding unit fundraisers, and soliciting donations from businesses and individuals. The contribution of each Leaguer is so very important. Come to the Annual Meeting meeting with your questions and ideas on how we should proceed.

Don't forget to make your reservation for our annual meeting! See you April 27.

Julie and Helen

Domestic Violence Hotline
(703) 360-7273

2013 Election Information . . .

The Governor's race will monopolize the spotlight this year, but 100 other elections will also have a collective impact on the lives of Virginians. On November 5, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates will be on the ballot. The nonprofit Virginia Public Access Project is your trusted source for nonpartisan information about who's seeking to represent your community.

Here are just a few facts you can learn at vpap.org:

- Virginia's 100 delegates serve two-year terms, and are elected in the November of each odd-numbered year.
- The GOP currently holds a 67-33 majority in the House.
- 95 of the 100 current delegates are seeking re-election. John Cox (R-55th), Sal Iaquinto (R-84th), Joe Johnson (D-4th), Jim Scott (D-53rd), and Bob Tata (R-85th) have all announced their retirement.
- Historically, the majority of candidates in House races run unopposed. With the exception of the 2009 elections, more than half the races every year since 2003 have been uncontested.

At vpap.org, you'll find an overview of each House race, a database of donations to each candidate, and detailed maps of each district. Get the facts at vpap.org.

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League Members Attend Voting Rights Act Rally at Supreme Court

By Therese Martin

[Editor's note: Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act requires that the United States Department of Justice, through an administrative procedure, or a three-judge panel of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, through a declaratory judgment action "preclear" any attempt to change "any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure with respect to voting..." in any "covered jurisdiction."]

LWV members attending the February 27 rally in front of the Supreme Court in support of retaining Section 5 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA) stood behind the speakers and held up signs for some three to four hours. It gave us a good opportunity to see and hear the speakers up close. They included not only congressional and state officeholders who could speak to the importance of Section 5 but stalwarts of the civil rights movement of the 1960s and the current-day successors to those leaders who are no longer with us. It also gave me the opportunity to think about the day 50 years ago (this August) that I took the bus from New York City to Washington to participate in the 1963 March on Washington. I had moved from Washington earlier that year and returned to walk with friends in the DC Young Democrats. Needless to say, I recall very distinctly standing under a tree in front of the Lincoln Memorial listening to the speakers and songs of the civil rights movement of that era, and especially hearing Martin Luther King, Jr. tell us of his dream. I returned to New York with renewed energy to work on the minority job advancement programs that were part of my job for the city.

This week, I quickly noted that, while some things had changed, not all had. Unfortunately, the thing that had not changed was the need for Section 5 of the VRA. Speaker after speaker provided examples and addressed the need to retain it—in spite of the fact that many of them were elected minority officeholders. And the League in Virginia could certainly speak to the need for keeping it after the General Assembly's voter suppression legislation of the past two years. Most impressive was the witness that the speakers and audience gave to the actions, including death, of those who had fought for human, civil, and voting rights in years past, and their promise to "keep on marching." Those who marched in the 1960s are remembered and honored. Actually, some of them were at the rally, including the woman who stood next to me for a short time telling me that she had marched in 1961 and couldn't stay at the rally any longer because she needed to get back on the bus that was taking her and others to retrace the steps of

the civil rights leaders in the 1960s – to Richmond, Atlanta, Selma, Birmingham, Montgomery. . .

But I noticed that some things have changed since 1963. Many speakers were elected officials in Congress and their states. (Do you think that Section 5 and the VRA just might have something to do with that?) Along with the rally participants, many of the speakers and leaders were women, which wasn't the case 50 years ago. Having been involved with the student movement at one time, I was especially happy to see that the president of the United States Student Association (one of the speakers) was a young African American woman. There weren't many women in leadership positions in most organizations "back in the era." And there was representation from Asian American and Hispanic groups this week, which also was not the case 50 years ago – nearly 10 years before "*si se puede*" became the rallying call of the farm workers movement. As one who has not been "working in the trenches" for most of the past 50 years, I appreciated the opportunity to stand with those who have in support of the VRA and what it has meant in helping make democracy work for all of us.



Leaguers displaying placards in support of the Act include (l-r) Betsy Tiana, Nancy Strum and Maggie Duncan from the LWV national office and LWV Fairfax Area League members Wendy Fox-Grage, Sidney Johnson, Therese Martin and Olga Hernandez.

Travel and Earn Money for the League

By Sheilah Musselman, Chantilly/Centreville Unit

I first met Gwen Erwood at a LWVUS national convention back in 1986, when she had a table, advertising her brand-new travel agency, Travel Concepts International. I've kept in touch with her ever since, hoping for places I'd like to visit. Two recently came up, one to Myanmar a few years ago and recently to Sri Lanka. She'll take up to 15 people usually, but this trip was a go with only three of us. If you travel with her, Gwen, being a loyal Leaguer, *will contribute \$100 to the League of which you are a member.* Check out her website: www.SeriousTraveler.com. She goes to all sorts of strange and not-so-strange places where you can feel safe (even Iran!) and be fully informed. She resides in California but it's no problem keeping in touch. Let me know if you have any questions.

