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## SAVE THE DATE!!

Two very important dates are coming up, so pull out your calendar!

### LWVLC Women's History Month/Speaker Series

**Sunday April 5, 2009, 1pm – 4pm**

**National Conference Center**

18980 Upper Belmont Place, Leesburg VA

*Featuring Dr. James Pfiffner*, Professor of Public Policy, George Mason University, Noted Scholar on the Presidency and American Government

*Speaking on "The Office of the President and The Strategic President"*

Tickets are \$45 and include a buffet lunch

*For directions and further information, visit the LWVLC website at [www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/](http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/), or contact Rosemarie Pelletier, [rapelletier@patriot.net](mailto:rapelletier@patriot.net), 703-779-9304 or Glenda Parsons, [gpars03@aol.com](mailto:gpars03@aol.com).*

### LWVNCA Convention 2009

**Saturday May 9, 2009, 9:30am – 1pm**

**Location TBD, Keynote Speaker TBA**

**Breakfast will be available**

PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TWO DIRECTORS AND THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE ELECTED. The Budget for FY 2009 – 2010 will be adopted.

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## League Web Sites

[www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

NCA - [www.lwvnca.org](http://www.lwvnca.org)

LWV VA - [www.lwv-va.org](http://www.lwv-va.org)

LWVLC - [www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org](http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org)

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## President's Column

Are you reading a print copy or electronic version of this month's *Voter*? However you received and read the *Voter*, I hope you find it informative. If you are reading this from a mailed copy and wish to receive it electronically, please contact me or *Voter* Editor Jennifer Severance.

LWVUS just announced that it is suspending publication of *The National Voter*. President Mary Wilson promises "The Board, the LWVUS staff and I are all committed to making lemonade out of this lemon by finding new ways to deliver information to you, our members and supporters. We will keep you informed as we move forward." Let's hope the national office doesn't put the burden of communicating LWVUS' activities and announcements on the State and Local Leagues.

The LWVUS Board voted to hold a virtual Council June 13, 1:00 – 5:00 pm (EDT), which will allow State and Local Leagues across the US to participate. There will be a connection charge, but it is much less than travel and hotel.

Electronic communication is cost-effective, but not everyone has Internet or wants even more e-mail flooding her or his in-box. Sometimes we just want to talk to someone face-to-face or read from a piece of paper. On April 5, you have the opportunity to meet and talk with a well-known and respected author, James Pfiffner, who has written 10 books on the presidency and American government. He will be the guest speaker at the Women's History Month Tea, which will be held at the National Conference Center. Tell your friends about this exciting event.

### Marla McIntyre

President

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### **HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION – HELP NEEDED!!**

Soon we will be starting our visits to the Loudoun County High Schools to register seniors to vote. Volunteers are needed to visit the schools and help the students fill out the forms. We go to their Government classes for 15-20 minutes, give a brief presentation on who we are and the importance of voting, then instruct them on how to fill out the forms. We also tell them about absentee voting. Please contact Jennifer Severance, [Jennifer\\_severance@yahoo.com](mailto:Jennifer_severance@yahoo.com) or 703-771-8467, for more information. It's a great experience!!

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### **LOCAL – LWVLC**

#### **"HEADS UP" FOR NPV CONSENSUS**

The League has long sought to replace the Electoral College with a direct vote for President and Vice-President. Since a number of attempts to amend the **Constitution** in this way have been made and failed, a group of political science/election law experts devised a way to accomplish the purpose without a Constitutional Amendment. It has been named the National Popular Vote State Compact, or NPV.

Delegates to last year's LWVUS Convention voted to do a study on NPV. LWVLC will meet in April for our consensus on the subject...details of the meeting will be distributed in next month's *Voter*, along with the summary papers from the Study. In the meantime, if you want to get a

head start, the study papers are posted at: [www.lwv.org/npv](http://www.lwv.org/npv). If you have any questions, please contact 2nd VP Shelley Tamres, shelleytam@aol.com or 703-450-0218.

(For more information: **LWVUS National Popular Vote Compact Study Web Page**

Delegates at the LWVUS Convention 2008 voted to study the advisability of using the National Popular Vote (NPV) Compact among the states as a method for electing the U.S. President. [The text of the Compact](#), which describes the way the NPV will operate, is now available on the LWVUS Web site. In addition, the LWVUS NPV Study Committee is researching and writing materials, which will be posted online later this fall. The deadline for the NPV consensus is May 1, 2009. )

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Loudoun County Community Services Board (CSB) is anticipating at least one vacancy for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2009.

Community Services Board will be recruiting and interviewing prospective members between now and April 30, 2009, and will recommend qualified applicants to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will make the final determination of who is appointed. The Loudoun County CSB is appointed by and accountable to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to set policy for, and to administer the provision of, community-based services for people experiencing mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders. That responsibility includes oversight of the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. CSB members are drawn from the greater Loudoun community, and may represent a variety of backgrounds and interests, personal, professional or civic, that may give them insight into the issues that concern the CSB.

