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*Join us at the
LWV Loudoun County
Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 1, 2008*

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Carver Center, Purcellville VA

*Speakers Ben Greenberg & Connie
Jorgensen*

*Predatory Lending in Virginia -
Problems & Solutions*

Coffee, Tea, & Dessert will be served

Carrie Chapman Catt leads a group of suffragists in a New York City parade in the fall of 1917 to gain support for woman suffrage. The required constitutional amendment was finally ratified by the necessary 36 states and officially proclaimed on August 26, 1920. Mrs. Catt was president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, which was dissolved when women got the vote. The League of Women Voters was formed in its place.

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Acting President's Column

The Nominating Committee (Gem Bingol, David Kirsten, Marilyn Naylor, Jean Sagan, and Denise Donnelly) has come up with an outstanding slate of Officers and Directors. I am very excited to work with this group of talented and accomplished women. Their bios, which had to be condensed because of space constraints, are on pages 16-17. Several current Board members have agreed to serve another term and we have three new Directors. I will miss Denise Moore and Robert Pierce, who are going off the Board.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on June 1 at the Carver Center in Purcellville so you can meet your very active Board of Directors. There is so much the League can do to promote informed voting, but we need volunteers to assist with our many activities. There is no registration fee. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided.

Please let me know if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, as there are open appointed positions. It's going to be an exciting League year!

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State, Local, & NCA News

The Richmond *Times Dispatch* printed an Op-ed by Olga Hernandez, President of the LWV VA on March 16. "Why Does GA [Virginia General Assembly] Partially Shield the Sunlight?" asked how the General Assembly could be more open by providing better citizen access. To read the editorial, go to www.lwvva.org/files/op_ed_march_08.pdf.

Ms. Hernandez also noted that for the first time in Virginia history women are leading 10 of the 24 standing committees in the General Assembly. In 400 years of legislative history, 76 women have served in the General Assembly - 61 in the House and 15 in the Senate. Currently, 14 women serve in the House and eight in the Senate.

LWVUS has partnered with the Newspaper in Education Institute to publish and provide free copies of *Electing the President*. This 29-page booklet, directed at students explains what an election is, describes the election process, discusses the role of the press in political life and elections, and includes social studies, civics, and government standards.

Review a copy at www.lwv.org/content/contentgroups/membership/toolsforleaders/voterservice/electingthepresident-final.pdf.



LWV Hosts 50 at Tea Featuring Susan Buckley

Susan Klimak Buckley, Vice Chair of the Loudoun Board of Supervisors, was the guest speaker at the LWV Tea on March 15. Ms. Buckley noted the significance of the female majority on the Board of Supervisors and that this was the 160th anniversary of the women's rights movement. "Education always was intended to be the gift from one generation to the next - so children could be better off than their parents. But it also was intended to be the great equalizer to level the playing field so Jane, an inner city kid, could compete with Dick, a kid from the suburbs, where Sally, who received free lunches at school would receive the same education as John, born into affluence," said Ms. Buckley. She spoke of the many state and federal mandates that our public schools must meet and the financial burden they impose. She noted the importance of investing in change, such as implementing innovative teacher networks for development and training and looking at Web based classrooms. "There's a debate raging between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board about the necessary funding for LCPS next year. But watch and listen closely because...you won't be witness to it again." She described the newly created standing committee, the Joint Board of Supervisor/School Board Committee, which has already begun laying the groundwork for the FY10 operating budget. "When the school budget represents almost 75% of the county budget, those budget processes should be brought together," she said.

Meet Your Legislator April 3 Potomac Falls High School

Photos by Robert Pierce



Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel and Delegate Joe May introduce themselves to the students



A student (left) poses a question to Delegate David Poisson (right)



Senator Mark Herring talks with students.



Delegate Tom Rust gives an overview of his accomplishments.

The Loudoun County League held its annual "Meet Your Legislator Night" at Potomac Falls High School on Thursday, April 3. Five of seven State Representatives spoke to 250 students from six of the County's 10 high schools. The legislators enjoyed talking with the students, and fielded questions on transportation issues, immigration, gay marriage, Metro to Dulles, smoking ban, death penalty by lethal injection, housing crisis, and 529 College Savings Plans.