Volunteers Needed for Community Election in McLean

The McLean Community Center election is scheduled for Saturday, May 18. The center has asked LWVFA to oversee registration, voting and ballot counting at the McLean Day celebration again this year. This project will earn \$1600 of needed income for the League.

We will need volunteers to work morning and afternoon, 2-3 hour shifts, at the park during the day and ballot counters in the early evening at the Community Center.

To volunteer, contact Una White at 703-644-3898 or unawhite@gmail.com or Rona at the League office.

General Meeting Photos...



After a 20 minute discussion period, each table presented their recommended program items to everyone. Lois Page and Bill Thomas share their tables' report.



Now BOS Meeting Agenda Items Available "On Demand" on Channel 16

[Ed note: This article is from the BOS website.]

The Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services, in partnership with the Board of Supervisors, has introduced a new online streaming media solution to **view Board of Supervisors meetings on demand.**

Using technology from streaming media content provider Granicus, **viewers can now keyword search and navigate directly to specific Board meeting agenda items.** The video link launches a split-screen window, with video and options to the left and the meeting agenda to the right. By clicking on an individual agenda item, the video will jump to that portion of the meeting.

"Board meeting information is now more accessible. You can watch Board coverage anywhere you usually watch video - on Channel 16, a computer, iPhone, iPad or Android device," said Michael S. Liberman, director, Department of Cable and Consumer Services. "We will continue to look for opportunities to reach out to more viewers."

The most recent meetings are added on the Thursday following each Board meeting. A separate live video stream is also available during the meeting.

- On Demand Video of all 2013 and 2012 Board meetings is available online. Dozens of video on demand programs are available online and on Cox Cable Channel 16.
- In addition to video, Board of Supervisors meeting materials are archived. Materials include the meeting summary, podcast audio, news and board presentations.
- Additional short-form videos are available on the county's YouTube channel.

Improved Communications With Local Officials to Be Discussed

"How Can the League Improve Communications With Local Officials?" is the topic to be discussed at the meeting sponsored by Springfield unit. Anyone interested in this critical topic is invited to attend its unit meeting Thursday, April 11, 9:30 a.m., West Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA. The focus will be on sharing ideas about how to improve the LWVFA Action program.



The League of Women Voters® of the Fairfax Area

65th LWVFA [General Fund] & 31th LWVFA Education Fund

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

**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 Annual Meeting.

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PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Rules of Procedure become the tools that 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. LWV Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised ("Parliamentary Procedure") 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.
 - Members have an opportunity to reaffirm or reject current LWVFA positions, if they are under consideration at the Annual meeting. After an item listed is moved for adoption, a MOTION TO STRIKE OR AMEND a particular position may be made.

LWVFA GENERAL FUND ANNUAL MEETING - PROPOSED AGENDA

9:30 a.m.	Registration and Coffee Bar
10:00 a.m.	Call to Order, President's Welcome and Announcements Recognition of Elected Officials, League Presidents and Current Board Adoption of Rules of Procedures Adoption of Agenda Appointments of Parliamentarian and Reading Committee Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes
10:15 a.m.	Treasurer's Report - 3 rd Quarter LWVFA FY2012-13 (Bill Thomas)
10:20 a.m.	Presentation of Proposed FY 2013-2014 LWVFA Budget (Jane Pacelli) Consideration & Questions
10:25 a.m.	Presentation of Proposed LWVFA Bylaws Changes
10:30 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Speaker: Marcelo Ferreira, Community Engagement Specialist Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. <i>"Preparing for the Unexpected,"</i> (Followed by Question & Answer Session)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Served
1:00 p.m.	Report of the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA
1:05 p.m.	Adoption of LWVFA FY 2013-2014 Budget
1:10 p.m.	Adoption of LWVFA Bylaws Changes
1:15 p.m.	Adjourn LWVFA Annual Meeting

LWVFA EDUCATION FUND ANNUAL MEETING - PROPOSED AGENDA

1:15 p.m.	Call to Order Adoption of Rules Adoption of Agenda
1:20 p.m.	Treasurer's Report - 3 rd Quarter FY 2012-2013
1:25 p.m.	Presentation of Proposed FY 2013-2014 LWVFA Education Fund Budget Consideration, Questions & Adoption of EF Budget
1:30 p.m.	Report of Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA EF
1:35 p.m.	Direction to the Boards
1:50 p.m.	Closing Remarks
2:00 p.m.	Adjourn

PROPOSED 2013 LWVFA GF BYLAWS CHANGES

The following changes are proposed to the LWVFA [General Fund] Bylaws. Additions are underlined. Deletions are in brackets.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1 LWVFA Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held prior to July first, the exact date to be determined by the board of directors. This meeting shall: (a) elect officers and directors as designated for the ensuing two years and a nominating committee for the next year; (b) adopt a budget for the coming fiscal year; (c) in even-numbered years, adopt the local program for the ensuing two years; and (d) transact such other business as may properly come before it, including revisions to local program in odd-numbered years. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE VIII - PROGRAM

Sec. 1 Authorization. The Principles are concepts of government adopted by the national (LWVUS) convention, and supported by the League as a whole. They are the authorization for adoption of national, state, regional and local program.

Sec. 2 Definition of Program. The program of the LWVFA shall consist of (a) action to implement the Principles of the League, and (b) those governmental issues chosen for concerted study [(with consensus or concurrence)] and action at the local, regional, state and national levels. Program study issues under this section are those selected with the intent of determining the League's positions for subsequent advocacy and action. Member agreement may be determined by either a consensus or concurrence process.

