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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
- approve the proposed budget for next year or suggest changes in priority
- discuss opportunities for volunteer service locally and nationally
- learn about the challenges facing Virginians on redistricting reform
- enjoy a delicious lunch somewhere other than in your own kitchen

How can you resist? Registration form inside. (See page 7.)

Calendar

April 2017

Note:	No LWVFA Unit meetings in April
3	Fairfax VOTER deadline
6	LWV-VA Board meeting
7	LWVNCA Board meeting
8	LWVNCA forum, A Place to
	Call Home: Arlington, 9:30 a.m.
10	Voter registration deadline for the
	Town of Vienna election
10-18	Passover
16	Easter
18	Tax Day
19	LWVFA Board meeting
22	Earth Day
22	LWVFA Annual Meeting,
	Waterford at Fair Oaks
27	Park Place community election,
	Fairlington United Methodist Church

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Presidents'
Message



Happy Spring!

Our membership continues to surge. Our programs, publications, and speakers' bureau are in great demand. What we are doing really matters, and we are indebted to you for all that you do for the League.

Great thanks to all who were involved with our new Action & Advocacy Workshops in March. Many of our newer members have been telling us that they joined the League because they felt that they "had to do something." We heard them and hosted these workshops, so they could learn about local, state, and national League of Women Voters action opportunities.

Also, thank you to Judy Helein for holding the new member orientations. We write to each new member as he/she joins to welcome him/her to the League and to invite him/her to an orientation. If you are new and have not attended an orientation, please contact Judy at judithhelein@aol.com.

Please mark your calendars with the following programs this month:

LWVNCA Affordable Housing Forum

Sat, April 8, 9:30 a.m. − 3 p.m.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd, Arlington

League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area presents A Place to Call Home: Affordable Housing Forum Keynote Speaker: Lisa Sturtevant, Housing & Regional Economic Development and Local Area

Register at http://lwvnca-aplacetocallhome.eventbrite.com
For more information, go to http://lwvnca.org/files/2017-4-8
LWVNCA Housing Forum flyer rev.pdf

LWVFA Annual Meeting

Sat, April 22, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy, Fairfax

Keynote Speaker: Cameron Sasnett, General Registrar, Fairfax County Office of Elections

To register and pay online, go to lwv-fairfax. org/2017AnnualMeeting or go to bit.ly/2lchgVJ or

download the flyer and pay by check: http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/files/2017_Annual_Mtg_Flyer.pdf
For more information, go to http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/2017AnnualMeeting.html

We hope to see you soon at these events!

Onward,

Peggy & Wendy

Register Now for the Annual Meeting April 22

Domestic Violence Alert . . .

Domestic violence affects everyone, including 1 in 4 families in Fairfax. #MakeTheCall to our *DV hotline at 703-360-7273* if you or someone you know is affected by domestic violence.

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LWVFA Consensus Report on Fracking in Virginia

In February 2017, 119 LWVFA members at 11 meetings participated in the LWV-VA's consensus study on hydraulic fracturing in Virginia and came to agreement (or disagreement) on six consensus questions with comments as follows:

Question 1: Permitting requirements Unanimous **Agreement** that the minimum requirements for permitting of the fracking process should include: environmental impact statements; geologic impact statements; baseline monitoring of water and air quality (change "periodic" to "continual" or "in perpetuity"); and emergency response plan (to include coordination with locality and proper training). Majority **Agreed** to **ADD** (as part of the permitting process): infrastructure impact statement (especially on roads, but could include impact on housing, schools, water and sewage lines, etc.); and financial assurance (bonds, etc.) by the company seeking the permit. Some members (one-third) would add: Full disclosure of chemicals to be used in process.

Question 2: Financial assurance for proposed wells Unanimous Agreement (with comment) that minimum requirements for financial assurance should include the following: per well bonds, indexed for inflation. Unanimous Disagreement: blanket bonding amounts, and regulations as they stand. Comments included: We support per-well bonds that reflect the average cost for plugging and reclamation of the well; an additional performance bond that covers full restoration and damage to the environment and natural resources; compensation for damage to property and health; provision of alternative sources of drinking water and other temporary measures to mitigate environmental, health, and property damage; full restoration of damage to public infrastructure; and a performance bond that would guarantee satisfactory completion of the project.