CALENDAR

2008

May

- 3 Sat. LWV VA State Council
(info and agenda at www.lwv-va.org)
- 17 Sat. 9:30-1:00 LWV NCA Annual Meeting
Jurys Washington Hotel (Dupont Circle)

June

- 1 Sun. 3:00 - 5:00 pm LWV LC Annual Meeting
Carver Center, Purcellville VA
- 13 - 17 LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR

Never let the hand you hold, hold you down. ~Author Unknown

Women are the only oppressed group in our society that lives in intimate association with their oppressors. ~Evelyn Cunningham

Nobody will ever win the Battle of the Sexes. There's just too much fraternizing with the enemy. ~Henry Kissinger

I am woman! I am invincible! I am pooped! ~Author Unknown

Poll Workers Needed

The League of Women Voters of Virginia predicts long lines at the polls on November 4. The State Board of Election Secretary states that Virginia may be short 10,000 Election Officials on election day. If you are 18 by November 4 you are eligible to be a poll worker. Pay is \$100. For more information go to <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Officers/Index.html> or call 800-552-9745.

Leesburg Votes

Loudoun Votes, a non-profit grassroots organization asks all Leesburg residents to vote in the May 6, 2008 Leesburg Town Elections. For more information, contact Leesburg Votes at www.leesburgvotes.org.

League Web Sites

LWV US - www.lwv.org
www.vote411.org
NCA - www.lwvnca.org
LWV VA - www.lwv-va.org
LWVLC - www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org
LWVLC Webmaster e-mail - wm@loudoun.va.lwvnet.org
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Because I am a woman, I must make unusual efforts to succeed. If I fail, no one will say, "She doesn't have what it takes." They will say, "Women don't have what it takes." ~Clare Boothe Luce

I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is. I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a door mat or a prostitute. ~Rebecca West

Women have been taught that, for us, the earth is flat, and that if we venture out, we will fall off the edge. ~Unknown

The emotional, sexual, and psychological stereotyping of females begins when the doctor says, "It's a girl." ~Shirley Chisholm

Women belong in the house... and the Senate. ~Unknown

You don't have to be anti-man to be pro-woman. ~Jane Galvin Lewis

Feminism is the radical notion that women are people. ~Cheris Kramarae & Paula Treichler



League of Women Voters of Loudoun County

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 1, 2008, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Carver Center, Purcellville, VA

Dessert Buffet

Speakers Ben Greenberg & Connie Jorgensen

Name _____ Phone _____

Please send this form to:

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Purcellville, VA 20132
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RSVP Deadline: May 23, 2008

There is no registration fee, but please RSVP to ensure we have enough dessert for everyone!

If you have not done so already, send in your dues with your Annual Meeting Registration. Your dues must be current to be able to vote at the meeting.

RENEW my dues today!

Name _____

Street _____

City & State _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please make dues check payable to: LWVLC. * NOTE: Call Jean Sagan at (703) 327-4346 if you have any questions or if you are unsure about your membership status.

Check One:

- \$60.00 Individual \$90.00 Household



LWVLC ANNUAL MEETING 2008

June 1, 2008
Carver Center
Purcellville, VA

- 2:45 – 3:15 Registration
- 3:15 President's Welcome
- ☞ Dessert Buffet
 - ☞ Keynote Speakers –
Ben Greenberg & Connie Jorgensen
Predatory Lending in Virginia - Problems & Solutions
- 4:15 Annual Meeting Call to Order
- ☞ Adoption of Rules of Procedure
 - ☞ Adoption of Agenda
 - ☞ Treasurer's Report
 - ☞ Presentation & Adoption of Proposed Budget
 - ☞ Adoption of Program
 - ☞ Report of Nominating Committee
 - ☞ Election of Officers & Directors
 - ☞ Membership Direction to the Board
- 5:00 Adjourn