Sec. 3 Adoption. The local program for each biennium shall be limited to such governmental issues as the annual meeting shall choose for concerted study and action in the following manner:

- a) The voting members, either as individuals or as members of a specific LWVFA unit, may make recommendations to the board of directors at least two months prior to the annual meeting.
- b) The board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program, which shall be made available to all members at least one month (30 days) before the annual meeting.
- c) A majority vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of the proposed program as presented to the annual meeting by the board of directors.
- d) Recommendations for the program submitted by voting members, but not recommended by the board of directors, may be considered and adopted by the annual meeting, provided that:
 - 1) the [items] issues were submitted to the board at least two months prior to the annual meeting; and
 - 2) the annual meeting [shall] orders consideration by a majority vote [3) the annual meeting shall] and adopts the item by a three-fifths vote of those present and voting.

Sec. 4 Changes in [p] Program. Changes in program [, in the case of altered conditions,] may be made by a three-fifths vote of those present and voting at a general meeting, including the annual meeting in odd-numbered years, or a special meeting called pursuant to Article VI, provided that information concerning the proposed changes has been made available to all members at least 30 days before the general membership meeting at which the change is to be voted upon.

Sec. 5 LWVFA Positions. Once the LWVFA board approves new or amended positions, they become the LWVFA's positions and the basis for action on the issue. Changes to the positions by the membership may be made at general meetings according to the procedures described in this Article.

Sec. [5] 6 Program Action. Members may speak or act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate board (or president or her designee). Action shall conform with, and not be contrary to, positions adopted by the LWVFA, the LWV-VA, the LWNCA and the LWVUS.

Sec. [6] 7 Informational Member Meetings. Members may meet to discuss [other] governmental issues chosen for member education and information[al background] as determined by the LWVFA board of directors.

Submitted by Bylaws Committee: Betsy Lawson, Mary Grace Lintz, Mary Valder, Therese Martin (Chair)

March 2013

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

From: LWVFA Budget Committee (Diane Hardcastle, Sharone Lathrop, Therese Martin,
Bill Thomas (Ex. Off.)
Jane Pacelli, Chair)

Subject: Proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-14

The proposed General Fund and Education Fund budgets for 2013-14 appear on the following pages.

The Ed Fund spends \$15,863 for operations, nearly the same amount as last year. Included in that total is \$4,638 to repay the General Fund for administrative costs shared between the two organizations.

Nearly all the direct Ed Fund expenses are for Voter Service, paying for "Facts for Voters," Voters Guides and What's on the Ballot.

The General Fund budget has operating expenses of \$41,213 and a transfer to the Ed Fund of \$6,500, for a total of \$47,713. Income of \$31,543 and a transfer from the Silver Fund of \$12,500 nearly balance total expenses, resulting in a drawdown of \$3,671 from the operating balance.

Statement of Condition

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual FY 11-12</u>	<u>Adopted FY 12-13</u>	<u>Proposed FY 13-14</u>
General Fund	A.	Operating Balance	5,932	4,558	887
	B.	Reserve Funds	7,000	7,000	7,000
	C.	Special Funds	126,088	115,088	102,588
		Subtotal	139,019	126,645	110,475
		Pre-paid dues	6,600	#N/A	#N/A
		Total Cash	145,619	126,645	110,475
Education Fund	A.	Operating Balance	933	1,033	920
	B.	Special Funds	-	-	-
		Total Cash	933	1,033	920

Note: Pre-payment of dues not considered in the budget

Education Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014

<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual FY 11-12</u>	<u>Adopted FY 12-13</u>	<u>Proposed FY 13-14</u>
I.	INCOME & TRANSFERS			
A.	Member contributions			
1.	Direct	590	500	1000
2.	Through unit projects	5,691	3500	4000
3.	Publications	17		
4.	Memorial and special funds	25		
B.	Contributions from the Public			
1.	Facts for Voters	1,250	3250	2250
2.	Memorial and special funds			
3.	Publications	0	0	0
4.	Fundraising Events			2000
C.	Voters Service Reimbursements	110	0	0
D.	Miscellaneous	0	0	0
E.	Contribution from the General Fund	5,500	9,325	6,500
	Total Income	13,183	16,575	15,750
F.	TRANSFERS IN			
1.	From operating balance	1,728	0	113
2.	From memorial funds	335	0	0
3.	From restricted funds	1,000	0	0
	Total Transfers In	3,063	0	113
I.	TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	16,246	16,575	15,863
II.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS			
A.	OPERATIONS and ADMINI			
1.	State corporation fee	25	25	25
2.	Admin cost @25% of total GF II A & B	4,228	4,600	4,638
3.	Other administrative expenses	64	100	100
	Subtotal Operations & Admin	4,317	4,725	4,763
B.	EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES			
1.	Study Development	0	50	50
2.	Study Printing and Purchase	2,176	2300	2000
3.	Special Projects	0	200	200
	Subtotal Educational Activities	2,176	2,550	2,250
C.	VOTERS SERVICE			
1.	Director expenses	0	100	100
2.	Facts for Voters	6,420	6,100	6,100
3.	Projects: Voters Guide	891	500	500
4.	Projects: What's on the Ballot	1,400	1,500	1,200
5.	Meet the Candidates	79	450	250
6.	Voter Service Outreach & Projects	713	450	600
	Subtotal Voters Service	9,504	9,100	8,750
D.	ADVOCACY	0	100	100
E.	MISCELLANEOUS	250	0	0
	Total Expenses	16,246	16,475	15,863
F.	TRANSFERS OUT			
1.	To operating balance	0	100	0
2.	To memorial funds (2)	0	0	0
3.	To restricted (grant & Facts) fnds	0	0	0
	Total Transfers Out	0	100	0
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFRS	16,246	16,575	15,863