Question 3: Local regulatory powers: Taking into consideration the the Dillon Rule, localities should have the following regulatory powers: unnanimous **Agreement** that localities **should have** powers to regulate fracking through zoning and to impose taxes and impact fees. Major majority **Agree** that localities **should have** the power to prohibit fracking in their jurisdictions; however, a minority could not reach consensus on this power (No Consensus). **Comments included:** Remove reference to Dillon Rule

(confusing). Note that although Localities **should retain authority to prohibit fracking**, that may not be "politically desirable" (because courts in Virginia generally allow "best use of land"); therefore, it would be advisable to limit fracking through zoning.

Question 4: State and localities funding mechanisms to cover expenses incurred Unanimous Agreement that the state may utilize impact fees (especially for roads), performance bonds, permitting fees, and land disturbance permitting fees to cover expenses incurred by the state or localities. Most Disagree and expressed confusion about use of "general fund resources": most would restrict general fund to last use and for emergencies only. One group suggested local- and state-level-designated fracking impact fund, funded by the fracking industry. Major majority agree to ADD: infrastructure/roads impact fees (see above).

<u>Ouestion 5:</u> Virginia should monitor and enforce regulation of the effects of the hydraulic fracturing processes, from permitting through reclamation, using the following sources of information. Unanimous **Agreement** (with change to "in perpetuity" instead of "through reclamation") to: water sampling, seismic monitoring, well-integrity monitoring while operating, well-integrity monitoring after well closure. Major majority agreed to **ADD**: monitor health of community and air quality as well as all monitoring should be in perpetuity.

Question 6: Minimize social and economic damage to community General **Agreement** (a few "no consensus") with: state-allowed local taxes and fees go into a dedicated account to *prepare for growth*. Most asked that "growth" be clarified (some suggested "growth and development"). Unanimous **Agreement** that the state provide information on life expectancy of the wells to local jurisdictions.

Most **Agree** (one "no consensus") with state assistance to localities' economic development programs to prepare for a future when the wells are shut down. *Comments:* No consensus preferred. *Job training and focused educational assistance to prepare for a changing future.* Another group would add: *diversify the local economy.* General **Agreement to ADD**: *monitoring health of humans, plants and animals, and environmental impact, in perpetuity.*

This feedback has been sent to LWV-VA as LWVFA's Report, with supporting documentation.

Prepared by Sherry Zachry, LWVFA Program Director



League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area

presents

A Place to Call Home: Affordable Housing Forum

What Are the Challenges?
How Are They Being Addressed?
What Can We Do to Help?

Lisa Sturtevant, Housing & Regional Economic Development and Local Area Panelists

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 9:30am - 3pm

NRECA – National Rural Electric Cooperative Association 4301 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Virginia 22203

Free garage parking – enter N Taylor Street Ballston/MU Metro station – 3 blocks away

Morning coffee & pastries Afternoon beverages & snacks

Register at http://lwvnca-aplacetocallhome.eventbrite.com



The League of Women Voters® Of the Fairfax Area

69th LWVFA General Fund 35th LWVFA Education Fund

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Saturday, April 22, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Waterford at Fair Oaks 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax 22033

The purpose of this 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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2016-17 LWVFA Board of Directors

Officers

Peggy Knight, Co-President
Wendy Fox-Grage, Co-President
Helen Kelly, 1st Vice President, Action
Judy Helein, 2nd Vice President, Mental Health
Betty Ellerbee, Secretary
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Registration, Candidate Forums, Outreach
Sheila Iskra, Voter Guides, Vote411
Sherry Zachry, Program

Directors

Pat Nelson-Douvelis, Membership Barbara Nunes, Domestic Violence **Executive Director**

Beth Tudan

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.

LWVFA GENERAL FUND ANNUAL MEETING Proposed Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration and Coffee Bar
10:00 a.m.	Call to Order, Presidents' 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
10:15 a.m.	Treasurer's Report - 3rd Quarter LWVFA FY 2016-2017 (Ronna Pazdral)
10:20 a.m.	Presentation of Proposed LWVFA FY 2017-2018 General Budget (Jane Pacelli)
	Consideration, Questions & Adoption of GF Budget
10:25 a.m.	Recognition of 50+ Year League of Women Voters' members and Members' Talk

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10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**

Cameron Sasnett, Registrar, Fairfax County Office of Elections

"What's Next in Elections? Bridging 21st Century Technology with Democratic

Principles" Followed by Q & A

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

1:20 p.m. Adoption of LWVFA FY 2017-2018 LWVFA General Fund Budget

1:25 p.m. Adjourn LWVFA General Fund Annual Meeting

LWVFA EDUCATION FUND ANNUAL MEETING Proposed Agenda

1:25 p.m.	Call to Order
	Adoption of Rules
	Adoption of Agenda
1:30 p.m.	Treasurer's Report - 3 rd Quarter LWVFA FY 2016-2017
1:35 p.m.	Presentation of Proposed LWVFA FY 2017-2018 Education Fund Budget
	Consideration, Questions & Adoption of EF Budget
1:40 p.m.	Report of Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor
	Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA Education Fund
1:45 p.m.	Direction to the Boards
1:50 p.m.	Closing Remarks
2:00 p.m.	Adjourn LWVFA Education Fund Annual Meeting