League of Women Voters of Loudoun County Financial Report and Proposed Budget

	Jul 1, '07 - Apr 2	07 -08 Annual Budg	Proposed 2008 - 2009 Annual Budget
<u>Ordinary Income/Expense</u>			
Income			
Annual Meeting Income	0.00	1,250.00	450.00
Contributions			
Annual Meeting	0.00	250.00	500.00
Fundraising	1,325.00	2,350.00	1,500.00
Member	620.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Non-Member	350.00	300.00	350.00
Contributions - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	-
Total Contributions	2,295.00	4,450.00	3,350.00
Dues	<u>2,901.00</u>	<u>4,290.00</u>	<u>4,710.00</u>
Total Income	5,196.00	9,990.00	8,060.00
Expense			
Board & Administrative Costs			
Board Meetings	0.00	150.00	-
Finance Committee	0.00	100.00	100.00
Membership Committee	8.42	250.00	250.00
President	0.00	100.00	100.00
Public Relations	0.00	100.00	100.00
Secretary	0.00	10.00	50.00
Treasurer	0.00	10.00	50.00
Website Maintenance	<u>160.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
Total Board & Administrative Costs	168.42	880.00	810.00
Conventions & Meetings			
Local Annual Meeting	0.00	1,250.00	450.00
National Convention	0.00	500.00	-
NCA Annual Meeting	0.00	90.00	50.00
State Council/Convention	0.00	300.00	300.00
Unit Meetings	0.00	150.00	150.00
Workshops/Training	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Conventions & Meetings	0.00	2,390.00	1,050.00
Educational Program Activities			
Local	0.00	1,600.00	150.00
National	0.00	250.00	250.00
State	0.00	250.00	250.00
Voter Service	<u>1,458.00</u>	<u>280.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total Educational Program Activities	1,458.00	2,380.00	1,150.00
Fundraising Costs	365.00	500.00	500.00
Operating Costs			
Bank Charges	22.00	0.00	-
D&O Insurance			381.00
Office Supplies	0.00	100.00	100.00
P.O. Box	<u>70.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Total Operating Costs	92.00	160.00	556.00
PMP Expense			
National	1,836.20	1,918.00	2,104.00
NCA	71.50	82.00	90.00
State	<u>1,072.50</u>	<u>1,230.00</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>
Total PMP Expense	2,980.20	3,230.00	3,544.00
Voter - Printing & Postage	<u>258.45</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>5,322.07</u>	<u>9,990.00</u>	<u>8,060.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-126.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-126.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 <u>Cash Balance</u>	 <u>3,804.72</u>		

LWVLC Education Fund

Proposed 2008 - 2009 Annual Budget

Beginning Balance	2,260.20	1,935.20	2,770.20
Member Contributions	510.00	1,500.00	800.00
Non-Member Contributions	-	<u>300.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Contributions	510.00	1,800.00	1,000.00
Ending Balance	<u>2,770.20</u>	<u>3,735.20</u>	<u>3,770.20</u>

Proposed Rules of Procedure

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to allow the members, acting together, to consider and decide proposals for bylaws changes, annual budget, a local program (in even-numbered years), to elect officers and directors, and to hear recommendations and reports from committees.

1. Guidance

The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (Parliamentary Procedure) will guide the proceedings.

2. Discussion

Only members in good standing in the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County will be permitted to speak and vote.

- a. Speakers shall identify themselves by name.
- b. Each speaker will be allowed two minutes, unless otherwise announced.
- c. The Chair will not recognize a person the second time until all have had an opportunity to speak.
- d. Debate must be germane to the subject.

3. Voting

In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, cumulative voting is not permitted. Each voting member may vote only once for a candidate.

4. Motions and Amendments

- a. Lengthy motions and amendments shall be written and submitted to the Secretary.
- b. An amendment may be amended only once.

5. Procedure for Program Adoption

- a. Non-recommended program items may be brought to the floor for a consideration by a majority vote of those present. To be approved for a program item, it must have a 2/3 vote of members present.
- b. After presentation of recommended program items, only questions of clarifications will be permitted.
- c. Adoption of Program: Motion(s) to adopt program items and recommended items (in the order in which they were voted consideration) will be taken up one at a time for formal motion, further debate, possible amendment and vote.
- d. A majority vote of voting members present and voting shall be required for adoption of proposed program.
- e. No other issues may be presented since only program issues submitted by the deadline (January Program Planning Meeting) may be considered.

6. Scope of Program Items

In adopting a single-list program, members do not adopt the scope or level of activity of an item. This is determined by the Board based on the desires of the membership.