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General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014

<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual FY 11-12</u>	<u>Adopted FY 12-13</u>	<u>Proposed FY 13-14</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
I.	INCOME & TRANSFERS				
A.	Dues				
1.	Current Year	10,810	11,080	12,055	
2.	Prepaid for next year				Note (1)
B.	Member contributions				
1.	Direct	655	500	500	
2.	Unit projects	286	1,500	250	
3.	Memorial donations	0	0	0	
C.	Community contributions	0	2,000	0	
D.	Community elections	7,500	10,000	10,000	
E.	Interest	181	100	100	
F.	Special projects	740			
G.	Reimb from Ed Fund	4,228	4,600	4,638	25% of II A & B Paid by Ed Fund
H.	Miscellaneous income				
1.	Meeting income	4,200	4,000	4,000	Item II.C.6 reflects exp.
2.	Other	50,000	-	-	Silver Fund Dist
	Total Income	78,600	33,780	31,543	
I.	TRANSFERS IN				
1.	From Silver Fund	10,000	11,000	12,500	
2.	From special funds reserve	1,855	0	0	
3.	From operating balance	592	1,374	3,671	
	Total Transfers In	12,447	12,374	16,171	
I.	TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	91,046	46,154	47,713	
	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS				
II.	GENERAL OPERATIONS				
1.	Office eqpt. & furnishings	500	500	100	
2.	Office supplies & misc				
3.	postage	91	200	200	
3.	Communications				
a.	Telephone	770	800	700	
b.	Internet	486	500	400	"
	Web Site & Constant				
c.	Contact	413	350	450	E-mail newsletter
4.	Liability insurance	629	500	650	
5.	State corporation fee	25	25	25	
6.	Bulk mail				
a.	Mail permit	190	200	200	
b.	Mailing expenses	410	500	500	
7.	Comp eqpt & software	245	250	250	
8.	Rent	2,729	3,200	3,700	
9.	Employee compensation	9,453	10,000	10,000	
10.	General office copying	137	200	200	
	Subtotal: General expenses	16,078	17,225	17,375	

See Notes on following page

General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014

<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual FY 11-12</u>	<u>Adopted FY 12-13</u>	<u>Proposed FY 13-14</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
B.	BOARD & ADMINISTRATION				
1.	President	65	100	100	
2.	Secretary	9	25	25	
3.	Treasurer	146	75	75	
4.	Board activities	26	125	200	
5.	Fundraising	0	100	100	
6.	Membership	198	350	350	
7.	Program director	9	50	50	
8.	Unit coordinator	45	75	75	
9.	Public relations	65	100	100	
10.	Historian	0	50	50	
11.	Miscellaneous	310	25	50	
	Subtotal: Board & Admin	872	1,075	1,175	
	Base for expense allocation	16,951	18,300	18,550	Sum of A and B
C.	CONVENTIONS/MEETINGS				
1.	Workshops/spec meetings	510	550	550	
2.	LWVUS convention	1,889	0	5,000	Assumes partial support
3.	LWVVA convention	0	2,000	0	for five delegates
4.	LWVVA council	205	0	250	
5.	LWVNCA convention	160	160	160	
6.	Meetings: Annual & General	3,809	4,000	4,000	
	Subtotal: Conv & Mtgs	6,573	6,710	9,960	
D.	AFFILIATIONS				PMP Amt.
1.	LWVUS PMP	5,685	5,145	5,797	Note (2) 31.00
2.	LWVVA PMP	2,843	2,640	2,805	15.00
3.	LWVNCA PMP	208	194	211	1.10
	Subtotal: Affiliations	8,736	7,979	8,813	
E.	VOTER/Ann. Mtg. Kit				Membership for PMP calc.
1.	Printing	3,329	3,450	3,500	# Cat
2.	Supplies	0	0	0	173 Local indiv.
	Subtotal: VOTER	3,329	3,450	3,500	9 1st Household
F.	ACTION	5	40	40	10 2nd Household
G.	SPECIAL PROJECTS				
1.	Community elections	70	150	150	
2.	Coalitions/sponsorships	0	100	100	
3.	Other	0	0	0	
	Subtotal: Special Projects	70	250	250	
H.	MISCELLANEOUS	233	100	100	
	TOTAL OPERATIONS	35,897	36,829	41,213	
I.	ED FUND Support	5,500	9,325	6,500	Based on Ed Fund rqmts.
	Total Expenses + EF Support	41,397	46,154	47,713	
J.	TRANSFERS OUT				
1.	To contingency & reserve funds	50,134	0	0	
2.	To pre-paid dues	0	0	0	
3.	To operating balance	0	0	0	
	Subtotal: Transfers Out	50,134	0	0	
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFR	91,531	46,154	47,713	

NOTES:

- (1) For budget purposes, all dues payments are shown for the membership year
 (2) Based on members as of February 1.

