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Immigration Study

January 22, 2008

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Leesburg Airport Conference Room

The LWV US has reached the member agreement phase of the LWVUS Immigration Study and has asked all local Leagues to take consensus. The resulting position will allow LWV to affect national policy for years to come. The Immigration Study will include:

- the underlying values and principles regarding immigration
- reasons for immigration
- current federal immigration policy and
- the impact of immigration.

LWV Loudoun County will take consensus on January 22 and submit its Consensus to LWVUS by February 1, 2008. The LWVUS will adopt a position by April 2008.

To prepare for this meeting, members need to:

- read the eight background papers at www.lwv.org.
- review the Consensus Questions (included in this newsletter), and
- read the Immigration Study Briefs at www.lwv.org

To access these materials, go to www.lwv.org and select "Immigration Policy? Follow Our Study and Get Educated" on the left.

If you are unable to attend the January meeting, you may participate in Consensus by completing the Consensus Questions and mailing to LWV Loudoun County, PO Box 822, Leesburg VA 20178.

If you have questions, please contact Jean Sagan, 703-327-4346, jmsagan@earthlink.net.

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What is Consensus?

Consensus is the process League uses to reach member agreement on a study issue. It is neither a simple majority nor unanimity; it is an overall sense of the group. Consensus results from answers to questions on which members can find common ground and agreement. Group discussion that allows an exchange of ideas and opinions is the preferred way to achieve consensus, although questionnaires and e-mail polls are acceptable.

Acting President's Column

The new year is upon us. My New Year's resolution is to communicate regularly with League members so you can be more involved in the many important things League does.

For example, would you like to help register high schoolers to vote? Last year we registered more than 1,200. With 10 high schools, we need a lot of help.

Would you like to help at "Meet Your Legislator" Night? Watching the legislators interact with the high school students is amazing.

We need committed members to serve on the Board of Directors. We work hard but the meetings at Bacchus Restaurant are fun (good food, too).

Are you interested in restoration of felons civil rights? We have a work group you can join.

Do you know of homeowner associations that would like the League to conduct and validate elections? We conducted an election at Riverbend and it brought in much-needed funds.

Denise Donnelly does a great job with Voter Services and candidate fora. She can't do it alone - how about volunteering to assist her?

Are you great at fund-raising? If so, we certainly can use your help! (See the plea for funds on right).

How about staffing a League table at community events? It increases visibility for the League and brings in new members. The more active members, the more we can do to encourage people to vote.

Contact me or any Board member if you are interested in any of the above activities.

I am setting up Google Groups and Google Calendar. It's a great (and free) way to send electronic communications. However, the database has e-mail addresses for only half of the members. You hear about League activities and events in *The Voter*, but e-mail announcements are easier and more timely.

Board members will be calling to verify or obtain your e-mail address and to ask if you would like to receive *The Voter* by e-mail. If you don't want to receive LWVLC e-mails, just let us know.

Oh - and please plan to attend the Immigration Study meeting January 22. I promise it will be an interesting night.

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National League News

LWV US

Thanks to a collaboration among the LWVUS and the Maryland, National Capital Area, and the Virginia Leagues, 12 presidential candidates have been invited to participate in the LWVUS Presidential Candidate Voters' Guide. The Guide will be available in January.

Vote 411.org is a great resource for helping voters register to vote and communicate with their local Board of Elections.

National Capital Area

To celebrate the League's birthday, the LWVNCA is hosting a Tour of the Library of Congress, February 14, 2008 at 11:00 am. Lunch is "Dutch Treat," followed by a tour of the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Service. There is no charge to attend, but please register with Andrea Gruhl at andragruhl@aol.com using the e-mail header *RSVP for NCA Tour or LC*.

LWV of Virginia

LWVVA is looking for members to represent it on the Waterworks Advisory Committee which meets periodically in Richmond. Contact Olga Hernandez, 703-831-8595, info@lwv-va.org.

Action priorities for League lobbying efforts were determined by local League input. They are Civil Rights, Election Laws, Environment, Redistricting, and Transportation.

Looking for a Tax Deduction? Give to the LWVLC Education Fund

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference.

Tom Brokaw

The programs and activities conducted by the LWV Loudoun County are financed mainly through membership dues and contributions. Contributions to the LWV LC Education Fund are tax-deductible. Please send contributions to:

LWVLC Education Fund
PO Box 822
Leesburg VA 20178

CALENDAR

2008

January

- 15 Tues. 7:00 - 9:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting, Bacchus Restaurant, Leesburg (open to all members)
- 22 Tues. 7:00 - 9:00 pm Immigration Unit Meeting, Leesburg Airport Conference Room (LWV members should attend)
- 30 Wed. League Day at General Assembly, Richmond

February

TBD

1 Fri.

12 Tues.

14 Thurs.

TBD

March

TBD

April

19 Sat.

26-27 Sat.& Sun.

TBD

May

3-4 Sat.& Sun.

17 Sat.

Sat. 9:30-2:00

June

13 - 17

TBD

Black History Month

VA Lobby Day in Richmond

Immigration Consensus due LWV US

Presidential Primary, DC, MD, VA

Happy Birthday, League of Women Voters

NCA Tour - Library of Congress

contact andreagruhl@aol.com to register

Begin High School Voter Registration

Women's History Month

LWV LC Tea

LWV Fairfax Annual Meeting

VA State Council

High School "Meet Your Legislator"

LWV VA State Council

LWV LC Annual Meeting

LWV NCA Annual Meeting

LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR

LWV LC Annual Meeting

New Members in 2007

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| March | Ellen Heald, MA Rogers-Renner |
| April | Ellen Archer, Ann Doss |
| May | Deborah Beghler, Shelley Tamres, Ann Higgins |
| June | Anthony Fasolo, Mike Turner |
| August | Diana Brown |
| September | Kathleen Phillips |
| October | Robert Charnoff |
| November | William Oscanyan |

Welcome!

The VA GOP will not demand that voters in the February Presidential primary sign a written oath of loyalty to the party's presidential nominee.

I hope it will only become a reality when she is elected as an individual because of her capacity and the trust which the majority of the people have in her integrity and ability as a person.

Eleanor Roosevelt, when asked in 1934 if a woman would become President of the US.

I believe there's something out there watching over us.

Unfortunately, it's the government.

Woody Allen

The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.

Winston Churchill

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.

Margaret Fuller

I dwell in possibility.

Emily Dickinson

Love truth and pardon error.

Voltaire

With the new day comes new strengths and new thoughts.

Eleanor Roosevelt

It's never too late to be who you might have been.

George Eliot

Join the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County

Please add my voice to the over 120,000 members and supporters nationwide!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$60 Individual or _____ \$90 Family (payable to LWVLC)

Yes, I want to support the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County with a donation so it can continue its work to promote informed participation in government. Please make donation checks payable to the **LWVLC Education Fund**. Contributions to the LWVLC Education Fund are tax deductible within the limits of the law.

Send to: Hatsy Cutshall, 20371 Cockerill Rd., Purcellville, VA 20132

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