7. Procedure for Nominations from the Floor

After the nominating committee has presented its report, the Chair will call for further nominations from the floor for those offices open for election this year. Voting members should stand and state the name of the members they wish to nominate. The person being nominated must be a member in good standing in the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County and must agree to be nominated. Voting will take place once there are no further nominations and nominations have been closed.

League of Women Voters of Loudoun County

Public Policy Positions

Domestic Violence

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- Adequate shelters for abused women and their children if the current shelter becomes insufficient.
- Emphasis on adequate programs and personnel in Loudoun County for counseling and rehabilitation of abusers as well as the abused.
- Continuing inclusion of education about spouse abuse and its causes, treatment, and prevention in the curriculum in the Loudoun County school system.
- Enforcement of existing state laws to protect the victims of abuse.



Education

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports adequate funding of public schools to ensure adequate teacher training and pay, safe and pleasant physical facilities, the development of well-rounded and challenging curricular and extra-curricular programs, and the development of special programs for at-risk children and schools.

More specifically, the LWVLC:

- Supports continuous curriculum units on Family Life Education for grades K-12.
- Supports the availability of adequate guidance services in public schools.
- Supports adequate funding for school libraries to maintain a high standard of quality.
- Supports competitive salaries for teachers.
- Supports local control of education by locally chosen school boards.
- Supports laws which protect a child's health and/or safety.
- Opposes the Parental Rights Amendment or the inclusion of the Parental Rights Amendment language in any legislation.
- Supports Loudoun County Public Schools policies which prohibit student possession of any weapon for any reason while under school control or supervision.
- Believes that an effective public education assessment program should determine each student's progress, knowledge, and critical thinking skills in addition to determining the effectiveness of the educators and the curriculum. LWVLC supports a public education assessment program which:
 - is non-threatening
 - considers both a student's long-term and short-term performance
 - measures strengths and weaknesses of students, teachers and the system
 - considers class participation and in-class performance
 - utilizes a "portfolio" of various examples of a student's work
 - utilizes multiple assessments of a student's achievement
 - utilizes a variety of assessment tools and techniques (such as objective and subjective tests, lab work, class projects, essays)
- Believes that an assessment program should ensure that each child reaches his or her full potential.



Land Use

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports and encourages the following positions:

- Development guidelines that aspire to the highest community standards, are sensitive to the integrity of social, economic and natural systems and are in harmony with the county's character and goals.

- Consideration of all purposes of zoning, as defined in the Virginia State Code, in local use decisions.
- Evaluation of long-term consequences of land use decisions, specifically on the environment (i.e., soil erosion, water quality and supply) highway congestion, the burden on the school system, fiscal impact, preservation of prime agricultural land, and scenic and historic resources.
- The legal doctrine of “presumption of legislative validity” as it is applied to land use decisions by local governments, based on the premise that local governing bodies are the appropriate decision makers, being closest to local conditions, and that it is the role of the courts to ensure fairness of the proceedings.
- Implementation of open space and environmental protection policies.
- Public acquisition of open space easements, especially in critical environmental areas, areas of scenic, natural and historic significance, and agricultural lands.
- Implementation of a transportation plan that results in a pattern of development consistent with land use and fiscal policies, and with consideration for the health, safety and convenience of local citizens.
- Adherence to the planning process, as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, the goals and purposes, as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, and the following elements of the Comprehensive Plan in particular:
 - Preservation of the agricultural industry and the best agricultural soils to “preserve the cultural, social, economic, environmental and aesthetic amenities provided by agricultural land use;”
 - Active County programs and policies to preserve open space and farmland;
 - Density transfers from agricultural and open space areas to designated growth areas within a planning district, and the concept of Purchase of Development Rights;
 - The budgeting and expenditure of county funds for agricultural land preservation programs including the strengthening of Agricultural and Forestal Districts.
- Provision of a range of housing opportunities for low and moderate income families.



Local Government

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- Alternative methods of financing local government to lessen the reliance on real estate taxes for revenue.