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(excludes corpus of Silver Fund Bequest)

013 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate 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, 2013:

Officers:

Co-President:	Julia Jones
Secretary:	Lois Page

Directors:

Action*:	Susan O'Neill
Membership:	Pat Nelson-Douvelis
Voters Service Coordinator**:	Olga Hernandez
Voters Service- Voters Guides**:	Sheila Iskra

To Be Elected to Serve One-year Term, Beginning July 1, 2013:

Nominating Committee

Chair:	Dianne Blais
Nominating Committee member:	Wendy Fox-Grage
Nominating Committee member:	Mia Merin

Note: The Nominating Committee recommends the following people be appointed to the Board for the next year:

Human Services Coordinator:	Baba Freeman
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The Nominating Committee recommends the following people be appointed to off-board positions for next year:

Membership Database:	Anne Thomas
Program Co-Director:	Karole McKalip
Public Relations:	Jane Pacelli
State Action Director:	Dianne Blais
Unit Co-Coordinator:	Dianne Hardcastle
Voters Service- Facts for Voters	Maggi Luca
Voters Service- Meet and Greet	Peggy Knight
Voters Service- Outreach	Sidney Johnson

Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee:

Viveka Fuenzalida, Chair, Dianne Blais, Mia Merin, Barbara Nunes

* Serves on the LWVFA Ed Fund without portfolio

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

MEET YOUR NOMINEES

Julia Jones – Co-President Julie just completed a two-year term as LWVFA co-president. She grew up in Ohio and attended Miami University (B.S. in Elementary Education). After she earned a Master's 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 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.

Lois Page – Secretary Lois 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.

Susan O'Neill – Action Director Born in UK, Sue met her husband-to-be in the Caribbean, lived overseas for almost 20 years, and moved to the U.S. in 1997. She has four children and two grandchildren. Sue worked for National Trust for Historic Preservation for about 12 years as a guide and shop assistant. Now she runs a thrift shop in The Virginian, a retirement community in Fairfax. Sue loves to read, and her main hobby is bell ringing, which she does at the National Cathedral and the Old Post Office in DC. She is also interested in old photographs.

Patricia Nelson-Douvelis – Membership Pat served for over 23 years in a variety of leadership and management positions in the Foreign Service in Washington, D.C. She served in many overseas positions and at our embassies in Moldova (as Deputy Chief of Mission), Cyprus and Costa Rica. Prior to that, she worked at three consulting firms in Washington. Pat holds a Master's in International Development.

Olga Hernandez – Voters Service Coordinator Olga was first elected to the LWVFA Board in 1996. She served as LWV-VA President from 2007-2011 and LWVFA President from 2000-2005. She served as VP and Organization Director of the LWV-VA from 2005-2007. She is now also the LWV-VA liaison to the LWVPA MAL unit, soon to become a full League. She is the current LWNCA Secretary. Olga currently represents the LWVFA on the Fairfax County Bi-Partisan Election Process Improvement Commission. Olga served on the Help America Vote Act committee for Virginia to help develop and implement the new federal law. She was appointed by the State Board of Elections to serve on the Residency Task Force in 2009. She also served on the Complete Census Count Committee of Virginia. She is the Sully District representative on the Barbara Varon award committee of Fairfax County. She is also secretary of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government. She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors degree in Broadcast Journalism. She has experience in radio, public and commercial television news production and print media in various locations throughout the U.S. As a military spouse, her family resided in various states. In 1995 they moved and settled in Northern Virginia.

Sheila Iskra – Voters Service- Voters Guides Sheila graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in English. She has worked in public relations/advertising and sales. Twenty years ago, Sheila moved to Washington from upstate New York and started a sales career at Kaiser Permanente. After she retired from Kaiser in 2008, she wanted to keep her mind active, so she joined the League. Since then, Sheila has worked with the League's Domestic Violence committee and recently has been working with groups to reduce gun violence.

