



We're Trying Something New: Annual Meeting in November

LWVFA is trying something new this year in an effort to head off an all-too-frequent snow-or-ice-related cancellation of our usual January General Meeting. The Board has arranged a social gathering on Sunday afternoon, November 20, at the home of Adarsh Trehan in McLean. Plan to attend to visit with other Leaguers and to hear our guest speaker, Michele Thames, executive director of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County. Directions and more information about reservations can be found on Page 3.

Calendar

November 2016

- 1 Last day to apply for absentee ballot by mail for Presidential Election
- 5 Final day for in-person absentee voting
- 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 7 *Fairfax VOTER* deadline
- 8 Election Day: Polls open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 8 Absentee ballot return deadline by 7 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 **LWVFA Board meeting**
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Note: No LWVFA unit meetings in November; General Meeting instead

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Presidents Message



During this election season, we have experienced a lot of:

- ✓ Hillary's pants suits,
- ✓ Trump's tweets, and
- ✓ LWVFA's wonderful forums, voter drives, and community elections!

And, we could not have done it without you.

That's right. LWVFA hosted three high-profile forums: 1) the televised 8th District Candidate Forum, 2) the Meals Tax Forum, and 3) the "Under the Gun" documentary screening and expert panel. Many thanks to our forum organizers: Sue Worden, Helen Kelly, and Ruth Hoffman.

On top of that, LWVFA ran more than 25 voter drives throughout the County at adult high schools, shopping centers, festivals, and more! Thank you to Sidney Johnson, our partner organizations, and the many

LWVFA Community Election Monitoring: Volunteers Needed This Fall

Do you know what one of our largest fundraisers is? Monitoring community elections. We have five planned for this fall, and have finalized dates for three of them. Volunteers are needed to oversee these elections. The job is simple and the fellowship is rewarding. If you are interested, you can find more information and sign up to volunteer by pasting the following URL into your browser. www.lwv-fairfax.org/CommunityElectionVolunteers.html



League volunteers who made these events possible. And, as if that was not enough, we ran several community elections—a major fundraising effort—during this election season. Thank you to Anne Thomas for organizing us.

We are so glad that we were able to celebrate these accomplishments by toasting each other with a pint of beer at Oktoberfest. But, our work is not yet done for the year.

We hope to see you at our general meeting on Sunday, November 20, at 3 p.m. We are grateful to Adarsh Trehan, who is kindly hosting this meeting at her lovely home located at 1308 Ballantrae Farm Drive, McLean, VA 22101. Our guest speaker will be Michele Thames, executive director of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County.

Wishing you and your family a happy Thanksgiving,

Peggy and Wendy

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Sunday, November 20 . . .

League to Try New Format for General Meeting

General Meeting: Sunday, November 20 at home of Adarsh Trehan, 1308 Ballantrae Farm Drive, McLean, VA 22101. We are trying to avoid winter weather cancellations. Along with a different season, we will have a slightly different format. However, some things remain constant. We will have a speaker as well as an opportunity for all LWVFA members to get together. It is our chance to celebrate the end of the campaign season and catch up with long-time friends as well as make new ones. Instead of a full lunch, we will meet at 3 p.m. and enjoy hors d'oeuvres while chatting with our League friends and discovering what is happening in other units.



Our speaker will be, **Michele Thames of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center.** SafeSpot, <http://www.safespotfairfax.org/>, is a nonprofit organization that provides a centralized, family-friendly location for the investigation of child abuse allegations. Please RSVP by November 11, 2016; the tickets are \$10. For more information, contact Peggy Knight, peggy.knight1@verizon.net, 703-772-4939. For reservations send a check, payable to LWVFA, to Peggy Knight, 1912 Virginia Avenue, McLean, VA 22101. To make reservations online, go to <http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/2016GeneralMeeting.html> and click on Add to Cart button.

Children's Advocate to Speak at General Meeting



Michele Thames, Executive Director of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County (safespotfairfax.org) will be the featured speaker at our November General Meeting.

