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The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County is sponsoring a debate between candidates **Tom Rust** and **Stevens Miller** for the **86th District House of Delegates** seat. The debate will be held at **Park View High School** in Sterling on **Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.** Reporters from *Leesburg Today*, *Herndon Connection*, and *Loudoun Times Mirror* will pose the questions to the candidates. The audience will have the opportunity to also submit their queries to Delegate Rust and Supervisor Miller.



↑ LWVLC Board Members for 2009-2010

↓ Annual Meeting Guest Speaker Jennifer Donelan, ABC-7 News

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President's Column

"In with the new" they say...co-President, Glenda Parsons and I would like to begin our first message with a thank you to Immediate Past President Marla McIntyre for her service and undying commitment to the League.

It's been a little while since you've heard from us but we've been busy planning the League's agenda and have a great deal planned for everyone to get involved in this year.

Welcome to all of our new members that have signed up and thank you for your continued efforts in recruiting new members. We've made some changes to our website and **Invite** everyone to go take a look and if you aren't already a member, please **Join**.

<http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/> We are on Facebook also and would love for you to **Become** a fan.

The Loudoun County League's mission is *being a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.* We thank you for your support in years past and encourage your participation to help us continue.

Carla A. Wiley

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2008-2009 Annual Report

By Marla McIntyre

Presidential Election Activities

Several members assisted the Loudoun County Registrar's Office from August through Election Day, sorting and separating Voter Registration cards, checking absentee ballots, crowd control, and serving as Poll workers. President McIntyre and Treasurer Hatsy Cutshall hosted a delegation from the Swedish magazine *Fokkus* (similar to *Time* and *Newsweek*). By coordinating with the Registrar's Office, the delegation was able to visit three polling places, talk with Electoral Board representatives, and see how voting machines worked. Later that day, McIntyre and Cutshall were interviewed on camera for a documentary on Women Voters in Virginia, called "Pink State Politics." Glenda Parsons and Marla McIntyre attended the premiere at the Avalon Theatre in Washington DC. The film aired on channel 32 on June 20, 2009. A film trailer is at <http://pinkstatepoliticsblog.blogspot.com/>.

Voter Registration

Several LWVLC volunteers conducted Voter Registration at Monroe House retirement home, Leesburg Corner Outlet Mall, and at eight of 10 Loudoun County's High Schools, where we registered more than 1,000 students to vote. We participated in the Carver Center's Emancipation Day in Purcellville, distributing LWV brochures and registering voters.

Unit Meetings & Program Planning

- Restoration of Felon's Civil Rights
- LWVVA Program Planning
- NCA Program Planning
- Local Program Planning
- National Popular Vote

Other Activities

- Board of Directors Training and Retreat to assign portfolios and set a League calendar. The 2009 Retreat is July 25.
- President McIntyre attended the LWNCA President's Brunch and NCA Board Meetings. NCA needs members who are interested in participating on study committees on a "Water Resources Update" and "Adequacy and Reliability of Electricity."
- Betsy Mayr spoke to a Girl Scout Troop on Elections.
- We were unable to hold "Meet Your Legislator" night for high school students to meet and talk with their state legislators this year (in 2008, 250 students and five of the seven state legislators attended).
- Requested a state level study of Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) and circulated a "Voter ready" article to local Leagues in Virginia.
- Conducted elections at Leisure World Retirement Community and RiverBend Condo.
- Betsy Mayr prepared the Loudoun County "Voters Guide," which was published in the Connection newspaper.
- Arlene Janney was made an Honorary Life Member for 50 years of membership in the League.

We did not hold our annual Women's History Month Tea, instead intending to kick off a new Speaker Series. Unfortunately the event was cancelled due to lack of attendees. Volunteers are needed if we are to continue our many outreach activities.

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## **NATIONAL – LWVUS**

### **2010 LWVUS Convention Preparation Discussion List**

This new discussion list is a combination of previous Program Planning and Convention discussion lists. It was designed because LWVUS recognizes that program planning and Convention discussions are two parts of the process of preparing for Convention. League members can use this list to discuss and/or promote national issues for Program Planning or to discuss the 2010 Convention in Atlanta, GA. Questions concerning Program Planning or Convention processes or interaction with other members about the business of the Convention are encouraged. This list is not designed for debating study topics during the Program Planning period or for debating recommended or non-recommended items before Convention. To subscribe to or unsubscribe from this discussion list, go to <https://member.lwv.org/member.asp>. You will need to login. Please also invite others to participate. Questions about this new discussion list can be sent to Board Member Norman Turrill at [lwvturrill@mac.com](mailto:lwvturrill@mac.com).

## **ADVOCACY**

### **League Urges Senate to Enact Quality Health Care Reform (NEW)**

The League has been working hard urging Congress to pass comprehensive health care reform legislation. The LWVUS Lobby Corps is lobbying members of the Senate and asking them to support the quality reform legislation. Visit the LWVUS website to read the letter to the Senate:

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=14080>

## **Fair Judiciary: The League Celebrates Constitution Day (NEW)**

This year marks the 222<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. In the League's [Constitution Day press release](#), League President Mary Wilson said, "As the League prepares to celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we remain dedicated to the hard work required to protect individual liberties, ensure an open and responsive government, and promote a fair and independent judiciary." Visit the LWVUS website to view sample League events celebrating Constitution Day.

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Events6&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=7&ContentID=11815>

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Dot Roberts 1924 – 2009

Dot Roberts, a longtime and devoted League member, died in April. She moved to Loudoun County in 1998. Her many other activities included book clubs, Red Hat Club, Loudoun Hospital volunteer, Loudoun Volunteer caregivers, Friends of Franklin Park, and Shenandoah University Lifelong Learning Program.

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## **2009 Calendar**

### **October**

- 13 Tue 7:00 Candidate Forum – District 86 House of Delegates  
Park View HS, 400 West Laurel Ave, Sterling
- 26 Mon. 7:00 - 9:00 pm LWVLC Board of Directors Meeting  
Leesburg Executive Airport Conf. Room

### **November**

- 16 Mon 7:00 – 9:00 pm LWVLC Board of Directors Meeting  
Leesburg Executive Airport Conf. Room

### **December**

- 14 Mon 7:00 – 9:00 LWVLC Board of Directors Meeting  
Leesburg Executive Airport Conf. Room

## **Save the Dates**

Women's History Month Tea March 14, 2010, noon – 2:00 pm  
Tea Sandwiches & desserts

Annual Meeting Sunday, May 23, 2010, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
Dessert Buffet

Both events are held at the National Conference Center,  
Leesburg, VA

## **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)

LWVLC Webmaster e-mail - [wm@loudoun.va.lwvnet.org](mailto:wm@loudoun.va.lwvnet.org)

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

**LINCOLN Tour**  
**Saturday, October 24, 2009**  
**12:45pm - 5:30pm**



**Meet at Ford's Theater by 12:45 pm**  
**Tour of newly-remodeled Theater and Petersen House**  
**Bus ride to President Lincoln's Summer Cottage**  
**3:00 pm Tour of Lincoln Summer Cottage**  
**Bus returns to Ford's Theater area at 5:00 pm**  
**(Easy access to Metro Center Station; Red, Orange & Blue**  
**Lines available one block from Ford's Theater)**  
**Make \$40 checks payable to: LWVNCA**  
**Mail checks and reservation form to: Barbara Sherrill,**  
**4826 North 17th Street, Arlington, VA 22207**  
**Deadline for check and reservation: Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

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RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Local League name: _____

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.

Mail dues and donations to: Hatsy Cutshall, Treasurer LWVLC
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