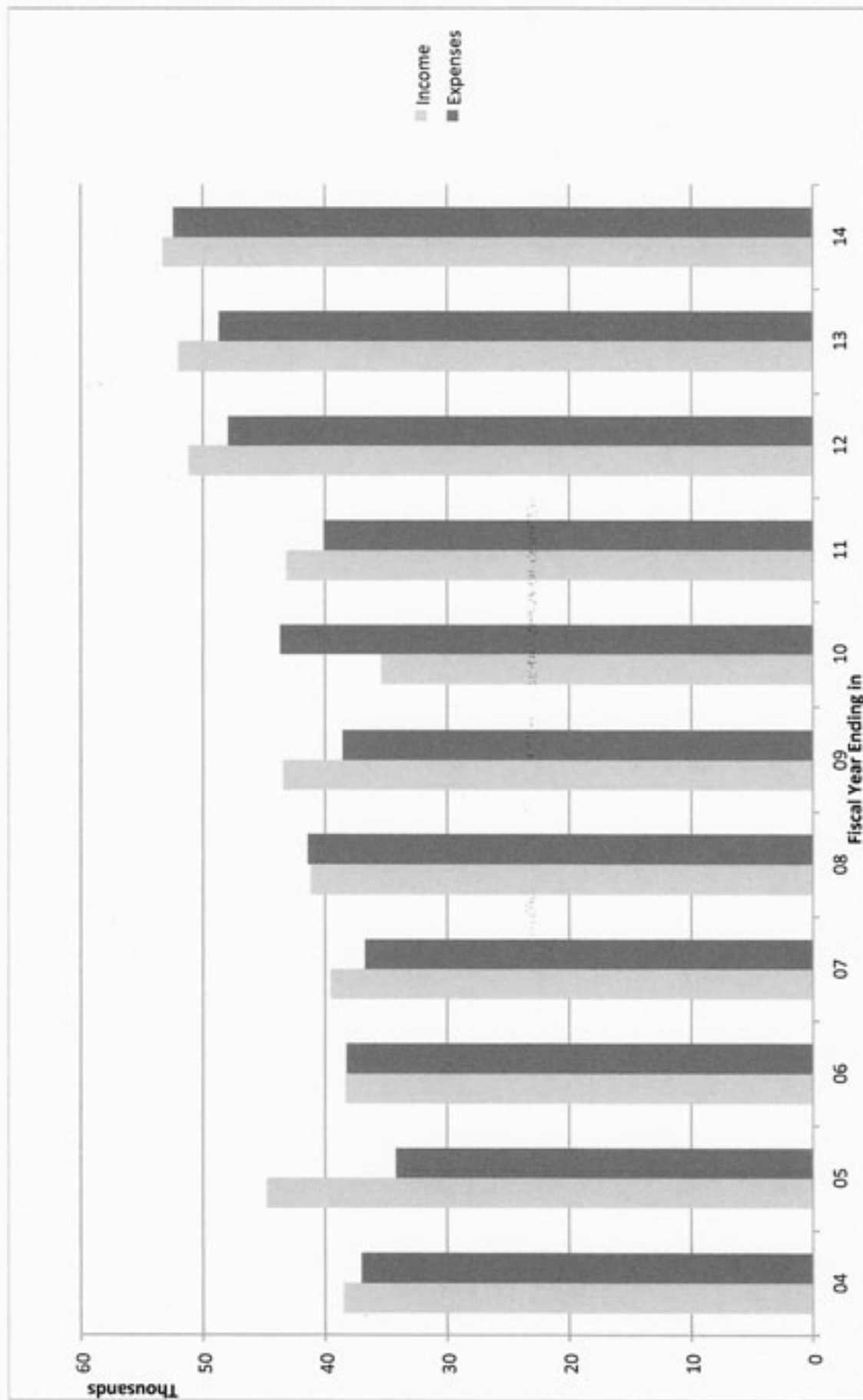
Dianne Blais – Nominating Committee Chair Dianne has been active in the League of Women Voters for 13 years. Dianne chaired the Redistricting Committee and served on the LWV-VA state board in that capacity. Dianne, a mother of four, was active in church, PTA, and Girl Scouts and was an emergency foster mother to 100+ children in Fairfax County. She has been a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for 28 years and has held numerous positions including state co-president. She ran for State Delegate of the 40th district in 2011 as an independent, getting over 25 percent of the vote.

Wendy Fox-Grage – Nominating Committee Wendy is on the membership committee of the Reston evening unit and volunteers to register voters with the LWVFA. She co-authored a recent LWVFA study with Beth Tudan on Privatization in Virginia. In this past election, Wendy volunteered as an election officer. She has been a Senior Strategic Policy Advisor with AARP for the past 8 1/2 years. Wendy lives in Vienna, VA with her husband and their three school-aged children.

Miriam (Mia) Merin – Nominating Committee Mia 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 2003 and was unit chair in 2004. She served as Recording Secretary for the LWVFA board from 2005-2007 and as Membership Director from 2011-2013. Mia has also been involved with the Girl Scouts organization as well as a relay-for-life team called "Amy's Amigos."