Solid Waste Disposal

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- Establishment of a program for the collection of hazardous waste by the county.
- The covering or containing of solid waste transferred through the county.
- Containment of any solid waste buried in the county to prevent contamination of the environment.
- Volume reduction of solid waste through recycling, reuse, alternative packaging, and sustainable consumption practices.
- Monitoring by an appropriate governmental group of burn temperature, air emissions, environmental impact of residue disposal in landfills, including air, water (surface and ground), and soil testing, when incineration is used as a method of solid waste disposal.



Water and Sewer

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports and encourages the following positions:

- Protection of all watersheds serving Loudoun County in order to maintain purity of the drinking water supply and the health of in-stream aquatic systems.
- Payment of the costs of new community water and sewage systems by the users of each separate system.
- Regular pumping of septic tanks and checking of distribution boxes.

Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County, Virginia

Adopted April 1991

Amended June 2005

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voter of Loudoun County (LWVLC). This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWVVA) and the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA).

Article II Purposes and Policy

Sec. 1. **Purposes:** The purposes of the LWVLC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. **Political Policy:** The LWVLC shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

Article III Membership

Sec. 1. **Eligibility:** Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. **Types of Membership:** The membership of the LWVLC shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a) Voting members shall be citizens 18 years of age or older.
- b) Household members shall be two voting members residing at the same address.
- c) Associate members shall be all other members.
- d) Paid life members shall be those who make a lump sum life membership payment to the LWVUS.
- e) Honorary life members shall be those who have been members of the LWVUS for 50 years or more. No further dues shall be collected and all privileges will be retained as a voting member.

Article IV Officers

Sec. 1. **Enumeration and Election of Officers**

- a) The Officers of the LWVLC shall be the President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for two-year terms by the membership at the Annual Meeting. The President, the First Vice-President, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years.
- b) Executive Committee: The elected officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. **The President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors unless the President designates another person to preside. The President may, in absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. **The Vice-Presidents:** The two Vice-Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall in the event of the absence, resignation, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all duties of that office until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board designate.

Sec. 4. **The Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all general meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The secretary shall provide minutes for all meetings in a timely manner. The Secretary shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Sec. 5. **The Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board of their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer should bill members at least 30 days before dues are due. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed annually by non board members (2).

Article V Board of Directors

Sec. 1. **Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six elected directors, and not more than six appointed directors. Three of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not to exceed six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office for the appointed directors shall be one year.

Sec. 2. **Qualifications:** All elected or appointed Officers or Directors of the organization shall be voting members of the LWVLC and shall meet the requirements of the LWVLC nonpartisanship policy.

Sec. 3. **Vacancies:** Any vacancy on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Three consecutive absences from Board Meetings by a Board member without a valid reason, shall be deemed a resignation.

Sec. 4. **Powers and Duties:**

- a) The Board shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the Instructions of the general membership.
- b) The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program adopted by the National Convention, and State Convention, the National Capital Area Convention, and the Annual Meeting.
- c) The Board shall appoint the committees deemed necessary to carry out the work of the League.
- d) No member shall contract or expend in excess of \$50.00 without specific authorization from the Board.
- e) All Directors shall carry program or organization responsibilities as determined by the Board.
- f) A majority of current board members shall constitute a quorum in order to do business.

Article VI Financial Administration

Sec. 1. **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the LWVLC shall commence on the first day of July each year.

Sec. 2. **Dues:** Annual dues are payable within the month the member joined the League. The amount of dues shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual

Meeting. Written notice of a proposed change shall be made to the membership thirty days prior to an Annual Meeting. Such change shall become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Household member dues shall be computed as one and one half members.

Sec. 3. **Budget:** A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of all levels of the League.

Sec. 4. **Budget Committee:** A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board at least four months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee, but shall not be eligible to serve as the chairman.

Sec. 5. **Distribution of Funds on Dissolution:** In the event of dissolution for any cause of the LWVLC, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVLC, shall be paid to the LWVVA. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned by or under control of the LWVLC shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposed as may be designated by the Board of LWVLC.

Article VII Meetings

Sec. 1. **Membership Meetings:** General membership meetings may be held at any time at the direction of the Board. Time and place of all general meetings shall be decided by the Board. Matters coming before the membership may be decided by the majority present.