SafeSpot provides a centralized, family-friendly location for the investigation of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse allegations, bringing together law enforcement, child protective services, and other critical professionals to minimize the number of times a child has to describe their abuse. Starting at the time of the report, SafeSpot provides services and makes referrals to support children and their families down the path to well-being in the aftermath of the abuse.

Thames holds a Master's Degree in Education from Cambridge College and was previously the Supervisor of the Forensic Interview Program at the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Child Abuse Program.

Thames is a trained Forensic Interviewer who has conducted over 3,000 forensic interviews in a multidisciplinary team setting for local, state, federal and military agencies. She is also a board member of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia and faculty for ChildFirst Virginia.



Pre-Session Date Announced: December 7 in Richmond

League Co-President Diane Blais and Lois Page have announced that the annual Pre-Session of the Women's Legislative Roundtable will be held in Richmond on December 7. The day starts at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Room 3 of the Capitol Building, Richmond.

Various advocacy groups will make presentations on their agendas for the upcoming legislative session in an attempt to find areas of mutual concern.



Details and registration form can be found on page 11 of this issue.



Olga Hernandez and Bob Meredith are ready to register voters at a FACETS event.

September Unit Discussions Feedback . . .

The League of Women Voters Is Changing

Compiled by Carol Bursik, *Questions answered in italics*
by Sherry Zachry, LWVFA Program Director

The past, present, and future of the League of Women Voters was the focus of LWVFA's September 2016 unit discussions. The commitment to change endorsed at the League convention in June 2016 made this topic particularly appropriate for long-time and new members alike. Over seventy-nine people participated in the briefing and unit discussions, and nine units reported the results of their meetings.

Since the study was intended to be informational, approximately two thirds of the questions reinforced the facts presented on the history, organization, principles, and work of the League. However, these questions sparked broader-ranging conversations, which allowed the more experienced members to share their knowledge and to expand on some of the points in the study. Several new questions arose in the units:

- ✓ How many other cities have ILOs and are there others in Virginia (such as Tidewater)? (*ILOs can comprise cities, towns, counties and regions—there are no other ILOs in Virginia. Tidewater cities are part of the League of Women Voters of South Hampton Roads—each city is a “Unit” of LWVSHR although there are only two units: Norfolk and VA Beach. Other ILOs in the US are: Nassau County ILO (NY); LWV of Upper Mississippi River-Region ILO—serves four states IL, IA, MN, WI*)
- ✓ How common are newsletters, such as our *Fairfax VOTER*? (*In Virginia, every League produces some form of a newsletter—some called Voters and Bulletins; however, I think only LWVFA publishes a **printed and mailed** Voter; most are published electronically. All Leagues are required to have newsletters; the frequency of publication varies by League. In Maryland, LWV of Montgomery County produces a monthly Voter very similar to LWVFA's.*)
- ✓ Is Program the League's reason for being or does voter service hold an equivalent place as our reason for being? (*Equal – program includes studying selected issues to produce a League position on which we advocate; voter service is informing about candidates, elections and voting processes and does*

not involve advocacy. Note that LWVUS 2016-18 adopted program has both.)