Income and Expenditures

Line	Item	Actual	FY03-04	FY04-05	FY05-06	FY06-07	FY07-08	FY08-09	FY09-10	FY10-11	Actual	FY11-12	Adopted	Proposed
GEN FUND Income														
A.	Dues													
1.	Current Year	13,460	13,730	14,613	13,275	12,700	12,290	12,040	12,170	12,600	11,080		12,055	
2.	Prepaid for next year					0								
B.	Member contributions	1,407												
1.	Direct		1,439	631	590	1,305	1,924	315	45	750	500	500	500	
2.	Unit projects	2,127	1,806	1,938	2,874	996	1,583	1,510	581	1,500	1,500	1,500	250	
3.	Memorial donations							2,440	0	0	0	0	0	
C.	Community contributions	725	500	1,580	500	540	500	500	500	5,000	2,000	2,000	0	
D.	Community elections	11,350	16,450	11,100	11,300	13,050	12,200	10,200	12,900	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
E.	Interest	57	204	504	715	636	221	221	430	50	100	100	100	
F.	Special projects	60	0		0	0	0				0	0	0	
G.	Reimb from Ed Fund							0			4,600	4,638	4,638	
H.	Miscellaneous income										0	0	0	
1.	Meeting income	201	79	101	0	3,591	3,413	3,200	3,550	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
2.	Other	42	886	445	346	289	400	55	345	-	-	-	-	
I.	Transfers													
1.	From Silver Fund						0	0	3,600	8,000	11,000	11,000	12,500	
2.	From other funds						65	0	360	2,440	0	0	0	
	Total GF Income	29,429	36,395	30,912	29,600	33,086	32,596	30,481	33,981	44,340	44,780	44,340	44,043	
ED FUND Income														
I. A	Member contributions													
1.	Direct	2,710	1,085	685	652	660	2,955	465	1,705	1,500	500	1,500	1,000	
2.	Through unit projects	2,961	3,045	4,041	3,010	2,799	2,348	2,155	3,942	2,500	3,500	3,500	4,000	
3.	Publications									17				
4.	Memorial/special funds							570	100	25	0	0	0	
	Contributions from the													
B	Public													
1.	Facts for Voters Cont.	2,250	750	1,350	2,790	3,250	3,650	1,000	3,250	2,500	3,250	2,500	2,250	
2.	Memorial and special funds	1,100	0	75	1,959	85	438	20			0		0	
3.	Publications	18	91	5	3	33	346						0	
4.	Fundraisers												2,000	
C	Voters Service Reimb	0	2,110	205	345	670	780	675	125	300	0	0	0	
D	Miscellaneous	0	1,315	1,035	1,200	600	328	13	50	0	0	0	0	
	Total EF Income	9,039	8,396	7,396	9,959	8,097	10,845	4,898	9,172	6,842	7,250	6,842	9,250	
	Total Cons Income	38,468	44,791	38,308	39,559	41,183	43,441	35,378	43,153	51,182	52,030	51,182	53,293	
	GF Expenditures (from reports)	24,762	26,304	26,033	26,456	30,601	29,057	29,751	29,566	35,897	36,829	35,897	41,213	
	EF Expenditures (from reports)	12,272	7,875	12,200	10,283	10,809	9,512	13,929	10,529	12,018	11,875	12,018	11,225	
	Total Cons Expenditures	37,034	34,179	38,233	36,739	41,410	38,569	43,680	40,095	47,915	48,704	47,915	52,438	
	Surplus(+)/Deficit(-)	1,434	10,612	75	2,821	-227	4,872	-8,302	3,058	3,267	3,326	3,267	854	



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

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The Missing Movement for Gun Control in America

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Registration:

Cost is \$40 per person. Provide a registration form for each person attending the convention. Make checks payable to League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area, or to LWVNCA. Mail the form below and check to: Barbara Ewalt, 11037 Saffold Way. Reston, VA 20190. Deadline for receipt of forms and checks is Monday, April 29.

-----NCA Convention Registration Form-----

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Local or State League: _____ Delegate: (Circle one) Yes No

Number of attendees _____ Amount of Enclosed Check: _____

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Approves Spring Hill Station Development in Tysons

[Ed. Note: From the Fairfax County website.]

At its Feb. 12 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved an additional 3.8 million square feet of mixed use development next to the future Spring Hill Metro station in Tysons.

In 2011, the board signed off on plans to develop seven acres within Spring Hill Station, which is the county's "demonstration project" in Tysons with The Georgelas Group.

In total, this project as currently planned will build up to 7.6 million square feet of office, retail, hotel and residential development spread across three neighborhoods. Much of the project will be within a quarter mile from the Metro station, making it an easy three to six-minute walk to transit.

When complete, Spring Hill Station will encompass more than 31 acres. **The latest approvals are for a 9.86-acre site that sits roughly between Route 7, Tyco Road and Spring Hill Road, and an adjacent 7.39-acre site at the corner of Greensboro Drive and Spring Hill Road.**

For the neighborhood that borders Tyco Road, seven new high-rise buildings are planned, including at least two office buildings and at least three multi-family residential buildings, and a hotel with ground floor retail. Up to 2,035 residential units are anticipated. As part of this neighborhood, Georgelas submitted a final development plan for an 18 to 27-story residential building with up to 436 units.

For the neighborhood at the corner of Greensboro Drive, the plans call for adding three new buildings while incorporating the two existing offices into the new development. The new buildings include an office building at the corner of Spring Hill Road and the new Broad Street, a multi-family residential or hotel at the back edge of the site, and a low-rise extension along Spring Hill Road with an option for

retail or residential townhouses. Up to 234 residential units will be built.

For both new neighborhoods, the existing buildings will be gradually replaced as development moves forward. **Overall, Spring Hill Station, including the two latest plans approved, incorporates many features that move forward Fairfax County's goal to turn Tysons into a walkable, environmentally friendly, 24/7 urban center, including:**



➤ **Green Building:** Georgelas will seek LEED certification for all of the new buildings, as well as a goal of retaining the first inch of rainfall on-site. **Each parking garage will have at least one electric vehicle recharging station that will serve at least two parking spaces.**

➤ **Workforce Housing:** Following the county's goal for Tysons, 20 percent of the residential units will be affordable housing.

➤ **Parks:** As part of the two newly approved development plans, almost 2.8 acres of public parks will be provided. These include urban, pocket parks; common green space; an off-leash dog park or skate park and **two "sky parks"** on top of buildings. **One of the rooftop parks will offer an elevated running track and golf**

putting green, and other will include a children's play area. As part of the entire Spring Hill Station development, Georgelas Group agreed to pay for a full-sized athletic field at Raglan Road Park or another location.