Memo From LWVFA Budget Committee To Accompany

Proposed LWVFA Budget FY 2017-18 & Proposed LWVFA Education Fund Budget FY 2017-18

DATE: February 15, 2017

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

THROUGH: Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

FROM: LWVFA Budget Committee: Jane Pacelli, Chair; Susan Cowart, Therese Martin, Bill Thomas, Ronna

Pazdral (Ex. Off.)

SUBJECT: Proposed General and Education Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017-18

The proposed General Fund and Education Fund budgets for 2017-2018 appear on the following pages, and are submitted for member approval and adoption at the annual meeting in April. The General Fund budget proposes operating expenses of \$70,259 and a \$7,000 transfer in support of the Ed Fund, bringing the total to \$77,259. Total income is projected to be greater than last year at \$43,776, but a larger transfer from the Legacy Fund of \$32,700 is needed to cover additional projected expenses, bringing the requirement for total income and transfers to \$77,334.

The good news: Our registered membership for FY 17-18 has reached 278 members--up from 199 last year. This brings in more receipts from dues. Unfortunately, 77% of these dues receipts are paid out as the membership requirement to national, state, and regional Leagues, leaving us with 23% in support of our own operation.

In addition to an increase of more than \$3,000 in the League per member payments (PMPs), the LWVUS Convention will occur in Chicago in June of 2018. With our increased membership, we can send six delegates to this important session. We estimate that the basic air fare, hotel costs and registration fees will total \$7,500 for six delegates. Further, the Board authorized a 5% (\$1/hour) salary increase for our Executive Director, along with an increase in total annual work hours of 1,300 (or the equivalent/average of 25 hours per week) for a budgeted cost of \$29,500, including employer's payroll taxes.

The Ed Fund budget projects expenses of \$18,398 for operations, slightly more than \$500 over last year. The bulk of that increase is attributable to the 20% share of the General Fund's administrative costs charged to the Ed Fund. This is budgeted to be \$8,223, but will depend on the actual cost through the fiscal year. We anticipate that increases in spending on Voter Service and Advocacy will be offset by savings on publication costs for the *VOTER*.

Forty percent of Ed Fund expenses are dedicated to Voter Service publications and materials, printing Facts for Voters, offering voter access to the Vote411, and supporting voter outreach for the November 2017 elections, as well as local city and town elections in FY 2018. In its January meeting the Board approved the purchase of a computer "tablet" to facilitate the registration of new voters, allowing individuals to register directly on-line, consistent with the move to online registration in Virginia. It would also accommodate changed operations if potential legislation establishing new requirements for voter registration groups such as the League is enacted.

Your approval and adoption is kindly requested.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area <u>General Fund Budget for FY 2017-18</u> Actual Adotted 2

Line		Actual FY 15-16	Adopted FY 16-17	Proposed FY 17-18	Notes:			
l.	INCOME & TRANSFERS					approx		Page 1 of 2
A.	Dues						Regular	Joint
1.	Current Year	12,470	11,403	15,703		Dues @	65	90
2.	Prepaid for next year	7,850			Note (1)		Assumpt	ions for dues
B.	Member contributions				()	211	Regular m	nemberships
1.	Direct	1,610	500	700		21	Joint men	nberships
2.	Unit projects	418	500	400		3		emberships
3.	Memorial donations	500	0	0		22	Lifetime m	nembers
C.	Community contributions	100	1,000	100		278	Total	
D.	Community elections	7,900	13,150	14,350	Note (2)			
E.	Interest	2,959	0	0				
F.	Special projects	31	0	0	000/	B		
G.	Reimb from Ed Fund	7,734	7,748	8,223	20%	Paid by	Ed Fund	
H. 1	Miscellaneous income	0 2 727	4 000	300	Itom II C	· C rofloata	01/10	
1. 2.	Meeting income Other	3,727 0	4,000 0	4,000 0	item ii.C	6.6 reflects	exp.	
۷.	Total Income	39,389	38,301	43,776				
		39,309	36,301	43,776				
l.	TRANSFERS IN	40.000	20.000	22.700				
1. 2.	From Legacy Fund From special funds reserve	19,600	30,000	32,700				
3.	From operating balance resv	3,523	0	858				
4.	From Pre-Paid Dues	3,323	O	030	Note			
٦.	Troni i Te i ala Bacs				(1)			
	Total Transfers In	23,123	30,000	33,558	()			
I.	TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	62,512	68,301	77,334				
II. A.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS GENERAL OPERATIONS							
1.	Office egpt. & furnishings	1,269	100	100				
2.	Office supplies	308	300	400				
3.	Communications							
a.	Telephone & Internet	1,119	1,100	1,225				
b.	Social Media	569	500	1,200				
C.	Web Site	11	450	250				
d.	Marketing	0	0	300				
4.	Liability insurance	512	1,000	1,000				
5.	State corporation fee	25	25	25				
6.	Bulk mail							
a.	Mail permit	225	220	215				
_b.	Mailing expenses	378	600	750				
7.	Comp eqpt & software	201	350	350				
8.	Rent	3,702	3,820	3,850				
9.	Employee compensation	22,081	28,000	29,500 0				
10.	General office copying Subtotal: Gen'l expenses	134 30,534	200 36,665	39,165				
Б	•	30,534	30,003	39, 165				
B.	BOARD & ADMINISTRATION							

