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Candidate Fora

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County five candidate fora received so much press coverage that we will not report on it further. However, here's a recap of who participated:

√ **27th Senate** - Karen Schultz (D), Don Marro (I) participated. Jill Holtzman Vogel (R) did not attend. Moderator Rollie Winter, Carver Senior Center, Purcellville.

√ **Sheriff** - Michael George (D), Greg Ahlemann (R), Steve Simpson (I) participated; Moderator Dave McWatters, Ida Lee Lower Meeting Room, Leesburg.

√ Board of Supervisors

• **Broad Run** - Phyllis J. Randall (D), Lori Waters (R), Jack Ryan (I), **Dulles** - Stevens Miller (D). Steve Snow (R) did not attend. Moderator Chuck Mills, Stone Bridge High School.

• **Leesburg** - C. Kelly Burk (D), Jim Clem (R). **Catoctin** - Sarah R. "Sally" Kurtz (D), Geary Higgins (R). **Blue Ridge** - Jim Burton (I), Mark Albright (R). Moderator Patti Morrissey, Loudoun County High School.

• **Sterling** - Jeanne R. West (D). Eugene Delgaudio (R) did not attend. **Sugarland Run** - Susan Klimek Buckley (D). D.M. "Mick" Staton Jr. (R) did not attend. **Potomac** - Andrea C. McGimsey (D), Bruce E. Tulloch (R), Ken R. Mikeman (I). Moderator Robert Gordon, Potomac Falls High School.

Thanks to the *Loudoun Times Mirror*, *Leesburg Today*, *Purcellville Gazette*, *Loudoun Connection*, *Loudoun Easterner*, and *The Winchester Star* for providing members of the media panel.

More than 500 people attended the five candidate fora.



Steve Simpson, Greg Ahlemann, and Michael George participated in the Sheriff Candidate Forum. Photo by Bob Pierce

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President's Column

We knew this was going to be an exciting election season. However, no one anticipated the turn of events that landed the Loudoun County League of Women Voters in the news.

The good news is that our five candidate fora received extensive news coverage, not just from the local press but from *The Washington Post*.

The bad news is that our President, Betsy Mayr, resigned. I always appreciated Betsy's dedication to the League, but I had no idea how much time and effort she devoted to League until I had to very quickly step into her shoes.

The interesting news is that the Republicans and Democrats wanted us to hold a candidate forum for each House and Senate race. There are two Senate races - the 27th and 33rd - and five House races - 13th, 32nd, 33rd, 67th, and 86th. There are nine Board of Supervisors districts, nine School Board seats, and six others, including Sheriff, Water Conservation Board, and Clerk of the Circuit Court. That's 31 different races with more than 60 candidates.

In August, the Board met to decide which fora we should hold. We took several factors into consideration, but at the end of the day, we knew we could hold only five fora given our tight budget and lack of active members. Denise Donnelly, Voter Services, did a heroic job of coordinating the fora. She was assisted by three timekeepers, two or three greeters, and the President. While we are blessed with an active Board of Directors, there are only 11 of us. I hope, by keeping the membership more informed of League activities and opportunities, that more members will become involved.

We have plenty of ideas and ambition, but not enough time, money, and volunteers. If you want to get involved, please take a moment to get in touch with me with your suggestions.

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P.S. I hope you will display the enclosed "Vote" sign or ask a business to display it. The sign was designed by League member David Kirsten.

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National League News

LWV US

Jeanette Senecal, Director Elections/E-Democracy, reported that staff will prepare a Voters' Guide for the Primary and General 2008 elections. They have partnered with Today's Mama (www.todaysmama.com, select MamaVote) and Smackdown Your Vote (www.vote.wwe.com) to educate and encourage young people to vote. Be sure to take a look at these exciting Web sites.

For the latest Election Information and Voters Guide, go to www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org for:

Where Do I Vote • Register to Vote • Absentee Voting • Election Results • Contact the Registrar
Deadlines and Dates:

- Sat. November 3: Last day to vote absentee in person.
- Tues. November 6: General Election. Polls open 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

What is on the Ballot in Loudoun County:

- Candidate Lists • Bond Questions

Thanks to Webmaster Shelley Tamres for keeping the Web site updated.

The LWV VA has posted Voters' Guides from around the state at:

<http://virginia.va.lwvnet.org/elections.html#s02>

Check out Vote411.org. This LWV US national voter Web site features information on polling place locations around the country, voter qualifications, election dates, absentee ballot information, registration deadlines, and more. The LWV Loudoun County has posted its Voters Guide on Vote411.org.

Internet Sources of Information

LWV US - www.lwv.org/
NCA - www.lwvnca.org
LWV VA - www.lwv-va.org
LWVLC - www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org

CALENDAR

2007

November

6 Tues. VA General Election

December

TBD LWV US Immigration Consensus (open)
5 VA Pre-Session Roundtable, Richmond

2008

January

TBD Program Planning
30 Wed. League Day at General Assembly, Richmond

February

TBD **Black History Month**
1 Fri. VA Lobby Day in Richmond
12 Tues. Immigration Consensus due LWV US
14 Thurs. Presidential Primary, DC, MD, VA
Happy Birthday, League of Women Voters
TBD NCA Tour - Library of Congress
Begin High School Voter Registration

March

TBD **Women's History Month**
LWV LC Tea

April

19 Sat. LWV Fairfax Annual Meeting
26-27 VA State Council
TBD High School "Meet Your Legislator"

May

3-4 LWV VA State Council
17 Sat. 9:30-2:00 LWV NCA Annual Meeting

June

13 - 17 LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR
TBD LWV LC Annual Meeting

*The important work
of the world forward
does not wait to be done
by perfect men.*
George Eliot



*Life is not a journey
to the grave with the
intention of arriving
safely in a pretty and
well preserved body, but
rather to skid in broad-
side, thoroughly used up,
totally worn out, and
proudly proclaiming
"Wow! What a ride!"*
Unknown



*To be a citizen is to
show up - to accept the
invitation to participate,
or create it if it is not
offered, to act as a co-
designer.*

From The Answer to
How is Yes: Acting on
What Matters by Peter
Block



*Politics, n. Strife of
interests masquerading
as a contest of
principles.*
Ambrose Bierce



*The hardest years in
life are those between 10
and 70.*
Helen Hays (at 73)

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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.

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