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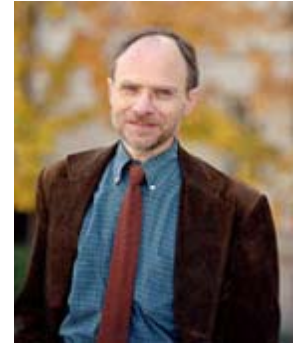
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Annual Meeting June 16

Join League members and friends at Tuscarora Mill Restaurant in Leesburg on Saturday, June 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Peter Overby, NPR Correspondent, is the featured speaker at the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County's Annual Meeting on June 16. Overby has been taking NPR listeners behind the scenes of American politics since 1994. Overby was recognized with the Alfred I DuPont-Columbia University Silver Baton for his reporting on money, power, and political influence. He was a senior editor at *Common Cause* Magazine and also worked for daily newspapers in Virginia and New Jersey. He is a native of the Washington area and a graduate of Boston University.



The agenda, registration form, and all Annual Meeting materials are enclosed with this newsletter. Registration deadline for League members is June 1. Cost of the meeting and buffet lunch is \$35.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

(to conform with Amended LWVUS Bylaws)

Article II, Sec.1. Purposes: The purposes of the LWVLC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation [remove "of citizens"] in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Rationale:

Purposes and Policy - The purpose of the League is to educate and encourage the public (not only citizens) to take an active role in government and to act on selected governmental issues. Yet by using the word "citizen" we are confusing the public. League embraces both citizens and non-citizens as members; non-citizens are associate or non-voting members. Many Leagues across the country actively work with new immigrants and new residents, and this change would clarify our purpose and be more reflective of our organization's work and activities.

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High Schoolers Met Their Legislators

More than 200 Loudoun County high school students met their legislators - Hon. Mark Herring, (D-33), Hon. Tom Rust (R-86), Hon. Chuck Caputo (D-67), Hon. Bob Marshall (R-13), Hon. Joe May (R-33) and Hon. Dave Poisson (D-32) on March 22. The event was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County.

The exchange was lively, polite, and informative to all in attendance. The students asked questions on gay marriage, minimum wage, abortion rights, Title IX sports, health care reform, death penalty, growth controls and the Karl Rove/Harriet Meyer stand-off. The students thoughtful questions and interest demonstrates that our future is in good hands.

Thanks to Ed Brosh and Potomac Falls High School and the PTSO who provided refreshments.



964 Students Now Registered - And It Ain't Over Yet

The Loudoun LWV has almost completed voter registration at all 10 high schools' government classes. Loudoun Valley students will be registered on May 21-22. Last year, more than 400 students were registered at Loudoun Valley. Thanks to the many League volunteers who made this happen.

November 6 2007 Is Election Day

November's elections promise to be interesting with contests for the following local elected officials:

- Board of Supervisors,
- School Board,
- Constitutional Officers (Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Commissioner of Revenue, Treasurer and Commonwealth Attorney).

In addition, Loudoun will elect its General Assembly Representatives - with five Virginia House of Delegates races and two Virginia Senate races.

Check the website at www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/elections.html for further information on candidates as the election becomes closer.

Republican Primary is June 12

The Republican Primary is June 12, 2007 to nominate the Republican nominee for the 27th Senate seat representing Western Loudoun. All registered voters are qualified to vote in this open primary. The precincts are all of Western Loudoun, Dry Mill, and Greenway in Leesburg. The candidates on the ballot are Jill Holtzman Vogel and Mark Tate.

This is the open seat vacated by Senator Russ Potts. All regular polling locations will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. If you will be out of town or cannot get to the polls because of work, you may vote absentee. Call the Registrar at 703-777-0380 for information on receiving an application or for times when you can go to the Registrar's office to cast an absentee ballot in person.

National, State, & Local League News

National Capital Area

The following Board members were elected at the NCA Annual Meeting:

- President - Melpi Jeffries
- Secretary - Eileen Williams
- Directors - Naomi Glass, Barbara Sherrill
- Nominating Committee - Chair Aileen Starkweather, Katy Cannady, Pat Hamilton

Join NCA members and their guests for an evening of laughs with the

Capitol Steps Comedy Group

Friday, September 28, 2007

7:30 pm

Reagan Building

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue in D.C.

Tickets are \$40.

Mail name, address, phone, your League name, and number of tickets with payment to:

Barbara Sherrill

4826 N. 17th Street

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The Federal Triangle metro stop (orange/blue lines) is connected to the Reagan Building and International Trade Center by a covered passageway. The Metro Center metro stop (red line) is two blocks away, and the Smithsonian metro stop (orange/blue lines) is within walking distance.

2007 Calendar

- May 22 Board Meeting (Open to all)
7:00 - 9:00 Leesburg Police Station
- June 16 Annual Meeting
11:00 - 1:30 Tuscarora Mill, Leesburg
- June 9-11 LWVUS Council Meeting
- June 26 Board Meeting (Open to all)
7:00 - 9:00 Leesburg Police Station

The LWV Has Lost its Banner

If you know the whereabouts of the LWV Loudoun County's banner, please contact Jean Brown, 540-338-7628. The banner, "League of Women Voters of Loudoun County" was used at SterlingFest, Oatlands Plantation, Aldie Day, and the Lucketts Fair.

I think the world might be a better place if it were run by the League of Women Voters. You may think, as I once did, that the League of Women Voters is just a bunch of little old ladies. But we ignore little old ladies at our peril, especially these ones. League members are a little like Marines. Same drive. Same esprit de corps. And I don't think you're ever an ex-League member. Wrap them in camo, strap them into parachutes, and drop them behind enemy lines and they'd get things done lickety-split.

John Kelly, Washington Post May 15, 2007, on Barbara Luchs' song on DC Voting Rights

*Simple Justice is all we want
Simple justice is only right
We pay taxes like all of you
Our sons go to the front to fight
You can make the difference
Help us win democracy
Give us simple justice
Representation for DC
All we ask is that we should be represented like
all the rest
Through our homes are within DC that's no
reason to fail the test
Voting rights in Congress, liberate the last
colony
Give us simple justice, representation for
Washington DC*

To hear a recording of Luci Murphy singing "Simple Justice, go to www.washingtonpost.com/johnkelly.

Internet Sources of Information

- LWV US - www.lwv.org/
- NCA - www.lwvnca.org
- LWV VA - <http://virginia.va.lwvnet.org>
- LWVLC - www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org

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, Stat, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$48 Individual or _____ \$72 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.

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