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1.	President	100	500	400				
2.	Secretary	0	75	75				
3.	Treasurer	191	150	250				
4.	Board activities	107	200	200				
5.	Fundraising	0	100	100				
6.	Membership	164	500	400				
7.	Program director	0	50	100				
8.	Unit coordinator	400	150	175				
9.	Public relations & representation	0	250	150				
10.	Historian	0	50	50				
11.	Miscellaneous	0	50	50				
40	Subtotal: Board & Admin	962	2,075	1,950	O f	A1 D		
12.	Base for Ed Fund expense allocation (20%)	31,496	38,740	41,115	Sum of A	A and B		
C.	CONVENTIONS/MEETINGS							
0. 1.	Workshops/spec meetings	0	300	300				
1. 2.	LWVUS convention (even-numbred	4,042	0	7,500	Note (3)			
۷.	years)(June 2018)	4,042	U	7,500	Note (3)			
3.	LWVVA convention (odd-numbered	246	2,000	0				Page 2 of 2
4.	years)(June 2017) LWVVA council (even-numbered	0	0	400				
	years)(2018)							
5.	LWVNCA annual convention (May)	40	200	200				
6.	Meetings: Annual & General	3,793	4,000	4,000				
	Subtotal: Conventions & Meetings	8,121	6,500	12,400		Members	hip for PN	MP calc.
D.	AFFILIATIONS							
D. 1.	LWVUS PMP		5759	7808	Note	PMP Amt		
1.	LVV VUS PIVIP	5616	5759	7000	(4)	PIVIP AIIIL	•	
2.	LWVVA PMP	2,808	2,792	3,904	(+)	32.00	No.	Туре
3.	LWVNCA PMP	193	202	282		16.00	211	Local indiv.
-	Subtotal: Affiliations	8,617	8,753	11,994		1.10	21	1st Household
		-,-	,	,			21	2nd Household
E.	VOTER/Ann. Mtg. Kit						3	Student
1.	Printing	3,867	5,000	4,300			22	LIFE
2.	Supplies	0	50	50			278	Total
	Subtotal: VOTER/Annual Meeting Kit	3,867	5,050	4,350				
F.	ACTION	10	100	150				
G.	SPECIAL PROJECTS			100				
G. 1.	Community elections	70	150	100				
1. 2.	Coalitions/sponsorships	0	50	50				
3.	Other	0	0	0				
٥.	Subtotal: Special Projects	70	200	150				
	• •							
H.	MISCELLANEOUS	0	100	100				
	TOTAL OPERATIONS	52,181	59,443	70,259				
I.	ED FUND Support	5,100	8,000	7,000	Based or	n Ed Fund i	rqmts.	
	Total Expenses + EF Support	57,281	67,443	77,259				
J.	TRANSFERS OUT							
1.	To contingency & reserve funds	3,170	0	0				
2.	To pre-paid dues	7,850	0	0				
3.	To operating balance	<u>0</u>	<u>858</u>	<u>75</u>				
	Subtotal: Transfers Out	11,020	858	75				
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFR	68,301	68,301	77,334				

NOTES:

- (1) For budget purposes, all dues payments are shown for the membership year
- (2) Assumes the following election fees: Burgundy Village (no election in FY17-18) (500); Fairfax Cable Access Corporation (800); Lafayette Park (1750); McLean CC (1600); Potomac Ridge at Lansdowne Woods (750); Reston CC (500); Sequoyah (1200); Skyline Plaza (2500); The Fountains (1050); Watergate at Landmark (1700); Woodlake Towers (2500)
- (3) Assumes 6 delegates. National Convention 2018 will be held June 28 July 1 in Chicago. Registration fee: \$450 per person; Lodging: \$209 (plus tax) per night/double occupancy; Estimated RT air fare @ \$300
- (4) Based on members as of February 1.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Education Fund Budget for FY 2017-18

Line	<u>Ludeation Fund</u>				
	Itam	<u>Actual</u> FY 15-16	Adopted FY 16-17	Proposed FY 17-18	Notoc
ı.	INCOME & TRANSFERS	<u>FT 15-16</u>	<u>F1 10-17</u>	<u>F1 17-10</u>	Notes:
Α.	Member contributions				
1.	Direct	4441	3500	4000	Note (1)
2.	Through unit projects	3870	4000	3500	(1)
3.	Publications	0	0	0	
4.	Memorial and special funds	100	0	0	
B.	Contributions from the Public				
1.	Facts for Voters	500	2500	2500	
2.	Memorial and special funds				
3.	M&G Partners	250	0	250	
4.	Fundraising Events	0	0	0	Incl. in I.A.2
C.	Voter Service Grants and Reimbursements	0	0	1000	
D.	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	
E.	Contribution from the General Fund	5,100	8,000	7,000	
	Total Income	14,261	18,000	18,250	
-	TRANSFERS IN				
F.	TRANSFERS IN	909	0	227	
1 2.	From operating balance From memorial funds	909	0	0	
2. 3.		0	0	0	
٥.	From restricted funds Total Transfers In	909	0	227	
	Total Transfers III	909	U	221	
l.	TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	15,170	18,000	18,477	
II.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS				
A.	OPERATIONS and ADMINISTRATION				
1.	State corporation fee	25	25	25	
2.	Admin cost @20% of total General Fund A/B expenses	7,734	7,748	8,223	
3.	Other direct administrative expenses	13	100	100	
٠.	Subtotal Operations & Administration	7,772	7,873	8,348	
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В.	EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES				
1.	Study Development	79	50	100	
2.	Study Printing and Purchase	1491	3000	2150	
3.	Special Projects, e.g. educational forums	0	250	500	
	Subtotal Educational Activities	1,570	3,300	2,750	
C.	VOTER SERVICE				
1.	Director expenses	36	100	100	
2.	Facts for Voters	3,427	4,000	4,000	
3.	Voters Guide	404	400	0	Note (2)
4.	Vote 411	0	0	600	
5.	What's on the Ballot	964	750	900	
6.	Meet and Greets and other special projects	987	750	800	
7.	Voter Service Outreach	0	500	900	Note (3)
	Subtotal Voter Service	5,818	6,500	7,300	
D.	Advocacy Forums	10	100	0	Note (4)
E.	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	
	Total Expenses	15,170	17,773	18,398	
F.	TRANSFERS OUT				
		0	227	79	
1. 2.	To operating balance To memorial funds	0	0	0	
2. 3.		0	0	0	
J.	To restricted (grant & Facts) funds Total Transfers Out	0	227	7 9	
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFRS	15,170	18,000	18,477	
NOTES:	TOTAL EXICED & TOTAL	•	,		ational forume. Advance:
(1)	Includes member donations to memorial funds.	(4)	Forum funds combin		ational forums. Advocacy al forums
(2)	See II.C.4; Vote 411. Voters Guide has been replaced by Vote 411.				
(3)	Includes purchase of 1 computer "tablet," hot spot & accessories				
(0)					

2017 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, 2017-2019, Beginning July 1, 2017:

Officers:

Co-President Judy Helein Secretary Betty Ellerbee

Directors:

At-Large Peggy Knight
Membership Carol Bursik
Public Relations Adarsh Trehan
Voter Service Coordinator Sidney Johnson*
Voter Service- Voter Registration Coordinator Bob Meredith*

To Be Elected to Serve One-year Term, 2017-2018, Beginning July 1, 2017:

Nominating Committee

ChairRona AckermanNominating Committee MemberTherese MartinNominating Committee MemberAnn Parham

The Nominating Committee thanks all of the LWVFA members who have volunteered to serve in off-board positions for 2017-2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee: Rona Ackerman, Chair;

Charleen Deasy; Pat Nelson-Douvelis; Ann Parham; Bill Thomas

MEET YOUR NOMINEES

Rona Ackerman

Rona has been a League member since 1989. She has served on the LWVFA Board as Voter Service Director, Program Director and Secretary. She was LWVFA's Executive Director from 2010-2014. Rona has authored or co-authored ten studies, including the LWV-VA Fracking in Virginia study, and served as a member of the LWV US Lobby Corps, and as an LWV-VA Membership and Leadership Development Coach.

