



**The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County
Present the**

10th District Congressional Candidate Forum

**October 25, 2010
Dominion High School
7:00 pm**

Candidate Bios

Frank Wolf

Elected 1980. Reelected 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006. 2008. Appropriations Committee ranking Republican Commerce-Justice-Science subcommittee; member, Transportation-Housing subcommittee. Co-chair, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. Interior Department congressional affairs. Attorney. LL.B., Georgetown Law, 1965; B.A., Penn State, 1961. Married. Five children. Fifteen grandchildren.

Jeff Barnett

Jeff Barnett is a father, husband, military veteran, business planner, and accomplished author. The son of an Air Force police officer and a teacher, Jeff attended the College of the Holy Cross. After graduation, he entered the United States Air Force. In the military, Jeff flew forty combat and support missions, led one of the most successful peacekeeping forces in UN history, served as one of the central planners for the first Gulf War, and helped to prevent aging nuclear weapons from entering the black market. After nearly three decades and attaining the rank of Colonel, Jeff retired from the Air Force and spent the next ten years as a business consultant, advising federal agencies, the intelligence community, and businesses on how to prepare for the transition to the information age. Jeff's experience working in a small business – and advising some of America's largest companies – informs his perspective on job creation and economic growth. Jeff has also written two books. *Future War*, which details the organizational changes our military must make to adapt to new challenges, has been used in curricula at our war colleges and senior military training schools. *The Job Box* helps young people understand their constantly changing occupational environment. Jeff and his wife Katherine have lived in Northern Virginia for 24 years and have lived in McLean for the last 11 years. He raised two children here, both of whom attended Virginia public high schools and colleges. Both of Jeff's children followed him into service. His eldest daughter is an Army Doctor at Walter Reed. His youngest daughter flies with the Air Force 41st Electronic Combat Squadron and just departed for her second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Bill Redpath

Professionally, I perform business valuation work, mainly in media and telecommunications. I earned a BA at Indiana, and an MBA from Chicago. I was Chairman of the Libertarian National Committee from 2006 to 2010. I was the Libertarian candidate for Governor of Virginia in 2001 and US Senate in 2008.

Moderator Bio

Olga Hernandez

Ms Hernandez has been involved with the League of Women Voters in Virginia for 15 years. She served as President of the Fairfax League and since 2007 of the Virginia League. She oversees 15 Leagues groups around the state. Olga has been moderating League debates since 2000.

She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors degree in Broadcast Journalism. Has experience in radio, public and commercial television news production and print media in various locations throughout the U.S.

Olga served on the Help America Vote Act committee for Virginia, the Virginia State Board of Elections Residency Task Force and state Census Complete Count Committee and is a board member of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government. She has also serves on various community committees in Fairfax County.

She has done extensive work with Girl Scouts USA, various PTA organizations, military community groups and other non-profit and volunteer efforts. As a military family, her family resided in various states. In 1995 they moved and settled in Virginia.

Panelist Bios

Norman K. Styer

- Grew up an Army brat. Born in Augsburg, Germany. Lived in New Jersey (twice), Texas, Kansas, Tehran and Pennsylvania before moving to Loudoun County in 1980. Live in Round Hill.
- 1983 graduate of Loudoun Valley High School. Graduated from Penn State in 1988 with a degree in print journalism.
- Worked as reporter for the Gazette Newspapers in Great Falls before joining Leesburg Today as its first full-time reporter in February 1989.
- Named managing editor for multimedia operations in 1994 to lead the development of the newspaper's joint-venture cable television programming and Web site operations.
- Named editor of Leesburg Today in March 1997.
- Named Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Leesburg Today and its related publications in March 2007 following the sale of the company to American Community Newspapers.

Nicholas Graham

Nicholas Graham is the Executive Editor for both *The Loudoun Times-Mirror* and *The Loudoun Independent* - recently rebranded *The Indie* - Loudoun County's two largest newspapers. He oversees the web operations for both media outlets, and also writes editorials and contributes blogs and a variety of feature news stories as well.

He was most recently Vice President, Spokesperson, and Search Trends Expert for the world's third largest online search engine and sixth largest web property in the U.S. - Ask.com - an operating business of Barry Diller's IAC Corp. At Ask.com, Nicholas was

responsible for all company Corporate Communications, such as directing media relations strategies; corporate, brand, & reputation issues; industry partnerships & collaboration; M&A activity; product launches; public policy communications; coordination with parent company, IAC Corp; management of AskBlog & blogosphere strategy; PR agency relations; management of conferences & Speakers Bureau; internal/employee evangelism; promotion of subsidiary brands - such as AskKids, Ask Partner Network, Ask Sponsored Listings, and Dictionary.com.

Steve Cahill

Steve Cahill has been covering community news in both Fairfax and Loudoun counties for nearly 25 years, the past nine as editor of the Fairfax County Times. As a Loudoun homeowner, commuter and father of four school-aged children, Steve is particularly interested in hearing what tonight's candidates can do to assist the local economy, relieve congestion on our roads and improve conditions in our classrooms.

Ben Weber

With over 15 years of marketing and public relations experience, Ben stays on top of the pulse of the market. Having developed marketing strategies for the Republic of Korea for nearly ten years, Ben helped develop links between firms such as Korean Air and Boeing Corporation. Ben has also been the keynote speaker at several programs throughout the United States on trade promotion as well as marketing programs. He is also the publisher of the Purcellville Gazette and the Old Town Compass.

His experience also benefits from his Political Science and Economics degree from La Salle University as well as his Master's in Public Policy from George Mason University. Having lived in Europe, Russia, and Budapest along with extensive travel in South America and India, Ben's knowledge of global marketing programs has all been brought to bear at MMG to help benefit its clients worldwide. He also serves on many civic-based organizations as well as multiple government economic development committees in Loudoun and Frederick Counties.

When not working, Ben keeps the gas pedal to the floor...literally. As a former Board member for the Greater Washington Mercedes Benz Club of America, he can often be found at racetracks throughout the east coast testing his driving and mechanical skills. When it's time to slow things down a bit you can find him working on projects with his Dad restoring antique farm tractors or riding on his own antique tractor.