- ✓ Could some of the LWVUS positions be revisited to inform our members, such as the positions on International Relations? (*Always can be revisited and an informational article can be written; but to do so in a formal way, must be passed by members as a restudy or update. To learn about specific LWVUS positions, read Impact On Issues on the topic, including the history of the position.*)
- ✓ How are convention concurrences passed? Do only the delegates vote on the positions selected for the 2016-2018 biennium? (*Only delegates vote at conventions or annual meetings. Concurrences follow a special process that is covered in respective League Bylaws (as do consensus studies). LWVUS Bylaws and the 2016-18 Proposed Program that was in the Convention Workbook—and handed out as a resource for unit meetings—describe the process fully. Although concurrences have been adopted at past LWVUS Conventions, the 2016 Convention adopted a Redistricting Concurrence statement formed by a Task Force appointed for that purpose, which used several State League positions and not just one League position. The use of a Task Force to form an LWVUS concurrence statement was a first for a national convention*)
- ✓ How many state Leagues have positions on redistricting? (*approximately 40 states, according to LWVUS*)
- ✓ What is the difference between our General Fund and our Educational Fund, and why are donations to the Ed Fund tax deductible, but not the contributions to the General Fund? (*The LWVFA Education Fund is incorporated as an IRS-designated 501(c)3 entity, which specifies that donations to the charitable nonprofits are tax-deductible. 501(c)3 organizations must use the funds for educational (or research) purposes only—using those funds for advocacy purposes is restricted. On the other hand 501(c)4 nonprofit organizations, LWVFA [General Fund or Operating Fund] use funds for advocacy and general operating expenses and therefore donations are not tax-deductible.*)

In answer to question number eight (8) on the changes that occurred at the LWVUS 2016 Convention, most of the units mentioned the approval of the Campaign for Making

Democracy Work(c). One unit felt the name of the campaign was vague and wondered whether it refers to our core goal of voter services. Units also cited the expansion of voting membership to people at least 16 years of age and to people who are not citizens. One unit commented that these changes “may lead to real accomplishments.” Another unit noted that the change in membership definition will help the League “reach out to people who are ‘marginalized by society,’ either because of poverty, immigrant status, or ethnic background and teach them about voting and issues.” The same unit pointed out that for the first time LWVUS used a process of concurrence on the convention floor to achieve a position on redistricting, based on a Task Force study and recommendation. Also, for the first time, the LWVUS took a position on redistricting that will not negate any other state League position on this topic.

In answer to question number nine (9) on how LWVFA could further implement the League-wide Making Democracy Work campaign, several units mentioned the ways in which we are already supporting this effort. They listed outreach to high school and college students, participation in voter registration events, sponsorship of candidate forums, publishing *What's on the Ballot (WOTB)*, and displaying voter information in public locations, such as charity shops and food banks. The units also suggested the following new possibilities: *(answers are for LWVFA only)*

- ✓ Engage more student volunteers in voter service activities. *(already working on that)*
- ✓ Work on felon reinstatement. *(This is State League issue; Gov. McAuliffe's Order was sent to the courts. The Court's decision required re-registering the 13,000 plus felons which has been mostly accomplished by the VA Department of Elections. Leagues in Virginia have participated as much as possible as they did before the court order]*
- ✓ Provide more information on early voting, updating voter registration, and ID requirements. *(LWVFA is distributing Fairfax Elections Office info and flyers which cover all of the foregoing, as well as some LWVFA-produced flyers, at all voter registration events. FYI, Virginia does not have “early voting”—Virginia has “absentee voting,” both in-person and by mail, which starts 45 days before an election. However, Virginia absentee voting requires an application that lists 19 “eligibility requirements”—or excuses—one of which must be checked in order to be allowed to vote by absentee ballot. In-person absentee voting includes the same application process with the list of excuses. This is an example of voter service information that LWVFA and LWV-VA use to educate the voters in*

every election.)

- ✓ Bring voting machines to disabled voters *(This is already being done by Elections officials on Election Day.)*
- ✓ Translate our voter service materials into more languages. *(Fairfax Elections Office is responsible for official translations in Fairfax—LWVFA is not allowed to translate “official” materials. LWVUS has some generic Spanish language voting info)*
- ✓ Foster coalitions with other non-profit organizations and with ethnic churches and mosques in our area. *(LWVFA is already doing that and trying to expand our outreach to these communities)*
- ✓ Advocate for congressional redistricting. *(This is a state League issue and is recommended by LWVUS to be a part of every state League's agenda before the 2020 census.)*
- ✓ Visit retirement homes in the county to register voters. *(Fairfax County Elections office is already doing this; LWVFA has done this in the past)*
- ✓ Expand outreach to under-served and diverse communities. *(LWVFA is already working on this to expand our outreach to these communities – see March 2016 Fairfax Voter article on Nonprofit VOTE organization as one example)*

