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Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County announced the following candidate forums:

- √ **27th Senate** - Karen Schultz (D), Jill Holtzman Vogel (R), Don Marro (I); Moderator Rollie Winter; Purcellville’s Carver Senior Center; September 19, 7-9 p.m.
- √ **Sheriff**; Michael George (D), Greg Ahlemann (R), Steve Simpson (I); Moderator Dave McWatters; Ida Lee Lower Meeting Room, Leesburg, September 25, 7:30-9 p.m.
- √ **Board of Supervisors**
 - **Broad Run** - Phyllis J. Randall (D), Lori Waters (R), Jack Ryan (I), **Dulles** - Steve Snow (R), Stevens Miller (D); Stone Bridge High School Auditorium; October 3, 7-9 p.m..
 - **Leesburg** - C. Kelly Burk (D), Jim Clem (R), **Catoctin** - Sarah R. “Sally” Kurtz (D), Geary Higgins (R), **Blue Ridge** - Jim Burton (I); Moderator Patti Morrissey, Loudoun County High School Auditorium, October 10, 7-9 p.m.
 - **Sterling** - Jeanne R. West (D), **Sugarland Run** - Susan Klimek Buckley (D), D.M. “Mick” Staton Jr. (R), **Potomac** - Andrea C. McGimsey (D), Bruce E. Tulloch (R), Ken R. Mikeman (I); Moderator Robert Gordon; Potomac Falls High School; October 17, 7-9 p.m.

The Forums will follow “Meet the Press” style format used in previous LWV LC Candidate Forums. Representatives from local media sources will sit on the Press Panel and question the candidates. All Forums will have a Moderator. Questions from the audience will be allowed after the Press Panel has completed its questions.

Thanks to Denise Donnelly, Director of Voter Services, and Jennifer Severance for all their hard work to coordinate these forums.

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LWV Celebrates Constitution Day September 17

September 17 marks the 220th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The LWV is hosting events in 20 states to promote citizen understanding of the importance of separation of powers and checks and balances as provided for by the US Constitution.

President's Column

Vote.....And the choice is yours.
Don't vote.....And the choice is theirs.
Register.....Or you have no choice.

Summer is over, Labor Day has come and gone; this can only mean Back To School Nights, and the Election season is here! There are several opportunities to attend one the League's candidate forums and hear what each have to say about the issues for their office. Denise Donnelly and Jennifer Severance have spent hours coordinating with candidates, finding space, contacting newspaper editors and moderators--and I thank them daily for all the work and energy they expend on these forums. I hope you will plan to attend one or more of the forum(s) and bring friends and family with you. For those living around Leesburg or in Western Loudoun the 27th Senate Seat is open. The only county-wide forum is the three-way Sheriff race which has heated up considerably over the summer. We have also grouped the Board of Supervisors in the following manner: Blue Ridge, Catoctin, and Leesburg; Broad Run and Dulles; Potomac, Sterling, and Sugarland. The events promise to be fast-paced, entertaining, and most importantly educational! We also need League Volunteers at each of these events for the jobs of timekeeper, greeter, League info table, and honey dews. Please call me if you are available on any or all evenings and let me know how you will participate. I can be reached at 703-624-3924 or emayr59433@aol.com

For new items, activities, and calendar, please go to our web site at <http://loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/>. Shelley Tamres has just been appointed to the Board of Directors and has taken on the responsibility of Web mistress of our web page. Thank you Shelley!

Enjoy your fall!

Betsy

Board Training

Olga Hernandez, President of the LWV VA, met with nine new and returning Board members on July 30. She described the importance of understanding what League is and is not. She noted that:

- Understanding League terminology (link) is essential;
- The credibility of League rests on its non-partisanship;
- League is a volunteer grassroots organization;
- Each Board member has a Portfolio, which describes that person's job with League;
- Membership recruitment is everyone's responsibility.

She noted that \$60 of our League dues go to State, National, and InterLeague Organizations, such as the National Capital Area.



Photo by Robert Pierce

For the latest Election Information, 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:

- Tues. October 9: Last day to register to vote
- Tues. October 30: Last day to apply for absentee ballot by mail.
- 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

Haseltine "Tennie" Shockey

September 22, 1922 - August 27, 2007

We extend our sympathies to the Shockey family on their recent loss. A former League Member, Mrs. Shockey was involved in many community organizations and indeed gave much to others who were less fortunate.