Carol Bursik

Carol worked as a librarian for the Federal government for 32 years in both military and civilian agencies, including a 4 ½ year assignment in Germany. When she retired from the Department of Justice in 2007, she served on the boards of a number of non-profit organizations, like the District of Columbia Library Association, Friends of the Arlington Public Library, an educational foundation, and Lake Barcroft Village. She met her husband in 2006 while helping to rebuild homes in New Orleans after Katrina; since then they have visited all 50 states and a number of foreign countries. She joined the Fairfax League in 2012 because of the organization's emphasis on studying and discussing topics of concern to Virginians and its work to register voters and inform them about candidates and ballot issues. She has been membership chair of the Mt. Vernon Day unit for two years and this year has assisted the LWVFA Program Director with compiling unit discussion reports.

^{*} Serves on the LWVFA Education Fund Board without portfolio

Betty Ellerbee

Betty has been a member of the League since 1966 in five different states. Her first "issue" was a trade study in the 1970's. Her main issue as a president was partnership with the YWCA sponsoring study circles in race relations. Her involvement with the League has forced her to learn things she thought she didn't need to know, especially since the dawn of the internet. Born and raised in Houston, Texas she went to Wellesley College and still hangs out with Class of 1959 classmates. She is excited about the recent surge in membership, just in time for the centennial celebration of the League.

Judy Helein

Judy is a graduate of St. Louis University School of Nursing. From 1979-1985, she was the Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center (now Volunteer Fairfax). From 1985-2000, Judy was Director of the National Volunteer Resources Department for AARP. Judy went back to nursing and from 2000-2006 lived in Cambodia co-directing the Maryknoll Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission Program (a program for HIV+ pregnant women). After returning to the states, Judy served as manager of human resources for the Maryknoll Lay Missioners organization in NY. In 2009, Judy moved back to Virginia and joined the League. She served as Program Co-Director from 2012-2016, and is Co-Chair of the Virginia League's Firearms Safety Task Force. She currently serves on the Board as 2nd Vice-President and Chair of the Mental Health Committee.

Sidney Johnson

Sidney had professional experience as a teacher, reporter for newspapers, and as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. After moving to Virginia, she earned a master's degree in Health Science from George Mason University and stayed on at the university as a research assistant until her retirement. After retirement, Sidney joined LWVFA because she believes that an organization focused on issues in a nonpartisan way is the best place for her. She has served as the Voter Service Chair since 2014.

Peggy Knight

Peggy is a retired nurse educator. Following retirement in 2005 she finally had time to pursue her hobbies of traveling, reading and quilting. Her first retirement activity was a two-month camping trip to Alaska. After returning from "a trip of a lifetime," she began quilting and became active with elections. Peggy decided the best way to make a change and have her voice heard was to work with a nonpartisan organization and joined the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area in 2007. Peggy was co-chair of the McLean Unit and the Meet and Greet Coordinator for 2013 and 2014. As Peggy completes her term as co-president, she remains committed to the League and its mission.

Therese Martin

Therese grew up in Southern California, and received an M.A. in political science from Catholic University in Washington, DC. In 1970, Therese joined LWVFA and served as Voters Service, Program and Action Director as well as a member of multiple study committees. She then returned to work at the U.S. Department of Education, where she became director of budget execution and administrative budgets. Following her retirement, Therese chaired several LWVFA committees while continuing to consult for the 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 and LWV-VA redistricting committees, chairing LWVFA studies on the jury system and schools, and participating in other committees such as the LWV-VA election laws study committee. She served as the LWVFA representative on the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board. Therese was LWVFA Treasurer from 2004-2012; she was also LWV-VA Treasurer.

Bob Meredith

Bob is a retired civil engineer who spent nearly half of his career outside the US. His assignments were primarily in Central and South America, and more recently in the Mid-East working for private engineering companies and NGOs. When voting in an Iowa primary election shortly after 9/11 he noticed the disconnect between the large number of American flags along the street and the poor voter turnout. That interest in voter participation drew him to the League. He joined the League in 2015 and is the Fairfax/Vienna (FX-V) unit chair. He speaks Spanish, enjoys exploring historical sites, and volunteer activities with his church. His four grandchildren are a special part of his life.