Question number ten (10) asked what new things we learned about the League and LWVFA, and what additional information we want to know about both organizations. In particular, the units mentioned that they learned the first League president was Maud Wood Park; that the future focus will be on a narrower range of topics than in the past; that a Task Force can be used to create a position through concurrence; and how concurrence differs from consensus. Some of the new things our members would like to know more about are:

- ✓ Which lawsuits pursued by the League have been particularly successful? *(Would need to research for specific lawsuits, but recently LWVUS and various state Leagues have joined lawsuits against state legislation that restricted voter access. Successful outcomes have occurred in Florida, Kansas, Texas and North Carolina.)*
- ✓ What positions has the League taken that they now wish they had not? *(None that I know of; if positions are no longer valid—meaning they have been accomplished through legislation, they can be deleted if members agree, which is part of the program adoption process at conventions or annual meetings.)*

- ✓ What ways can we assist in felon reinstatement? (*Now that the court has ruled, resume participation in registering former felons—several coalitions statewide have been formed to do this and LWV-VA is a member—see bullet under Question nine paragraph*)
- ✓ What happens at the national League convention? (*Business for next biennium: LWWUS program presented and is adopted, Officers & Directors are elected, Budget presented and adopted, Bylaws changes approved, Resolutions passed. Other: speakers, caucuses on program proposals, banquet, entertainment, networking*)
- ✓ How can we reach Millennials? (*through social media*)
- ✓ What programs does the LWWNCA sponsor? (*LWWNCA*)

positions cover regional issues, like transportation, regional airports, environmental concerns such as water resources, land use /housing; regional governance; comprehensive health planning; beltway safety; controlled substances; D.C. financing. Seminars and forums on any of these topics can be, and have been, presented. We will be looking at LWWNCA positions in December, 2016)

The units felt the study was clearly written and could provide an excellent introduction to the League. Members came away with a better understanding of the League, and a couple of groups recommended that the study be republished as a brochure for distribution to new members.

Highlights of the LWV-VA Fall Workshops

By Betty Ellerbee

The fall workshop organized by LWV-VA was a full day in Charlottesville. Plenary Sessions included briefings on the Constitutional Amendments pros and cons, observations on new electronic voter registration, and nonpartisan talking points in these fevered days before historic election.

The plenary keynote speaker, Meg Heubeck, of the UVA Center for Politics, gave a memorably punchy presentation whose theme was promoting civil participation in an age of polarization. She showed an unforgettable video featuring “incomprehensible yelling” and gave us insights into perspectives of millennials, with whom she engages daily. She identified resources such as books (*Running From Office* by Jennifer Lawless), videos (“Ball of Confusion,” “Out of Order”), and websites (<http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/>) that constitute a trove of pertinent political perspective.

Heubeck went on to specify the rules she teaches for having a civil discussion in the classroom:

- ✓ Listen
- ✓ Keep an open mind
- ✓ Ask for elaboration
- ✓ Look for areas of agreement
- ✓ Identify ways to compromise

- ✓ Be polite
- ✓ Refrain from using certain phrases
- ✓ If you don’t know, ask
- ✓ Accept all ideas as possibilities

Workshops in the afternoon included presentations on the fracking study (Rona Ackerman); gun safety task force update (Ruth Hoffman); candidate forums (Sue Worden); VOTE411 demystified (Carol Noggle), and electronic media (Carol Lindstrom). The LWV-VA website (www.lwv-va.org) has a video of Ruth Hoffman’s presentation on gun safety and additional information on the fracking study.



More than 60 Leaguers from around the state participated in this year’s workshop.

Governor's Challenge in High School Voter Registration"



Virginia Governor McAuliffe recently announced his effort to capture the interest of 17 and 18 years olds in the voting process to begin September 29 and end the 3rd week in April. LWV-VA is one of the valued partners in this effort.