National State & Local League News

LWV US

An Immigration Consensus Kit is available online at www.lwv.org. The kit includes eight background papers, information about holding consensus meetings, questions, and more.

League President Kay Maxwell has completed a History of the League. Access it at www.lwv.org.

National Capital Area (NCA)

Newly-elected officers are:

Melpi Jeffries, President

Eileen Williams, Secretary

Barbara Sherrill and Naomi Glass, Directors

Aleen Starweather, Nominating Committee Chair.

The NCA is sponsoring a Tour of the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service on February 14, 2008 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Local Leagues

The **LWV Fairfax** President, Sherry Zachry, is taking a leave of absence from her position. Acting President is Mary Grace Lintz.

The **LWV of Maryland** and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, are cosponsoring "A Constitution Day Look at the Constitutions of the US and Iraq," on September 17, 6 - 8 pm, at the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore. For more information, contact Andrea Gruhl, 301-596-5460.

LWV Howard County, MD is sponsoring a panel on homeland security on September 11.

LWV Anne Arundel MD is organizing a new local League. They are holding a public meeting on immigration on October 18.

LWV DC is holding a panel on immigration on October 24.

NOVEMBER 6, 2007 BOND QUESTIONS

Fire Station Projects

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$10,000,000 to finance in whole or in part, the cost to design, construct and equip the renovation of existing fire stations?

Community Center Projects

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$13,510,000 to finance in whole or in part, the cost to design, construct and equip the renovation of five existing community centers?

Aldie Fire & Rescue Station

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$8,300,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the cost to design, construct and equip the new Aldie Fire & Rescue Station?

Eastern Loudoun Sheriff Substation

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$5,360,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the cost to design, construct and equip the new Eastern Loudoun Sheriff Substation?

Western Loudoun Sheriff Substation

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$8,330,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the cost to design, construct and equip the new Western Loudoun Sheriff Substation?

Gum Spring Library

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$7,130,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the cost to design, construct and equip the new Gum Spring Library?

Broadlands Recreation Center

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$31,425,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the cost to design, construct and equip the new Broadlands Recreation Center?

School Bonds

QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of \$15,475,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the cost to purchase land for two Elementary Schools and one High School?

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*What is conservatism? Is it not the
adherence to the old and tried against the
new and untried?
Abraham Lincoln*

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All of us who are concerned for peace and triumph of reason and justice must be keenly award how small an influence reason and honest good will exert upon events in the political field.

Albert Einstein

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

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

John Quinton

CALENDAR

2007

September

- 15 Sat. 9:30 - 3:30 LWV VA Fall Workshops (Prince William County)
18 Tues. 7 - 9 pm LWV LC Board of Directors, Golden China (open to members)
19 Wed. 7 - 9 pm 27th Senate Candidate Forum, Carver Senior Center, Purcellville
25 Tues. 7:30 - 9 pm Sheriff Candidate Forum, Ida Lee, Leesburg
28 Sat. 7:30 pm Capital Steps Comedy Event (LWV NCA), Reagan Bldg, Washington DC

October

- 3 Wed. 7 - 9 pm Board of Supervisors Candidate Forum (Dulles, Broad Run), Stone Bridge High School, Ashburn
5 Fri. 10 am - 2 pm President's Brunch, NCA Board Meeting
9 Last Day to Register to Vote
10 Wed. 7 - 9 pm Board of Supervisors Forum (Leesburg, Catoctin, Blue Ridge), Loudoun County High School
17 Wed. 7 - 9 pm Board of Supervisors Forum (Potomac, Sugarland Run, Sterling), Potomac Falls High School
24 Wed. 10 am - noon LWV DC Panel on Immigration at Sumner School

November

- 6 Tues. VA General Election
TBD LWV LC Felon Civil Rights (open)

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 VA Lobby Day in Richmond
1 Fri. Immigration Consensus due LWV US
12 Tues. Presidential Primary, DC, MD, VA
14 Thurs. NCA Tour - Library of Congress
TBD Begin High School Voter Registration

March

- TBD LWV LC Tea
TBD

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

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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