Sec. 2. **Annual Meeting:** An Annual Meeting shall be held prior to July 1, the exact date to be decided by the Board. The Annual Meeting shall adopt a local program for the next year; elect officers, directors, and members of the Nominating Committee; adopt an adequate budget; transact such other business as may properly come before it. In order to vote at the Annual Meeting, new members must have joined the League at least two weeks prior to the announced meeting date to permit the League to prepare for the business of the meeting.

Sec. 3. **Quorum:** Ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting of the LWVLC.

Article VIII Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, none of whom shall be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board. Nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this committee by any member of the LWVLC.

Sec. 2. **Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor:** The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and nominating committee members shall be sent to the members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Sec. 3. **Elections:** The elections shall be by ballot except when there is but one nominee for each office it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Sec. 1. **Authorization:** The governmental principles adopted by the LWVUS and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

Sec. 2. **Program:** The Program of the LWVLC shall consist of action to implement the Principles of the LWVUS and those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action at the local, state, regional and national levels of the League.

Sec. 3. **Program Selection:** The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) The Board shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.
- b) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board.
- d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.
- e) Changes in Program may be made provided that (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general membership meeting at which the changes are discussed, and (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. **Member Action:** Members may take action in the name of the League only when authorized to do so by the President of the appropriate League.

Sec. 5. **Local League Action:** The LWVLC may act only in conformity with and not contrary to the positions taken by the LWVUS and the LWVVA.

Article X Conventions and Councils

Sec. 1. **National Convention:** The Board shall select delegates to the convention of the LWVUS in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWVUS.

Sec. 2. **State Convention and Council:** The Board shall select delegates to the convention and council of the LWVVA in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWVVA.

Sec. 3. **National Capital Area Convention:** The Board shall select delegates to the LWNCA convention in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWNCA.

Article XI Parliamentary Authority

Sec. 1. **Parliamentary Authority:** The rules contained in the Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

Article XII Amendments

Sec. 1. **Amendments:** These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing least thirty days prior to the meeting.

References: Bylaws of the LWVUS, Bylaws of the LWVVA, Bylaws of the LWVFA, Bylaws of the LWV Lynchburg.

2008 Loudoun League of Women Voters Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee provides the following slate of Board members for election at the 2008 Annual Meeting:

Position	Name	Term Ending
President	Marla McIntyre	June 2009 (remaining year of 2007-2009 term)
1st Vice President	Glenda Parsons	June 2009 (remaining year of 2007-2009 term)
2nd Vice President	Shelley Tamres	June 2010
Treasurer	Hatsy Cutshall	June 2010
Director	Betsy Mayr	June 2009 (remaining year of 2007-2009 term)
Director	Rosemarie Pelletier	June 2010
Director	Carla Wylie	June 201.
Director	Maria Walker	June 2010

Nominating Committee:

Chair	Gem Bingol	June 2009
Member	David Kirsten	June 2009
Member	Marilyn Naylor	June 2009

*Respectfully submitted,
Gem Bingol, Nominating Committee Chair*

Candidate Bios

President

Marla McIntyre has served on the Board since 2005 as *The Voter* editor and recently as Acting President. A native of Nebraska, she moved to Aldie in 1986 where she lives with husband Kim and four dogs. She has two children. Marla was President of the Aldie Elementary PTA and was active in the Simpson Middle School and Loudoun County High School parent-teacher associations. She is Executive Director of the Surety Information Office. She is a frequent speaker and writer on contract surety and commercial construction-related topics. She is an active member of national professional organizations including American Society of Association Executives, Construction Owners Association of America, National Association of Women in Construction, Professional Women in Construction, and the Construction Writers Association-of which she is a former officer. She is Secretary and Trustee of the American Council for Construction Education. Marla is a graduate of George Mason University. If she had any spare time, she would read, sew, and garden.

First Vice President

Glenda Parsons' formal education is in economics and international affairs. She has worked 10+ years in the health care industry. Her 25+ years of volunteer management experience includes planning formal functions, hosting dignitaries, writing press releases, managing volunteer groups with wide ranging competing interests, and starting a Girl Scout chapter in a foreign country. Glenda has worked in a non profit environment, chairing committees, public presentations and speeches, including a White House event, instituting educational programs, assisting in grant proposal writing, overseeing independent contractors and paid staff, instituted methodologies for termination of services of paid staff at a nonprofit, and planned formal functions for the purpose of fundraising. She also ran a small business as a sole proprietor and in partnership for six years.