His Governor's Challenge in High School Voter Registration will give high schools across the Commonwealth the opportunity to compete to register the highest percentage of their voting-age population. Schools that reach or exceed 65 percent will receive a congratulatory certificate from the Governor.

Local Leagues should continue whatever relationships they have developed with their area high schools. Suggestions on how to interact with this new contest:

1. Ask principals if they have signed on to participate. If the answer is yes, suggest your League would like to help them win. If no, urge him to consider and ask someone in the school to be the contact person.
2. Mention how successful getting students to register has been when students help to organize the effort. Ask principals if they can identify any student leaders who might take this on.
3. Winning schools, those who register at least 65% of the students who will be 18 by the next election, will receive statewide recognition and a plaque suitable for posting in the school public areas. Student leaders will also be recognized.
4. Try to meet with identified student leaders and help them do what you have likely been doing there for years.
5. Copy the following link on this link for more information < <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/high-school/index.html> > To make any corrections to your local information, email taylor.melton@governor.virginia.gov:

"Virginia Is for Voters"

New Catch Phrase of the Virginia Department of Elections

By Olga Hernandez

All Leaguers' efforts to register voters on National Voter Registration Day are paying off. The Virginia State Department of Elections has seen a marked uptick in registrations since September 27, having received 69,731 applications. Thank you! As of October 3, Virginia has 5,490,333 registered voters. Fairfax County and City have a total of 749,199 registered voters.

The online registration portal has been a huge success, with more voters going to the citizen portal to update their registration or register. The Department has been working with DMV to comply with the motor voter law and many of the initial kinks have been worked out, which makes this another portal when you change addresses. [Vote.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.virginia.gov) is the best website for information.

There has been talk of election security or rigged elections. The Department is working with Homeland Security, the FBI, the state police, Emergency Management, and multiple agencies to make sure Virginia elections are secure. They are planning all hands on deck to have a secure and smooth election. The office is even working with VDOT to quickly clear traffic problems that may occur Election Day.

News reports about registrations coming in from folks that have died are being investigated. NOTE, those registrations were caught by Virginia's multiple layers of security and did not go into effect; those people DID NOT vote.

The Department is urging anyone who meets any one of the 19 reasons needed to qualify to vote absentee to do so. As of October 3, 139,000 absentee ballots have been mailed, 15,000 have voted absentee in person. If you are voting absentee via USPS please note that the mail is taking longer to be delivered so you are urged to mail your completed ballot ASAP; they must be received by the Office of Elections by 7 p.m. November 8.

EPIX ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY

UNDER THE GUN

IN THE GUN DEBATE, TRUTH IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON

League Sponsors Couric Film on Gun Violence

By Ruth Hoffman and Beth Tudan

On October 27, the League of Women Voters of Fairfax Area, in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Falls Church and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs, sponsored a screening of *Under the Gun* in McLean.

Under the Gun is a film that is executive produced and narrated by Katie Couric and directed by Stephanie Soechtig. It debuted at the Sundance Film Festival and examines why, despite the increase in gun-related fatalities and the outpouring of shock and outrage that comes with them, America has failed to respond with meaningful action.

The discussion about gun violence has been building ever since the massacre of 20 first-graders and six educators in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., on Dec. 14, 2012. And attention has intensified in recent months in the midst of gun violence tragedies that have gripped headlines, including the September 28th school shooting that killed a six-year-old and injured two others at the Townsville Elementary School in South Carolina.

The film offered a quick history lesson using a timeline that's enriched with news headlines and archive footage, showing how gun violence prevention and legislation have evolved since Martin Luther King Jr. and the Kennedy brothers were shot. The broader history is blended with the impact of gun violence told through the lens of families impacted by mass shootings in Newtown, Aurora, Isla Vista, Tucson, and Chicago.

Couric offered this statement to help explain what motivated her to pursue the project and what she hoped to accomplish, "I've covered mass shootings and gun violence throughout my career, but following the massacre at Sandy Hook, I was confused by the disconnect between public opinion (over 90 percent of Americans supported universal background checks) and public policy. I hope this film will help people have a better understanding of how we got to this point."