Spring Hill is the most redevelopment application the county has approved as part of its plan to transform to Tysons. Last fall, the county approved Capital One's 4.4 million square-foot expansion and Cityline Partners' almost 2.6 million square feet mixed use development called Arbor Row. Under the county's plan, Tysons Corner will become a green, walkable urban center. By 2050, Tysons will be home to up to 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs.

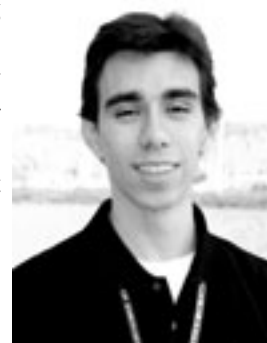
Ferreira Will Be Keynote Speaker at Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting speaker will be Marcelo Ferreira, Community Engagement Specialist at the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. His talk is entitled "Preparing for the Unexpected."

He will discuss how the federal government and Fairfax County come together to keep residents safe in emergencies such as power outages, hurricanes and tornadoes, and how

we can stay informed before, during and after the emergency. He will give a 30-minute talk followed by a 30-minute question-and answer session. We encourage everyone to ask questions about this important topic that effects all of our lives.

Mr. Ferreira will also provide handouts with useful preparedness tips and contact information.



~ You are cordially invited to attend ~



LWVFA Annual Meeting

on

Saturday, April 27, 2013

at

Hilton Springfield

6550 Loisdale Rd, Springfield, VA

Meeting Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration & Coffee
10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Speaker: Marcelo Ferreira
12:00 noon	Luncheon (Cost \$37 per person)
2:00 p.m.	Conclusion of Business Meeting

Directions: From I-95/395 going south, exit onto Franconia Road going east. Keep right and turn right onto Loisdale Road. From I-95/395 going north, exit onto Franconia Road going east. Keep left and turn left onto Loisdale Road. The Hilton is one-half mile ahead on the left. From Van Dorn Street, turn left onto Loisdale and the Hilton is on the right.

Deadline for Reservations: April 13

Please choose – Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Vegetable Pasta _____

Program is free; Luncheon, \$37 per person.

Make checks payable to LWVFA and mail with reservation form to:
2013 Annual Meeting, 11020 Burywood Lane, Reston, VA 20194

Name _____ Lunch @\$37 ea. _____

Phone Number & E-mail _____

Guest Name(s) _____ Lunch @\$37ea. _____

Total \$ enclosed _____

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

New Program Planning Process Works Well

By Rona Ackerman, Executive Director

For the first time ever, LWVFA did program planning at a General Meeting rather than at the unit meetings. Fifty members attending the meeting participated in the effort and an addition, 15 members mailed in their preferences. The following results have been sent to the LWV National Capital Area (LWVNCA) and the Virginia State League (LWV-VA).

At the State level, we recommended a new study on charter schools be conducted since the Education position does not address charter schools at all. In addition, we noted our concern about the legislature's reclassification of women's health clinics into the hospital category. Since we are not sure that the LWVUS position covers this, and there is no state position, we suggested a study that addresses the adoption of medically unnecessary regulations.

At the State level we also recommended that the Natural Resources position be updated since it does not seem up to the task of covering today's concerns. This became apparent when discussing the issue of uranium mining, and then by extension, other forms of mining. The LWVUS position covers some of the concerns related to uranium mining and milling under various sections, but the Nuclear position falls short of providing clear direction when it comes to mining and milling of uranium, instead primarily addressing the siting of nuclear reactors. A thorough study of mining best practices will help us formulate an appropriate position for LWV-VA

Our LWV-VA Education funding position holds that the state should fund half-day pre-kindergarten programs for all at-risk-children and that funding for full-day kindergarten programs should be provided at the option of localities. We suggested that we should be reviewing whether we continue to believe this.

The Governor's race will monopolize the spotlight this year, but 100 other elections will also have a collective impact on the lives of Virginians.

On November 5, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates will be on the ballot. The nonprofit Virginia Public Access Project is your trusted source for nonpartisan information about who's seeking to represent your community.

We recommended that the Voting Center Concurrence proposed by Therese Martin be adopted



Program planning table discussions were held at the postponed General Meeting at the Fairfax Country Club.

For LWVNCA, studies of the decriminalization of drug possession and of good governance, structure and controls for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority were both of great interest. But since Mary Nightlinger and Pat Nelson-Douvelis volunteered to work on the decriminalization study, we made that our priority. Thank you both for volunteering!

We also let LWVNCA know that informational meetings and sharing information by other methods (email, newsletter, etc.) are of more interest to our members than the development of new LWVNCA positions.

April Meeting:

Annual Meeting, April 27, 10 a.m. at the Springfield Hilton

NO UNIT MEETINGS THIS MONTH Except for Springfield (See Page 4, Col 2.)



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LWVFA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Dues year is July 1 through June 30. Current dues year ends June 30, 2014.)

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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Please mail your check and completed application to: LWVFA 4026 Hummer Rd. Suite 214, Annandale, VA 22003-2403

Thank you for checking off your interests:

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