Ann Parham

Ann is a member of the Mt. Vernon Day Unit and volunteers in support of candidate Meet and Greets and voter registration with the LWVFA. She served on the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission in 2014-2016. She lives in Alexandria with her husband.

Adarsh Trehan

Adarsh is a graduate of Philippine Womens University, (B.A in Social Work), University of the Philippines, (M.A. in Public Administration), and the University of Michigan (M.A. Political Science). Her work experience includes teaching at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, evaluating criminal justice projects at the MITRE Corporation, and working in information technology at the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Veterans Affairs. Her volunteer experience includes nine years with Head Start and Kindergarten at the Westgate Elementary School, and two years at the Halquist Memorial Inpatient Center (a hospice), Arlington. She has been serving as the Publicity Director for LWVFA since 2014.

Earth Day 2017: Environmental and Climate Literacy

By Elizabeth Lonoff

With more than one billion participants each year, Earth Day is the world's largest civic observance. This year's focus is on education.

Earth Day Network in D.C. To celebrate curiosity and the many ways science serves our communities and world, the Network will hold a rally and teach-in on the National Mall on April 22. In partnership with The March for Science, a new global organization advocating for policy change and conducting science outreach to promote the vital role science plays in our lives. Trainings with scientists and civic organizers start at 10 a.m. Not to be confused with the April 29 People's Climate Mobilization march promoting a clean energy economy in D.C. and other major cities.

Smithsonian. Head to D.C. for film screenings, public discussions, and conservation cafes as part of the Earth Optimism Summit to learn how you can make the planet a healthier place. For example, hear a talk about traditional leadership and resource management practices in old Hawai'i at the National Museum of the American Indian, 6 p.m. on April 22.. For the April 21 – 23 discussions about conservation and sustainability solutions, see http://earthoptimism.si.edu/calendar/summit/.

Fairfax County. SpringFest Fairfax is the County's official Earth Day and Arbor Day event. See www.springfestfairfax.org/ for the schedule of activities at Sully Historic Site on April 29. Other local events include the NVCC Green Festival on the Annandale campus and NoVA Outside's School Environmental Action Showcase on GMU's Fairfax campus, as well as a dialogue about climate change complexities and solutions at 5 p.m. in Merten Hall 1204, on April 25 and the Reston Association's Spring Festival at the Walker Nature Center on May 6.

NVSWCD's Annual Native Seedling Sale: Fall Color

Advance orders for a mix of trees or small shrubs can be placed at nvswcd-velocitypayment-com.3dcartstores.com/ for pickup at the Packard Center in Annandale on April 21 - 22. Extras may be available then, too.

League Members Start New Unit

By Olga Hernandez

The Fairfax Area League has started a new evening unit in Fairfax City (FCE Unit)! A group of new members who live in Fairfax City met with me on February 20 to organize. They plan an additional organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 5. It is scheduled at 7:15 p.m. at The Green Acres Center, Room 112, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Beginning on May 10, the group will meet regularly on the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:15 p.m.

We welcome these young women who were looking to engage civically in their community after the presidential election and found the League of Women Voters. They were also faced with a Special Election for Mayor after the recently elected-Fairfax City Mayor was arrested last year. With other Fairfax Leaguers, they organized a forum for the three mayoral candidates who were on the ballot. That forum was a success, with a standing-room only crowd, and was well regarded by the candidates.

Sometime in August they will again have a forum (date to be determined) for the Special Election scheduled for September 12 to fill the vacancy on the City Council from the recent special mayoral election. Congratulations to Ellen Dorney, Sarah Vejvoda, Amy Moir, Samaine Lookwood, Cheryl Coyne, Sarah Creel, Mary Hayes Collins and Elizabeth Yingling as the founding members of our new unit!

2016 Set Global Heat Record for Third Year in a Row Reaching 1.1° C of Warming

The 2015 Paris Agreement set 1.5°C above the preindustrial average as a ceiling to protect small island nations like Haiti from submergence. Delegates to November's implementation meeting said it wouldn't collapse if the U.S. withdraws. China is assuming the leadership role. Also, 34 American corporations are committed to ambitious Green House Gas (GHG) emission reductions, 129 American cities have plans to manage climate- change risks, 17 states formed the Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future last year, and the more than 60 members of the bipartisan Congressional Safe Climate Caucus are raising concerns about this national security problem. General Registrar, Fairfax County Office of Elections . . .