The screening was followed by a panel discussion with Matt Bennett and Peter Read, who offered a closer look at the toll gun violence takes on families and communities and the political hurdles that have prevented meaningful action and solutions. Bennett, one of the original founders of "Third Way" (a D.C.- based think tank), spent 16+ years in the gun violence prevention space following the Columbine mass shooting and served as an advisor to the Sandy Hook families after Newtown. Bennett, widely recognized for his expertise on the politics and challenges within the gun debate, authored this essay published in 2013. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/essays/2013/sandy-hook-promise-gun-safety>

Read shared his personal story about the loss of his eldest daughter, Mary Karen Read, who was just 19-years-old when she was killed at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007. Thirty-two students and faculty were killed and another 17 were wounded that day by a gunman who was able to purchase a gun through a loophole that was later closed in Virginia. Peter and his wife Cathy have worked on behalf of many causes in memory of Mary and her fellow Hokies. Read, a retired U.S. Air Force officer with a two-decade military career stationed both in the United States and overseas, offered a powerful and compelling voice to the conversation.

Under the Gun is just one documentary that has been produced following the massacre at Sandy Hook. Other films currently being screened across the country include, "Newtown", "Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA", and "91%".



Environmental Update . . .

Climate Accord Goes Into Effect November 4

By Elizabeth Lonoff

Ratification. The December 2015 Paris Agreement asks all countries to present national plans to reduce emissions to limit global temperature rise from pre-industrial levels to “well below” 2°C (3.6°F). This is considered a red line before devastating impacts would happen, such as reduced food crop yields. About one degree of this rise already has occurred. Prompt ratification encourages signatories to act on their immediate promises and helps protect against the Agreement’s being undone by political shifts in individual countries.

Going into effect required ratification by at least 55 countries accounting for 55 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. The U.S. and China joined on Sept. 3. On Mahatma Gandhi’s Oct. 2 birth date, India’s 4.5 percent pushed emissions over 50 percent. The European Union sealed the deal with its 12 percent, backed by legislation proposed to deliver much of its commitment. Now, focus will shift to developing implementation rules and the \$100 billion pledged by developed countries to assist developing ones.

For news about the November 7-18 Marrakech Climate Change Conference, when the Agreement’s governing body will be launched; the international aviation industry’s

agreeing to the first-ever global market-based measure covering CO₂ emissions; and solar power in Africa, see <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/>.

“Homo Sapiens might not only be the agent of the sixth extinction but also risks being one of its victims.” Anthropologist Richard Leakey

Temperature rising faster. According to the Nature Conservancy, “Scientists are now reporting that the total global temperature increase from climate change may reach 1.5°C in the next decade, years ahead of earlier projections. And we’re just beginning to understand the destructive impact that will have.”

More GHGs being emitted. A review by international universities and institutions published in *BioScience* concluded from studies since 2000 on 267 reservoirs that they may be emitting a billion tons of annual CO₂ equivalents or 1.3 percent of the global total. And 79 percent of these emissions are as methane, a GHG with a shorter life in the atmosphere, but a very strong warming effect. Lead author Bridget Deemer says “we found that the estimates of methane emissions per area of reservoir are about 25 percent higher than previously thought, which we think is significant given the global boom in dam construction.”

U.S. leadership. California, the world’s sixth-largest economy, says its new goal to reduce GHG emissions by 40 percent below 1990 levels in 2030 “aligns with scientifically established levels needed in the U.S. to limit global warming below 2°C.”

Panel Discusses Pros and Cons of a Meal Tax

On September 29, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area hosted a meals tax panel discussion at Luther Jackson Middle School. Although LWVFA is supporting the meals tax, the Board decided to have the panel present both pros and cons of the issue. If the referendum passes, a 4 percent tax will be levied on all ready-to-eat prepared food and beverages at restaurants, as well as grocery stores, convenience stores and delicatessens. The revenues will be dedicated to the Fairfax County Public Schools (70 percent) and County services, capital improvements, and property tax relief (30 percent). For more information go to < http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/files/2016_Meals_Tax_Referendum_Fact_Sheet.pdf >.