Second Vice President

Shelley Tamres is a single Mom with two sons in college (one part-time who also serves in the Army). Shelley is a "dinosaur keeper," i.e. a Mainframe programmer. She is active in Third Party politics, serving several small campaigns as a Campaign Manager, Treasurer, and 'gopher." Shelley served as the State Ballot Access Coordinator for the Libertarian Party of Virginia from 1996 until 2003; worked on election law reform measures in the State General Assembly; assisted various LP candidates with ballot access; and coordinated the successful petitioning drives in 1996 and 2000 to place the LP Presidential candidate on the ballot in Virginia.

Treasurer

Harriet S. "Hatsy" Cutshall, CPA has a BS in biology from The College of William and Mary, completed a certificate in accounting from the University of Virginia, and earned her CPA. She has owned and operated a number of her own small businesses on alternative energy management. She is CFO of the American Society of Appraisers. She has worked as a public accountant and as Finance Director of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), which offers training and technical assistance to help small communities meet their water and wastewater infrastructure needs. She does research, writes, and trains on topics related to new and evolving government and non-profit financial management requirements and how they affect small communities.

Directors

Betsy Mayr was born in Texas, raised in New Mexico, and attended New Mexico State University. She student taught on an Indian Reservation, then moved to Pennsylvania, then Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia. In 1982 she moved to Loudoun County. Betsy is a lifetime Girl Scout and was appointed to the Loudoun County Electoral Board 1994-2003. As a long admirer of the League of Women Voters, she has served as treasurer and president of the Loudoun League and serves on the Board of LWVVA. Betsy advocates fair and transparent elections and encourages all persons to vote for the candidate or issue of their choice. Betsy has been married to Ed for 45+ years, with three adult children and several grandchildren. A ball field at Freedom Park is named in Ed's and Betsy's honor. Besides being a community activist, she enjoys gardening, quilting, and reading.

Rosemarie A. Pelletier is the president and founder of Public Private Solutions, Inc., which fosters public policy discussions on creative financing solutions for transportation and infrastructure projects. She has worked with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on several issues and projects. Rosemarie has served as Commissioner for the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission; president of the Dulles Area Transportation Association; Virginia Technology Council; Specialized Transportation Council for the Commonwealth of Virginia; Democratic National Committee's Women's Leadership Forum; Transportation Accountability Commission; and Special Assistant to the Provost for Business and Community Outreach. She is a Founding Partner and State Director for Women Impacting Public Policy. Rosemarie is an Adjunct Professor for the Northern Virginia Community College, Old Dominion University, and the University of Baltimore. She is a Realtor, a CCIM candidate, and a nationally certified yoga instructor. Dr. Pelletier holds BA in English and Philosophy, a Master's in Public Administration, is ABD on her first doctorate (PhD) from George Mason University in public policy, and earned a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore. She and her husband have five grown children and live and work in Leesburg and Wilmington, North Carolina.

Carla Anderson Wiley has lived in Loudoun County for 40+ years. In the 1960s, the County's schools were still segregated. Her first stint at community involvement was as the Secretary of the Loudoun NAACP in the early 90s and the Student Achievement committee, now MSAAC, which was formed to bridge any disconnects between the school system and parents. Carla was instrumental in bringing the Boys and Girls Club to Loudoun. She is the past Historian with the Loudoun Commission on Women and Entertainment chair and Marketing Chair with the Loudoun Youthfest. Carla is Executive Assistant to the CEO of TNS, Inc in Reston. Her husband of two years recently retired from the Fairfax County Courts and her son is a Sophomore at Heritage High school.

Maria Walker has a BA in Spanish and Latin American studies from George Mason University and a Master's in Teaching from VCU. She has taught Spanish in public schools in Richmond, Falls Church, and Loudoun County, where she was Chair of the Foreign Language Department at Heritage High School. She has experience in medical, community, and social services interpretation, and volunteers as a medical interpreter for outreach programs. She is currently Director of CommuniKids in Falls Church.

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