Cameron Sasnett to Keynote Annual Meeting



Cameron Sasnett has held the position of General Registrar since 2015 when the Fairfax County Electoral Board appointed him to a four-year term.

In his role as General Registrar and Director of the Office of Elections, Sasnett oversees the operations and

staff to coordinate voter registration and election activities for Fairfax County's 752,000 registered voters and 243 election precincts. Fairfax County is the most populous county in Virginia and the 36th most populous county in the United States. In fact, it is more populous than eight entire states, four U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

As Director of the Office of Elections he oversees 30 fulltime employees, 200 seasonal and part-time employees, 4,000 officers of election, and an average yearly operational budget of \$4.5 million dollars.

Prior to his appointment Sasnett was the founder and CEO of Elect-Logic Consulting, an election-administration consulting firm which specialized in identifying technological enhancements to ease the burden of conducting elections for election administrators and voters. Throughout his election consulting career Sasnett was an embedded consultant with the Stafford County General Registrar, the Virginia State Board of Elections, and the Virginia Department of

Elections. He has also worked on voting-technology projects with a number of Virginia's 133 local election offices. In 2013 he worked with Fairfax County during the County's evaluation and procurement of a new \$6.4 million-dollar voting system.

Prior to his career in election administration Sasnett was a firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he served as a Fire Company Sergeant and Emergency Medical Specialist Captain. During his time in Fire/Rescue, he was a certified Emergency Medical Technician instructor, heavy-rescue technician, and an Federal Emergency Management Agency- certified emergency management professional. His last year as a firefighter/medic was spent as a Combat Firefighter in Baghdad, Iraq.

Sasnett is a native of New Orleans where he obtained his B.A. in political science from Loyola University. He is also a graduate of the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership and is currently enrolled in the Election Center's Professional Education Program for Certified Election/Registration Administrators. He is a member of both the Voter Registrars' Association of Virginia's Election Technology and Legislative Committees. He is also a member of the Election Center's USPS Election Mail Task Force and Federal Legislative Review Committee.

Domestic Violence Update

By Barbara Nunes, Chair

The Fairfax County Fatality Review Team was established in October 2007. This group examines death records to understand precise conditions of fatal events and injuries and then tries to identify specific interventions that would reduce similar deaths in the County. Its purpose is to take a public health approach to domestic violence injuries and deaths and to extract efficacy of systems advocacy. The Fatality Review Team reports its findings to the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy and Cordinating C.ouncil. The January 2017 report covered intimate-related deaths between 2009 and 2013. It included the following information: intimate partner-related homicides remain a leading cause of homicide in Fairfax County (25 of 66 total homicides or 33 percent).

The Team reported 25 homicides and an additional 12 offender suicides following homicides occurring between

2009 and 2013.

- ➤ 22 offenders killed a total of 25 victims with two murders involving more than one victim.
- ➤ 76 percent of homicide victims were female and 86 percent of homicide offenders were male.
- ➤ The average age of homicide victims was 39 who ranging in age from 13 to 66 years old. The average age of offenders was 42 years old ranging in the age from 17 to 64 years old.
- ➤ 17 homicides involved a firearm; 29 percent involved strangulation.
- The most common events preceding homicides were separation or termination, 52 percent; a belief perception that the victim had a new intimate partner (28) or financial issues (28 percent).
- ➤ 40 percent of homicides (10) involved children, including four children (16 percent) who were killed in intimate partner-associated homicides.



The LWV of the Fairfax Area Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Keynote Speaker: Cameron Sasnett General Registrar, Fairfax County Office of Elections

Waterford at Fair Oaks 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway Fairfax VA 22033

9:30 a.m. - Registration and Coffee 12 noon - Luncheon

Luncheon Reservation Form

Deadline April 14, 2017 - Cost: \$40 per person

No reservations accepted after April 14 Program is free. Reservations required for luncheon only.

Menu: House Salad, Chicken Piccata (chicken cooked in herb & cheese batter served with a lemon capers sauce), Virginia-Style Green Beans & Honey Glazed Carrots, Bread and Butter, Dessert, and Coffee Service

You may register and pay online or by mailing a check. To register and pay online, go to lwv-fairfax. org/2017AnnualMeeting or go to bit.ly/2lchgVJ To register by check, fill out the following form, make checks payable to LWVFA, and mail to:

2017 Annual Meeting, c/o Viveka Fuenzalida, 11020 Burywood Lane,	Reston, VA 20194
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Phone Number & E-mail	
Guest(s)' Name(s)	Lunch @\$40 ea
Total \$ enclosed	

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



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