Mary Kimm, editor of the Connection Newspapers, moderated the panel. Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Jon Norton from Great American Restaurants spoke against the referendum and School Board member Pat Hynes

and Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, management consultant, spoke in favor. The panel took written questions from the audience. Questions were also submitted in advance by email and survey. Thanks to Diana Watkins, MCL, and Jim Southworth and Ben Zuhl of Fairfax Public Access for recording and editing the video. The video can be viewed on LWVFA’s website: < <http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/MealsTaxForum.html> >.



Panelists Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, Pat Hynes, Pat Herrity and Jon Norton listen as moderator Mary Kimm poses the next question.

League Announces Voter Outreach Partnership . . .

Herbalife Nutrition Offers Access to Election Information

by Sarah Courtney



(LOS ANGELES – Herbalife (NYSE: HLF), a global nutrition company, is encouraging Americans to vote in the 2016 presidential election and find the information they need to cast their ballot by using the tools and resources developed

by the company in partnership with two nonpartisan organizations – the League of Women Voters, a 96-year old, nationwide grassroots organization serving millions of voters with election information, and Voto Latino, a pioneering civic organization that encourages Latinos to be involved in American civic activities.

The Herbalife Nutrition www.iamherbalife.com website will feature the League of Women Voters' first ever presidential election widget. The widget, VOTE411, provides users with information about voting registration deadlines, absentee and early voting options, ballot measures, polling place locations and enables users to compare candidates' positions side-by-side through the online voters' guide.

“Millions of Americans miss the opportunity to vote in major election years because they lack basic information



about the voting process. We are grateful to have help from Herbalife Nutrition in breaking down this barrier and getting needed information directly into the hands of voters,” said Chris Carson, president of the League of Women Voters. “This widget will empower citizens around the country and motivate them to get to the polls by providing them with the information they need to vote.”

Separately, [Voto Latino](#), is organizing voter registration drives at 20 Nutrition Clubs run by Independent Herbalife Members in California, Florida and Colorado. Since the beginning of August, Voto Latino has been training Nutrition Club owners on the use of educational materials to enroll voters, particularly millennials, who represent 44 percent of the 27.3 million eligible Latino voters nationwide. Herbalife Nutrition hopes to register hundreds of members by election time in November.

“At its core, Herbalife Nutrition is about empowering people and giving them the tools they need to shape their future,” said Eric Rosen, senior vice president, Global Government Affairs. “Voting is a crucial right that gives each and every one of us the power to determine what happens in our communities and our nation, and Herbalife Nutrition is proud to promote civic engagement with the League of Women Voters and Voto Latino – two organizations that have shown the ability to provide Americans with the information they need to play a role in our democracy.”

Voter Registration Events



Bob Meredith (center) and Donna Simpson of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, with a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, are ready to register voters at a Pan-Am shopping center.



Therese Martin registers voters at Reston's annual multi-cultural event.



*The League of Women Voters of Virginia
Invites You to Attend*

PRE-SESSION WOMEN’S LEGISLATIVE ROUND TABLE

On Capitol Square -- Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Capitol Building, Senate Room 3
100 Bank Street

Speakers: Non-Profit Representatives & Governor’s Cabinet Members
Topic: Legislation in the 2017 General Assembly

MORNING: Free and Open to the Public
9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Coffee and Tea Will be Available

LUNCHEON - 12:30 p.m.
League Members \$35 Non-Members \$40

Note: Registration for Luncheon: Deadline: November 30, 2016

Luncheon Guest Speaker TBA

For more information visit our website www.lwv-va.org or contact: cnogg@comcast.net

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Luncheon Reservation Form: Deadline: November 30. No Refunds.

Please Print: Name _____ Phone: _____

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