Interested applicants should visit the CSB page of the County's website, [www.loudoun.gov/csb](http://www.loudoun.gov/csb) and click on the link under "Members" for an application and a summary of CSB roles and responsibilities.

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## NATIONAL – LWVUS

### ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS!***

The League of Women Voters celebrated it's 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 14<sup>th</sup>! From the President of the League of Women Voters, United States:

There is no other national organization in America that inspires such a great degree of commitment from its members. Here's a quick peek at five accomplishments we are celebrating and why the League's trusted legacy and grassroots strength remains as vital to a healthy and transparent government, all these years later.

We celebrate this year with a strong commitment to build on the civic energy generated during the 2008 election season and continue our legacy of fostering meaningful citizen participation.

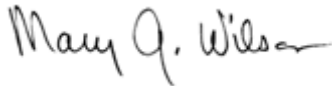
- We are so proud that in nearly 850 communities nationwide, the League remains THE trusted place for citizens to discuss the issues, ask the difficult questions, and demand accountability from their government.

- The League is a leader in transparency – from our work in the 1950s to uncover Senator Joseph McCarthy’s abuse of congressional investigative powers to our current work urging President Obama to make openness in government a priority, the League is working to make the federal government more accessible to American citizens.
- The League celebrates our work promoting equal voting rights, having been at the forefront of the struggle to pass the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1982, winning passage of the National Voter Registration Act in 1993, and more recently working to enact the Help America Vote Act of 2002, and ensure full voting rights for Americans living in our nation’s capital.
- Our connection with communities is helping us expand our work on issues that impact Americans and the world, such as climate change and health care.

The League of Women Voters truly has left its footprint on American history, and our democracy is stronger because of it. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our representative democracy for years to come.

Thank you again for your continued support of the League and for helping to make our 89th birthday so special.

Sincerely,



Mary G. Wilson  
President, LWVUS

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**EDUCATION FUND**

**Habla Español? Do You Speak Spanish? (NEW)**

The National League is looking for League members who speak Spanish to work on a project leading towards the 2010 Census. Contact [zarguedas@lwg.org](mailto:zarguedas@lwg.org) or [sespana@lwg.org](mailto:sespana@lwg.org) by March 5.

**Leagues Invited to Participate in Sunshine Week Event**

On Friday, March 20 from 1 - 2:30 PM (ET), the LWVEF will co-host the *4th Annual Sunshine Week National Dialogue*. The event, "Opening Doors: Finding the Keys to Open Government," will be held at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC, and available via webcast. It will feature panels of experts from inside and outside government, who will discuss federal openness policies and opportunities for people to use government information to make a difference in their communities. Leagues are encouraged to host "viewing parties" in their local communities. Audience members will have opportunities to ask questions of the panelists, and Leagues could consider combining the webcast with a follow-up panel to discuss local aspects of the issue. For more information, visit [www.openthegovernment.org](http://www.openthegovernment.org);

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**STATE – LWVVA**

- Plans for the LWV-VA Convention are under way for May 2-3 at the Reston Sheraton. LWVUS Liaison Marcia Merrins will be a speaker

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## 2009 Calendar

### March

6 Fri 10:30-12:30

### Women's History Month

NCA Board Meeting, LWVUS Office,  
1730 M St 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC

16 Mon. 7:00 - 9:00 pm

LWVLC Board of Directors,  
Location TBA

20 Fri

LWVNCA Capitol Steps Fundraiser

### April

3 Fri 10:30-12:30

NCA Board Meeting  
LWVUS Office, 1730 M St 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC

5 Sun 1:00 -4:00 pm

**Women's History Month Tea/Speaker Series**

13 Mon. 7:00 – 9:00 pm

LWVLC Board of Directors,  
Location TBD, Leesburg

20 Mon. 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Unit Meeting – Redistricting  
Leesburg Airport Conference Room

### May

1 Fri 10:30-12:30

NCA Board Meeting  
LWVUS Office, 1730 M St 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC

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LWVVA Board Meeting

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LWVUS NPV Study Consensus Deadline

2-3 Sat-Sun

LWVVA Convention  
Fairfax City VA

9 Sat 9:30-1:00

NCA Annual Meeting  
Washington DC

***Ask a Friend to Join the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County***  
**Please add my voice to over 120,000 members and supporters nationwide!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Individual or \_\_\_\_\_ \$90 Family (Make dues checks payable to: LWVLC)

- Please send the LWV Voter Newsletter by e-mail. (*Please provide your current e-mail address*)
- Please send notifications of League activities by e-mail. (*Please provide your current e-mail*)
- 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. Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please make donation checks payable to **LWVLC Education Fund**.  
*Contributions to the LWVLC Education Fund are tax deductible within the limits of the law.*

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