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Annual Women’s History Month Tea
Sunday, March 14, 2010, 12-2pm, \$35
National Conference Center
Meet Suffragist Mrs. Robert Walker!
See inside for details!

Volunteers Needed!
Help register High School Seniors to VOTE!
All Loudoun County High Schools, multiple
dates available.
See inside for details!

Mark your calendar!
Annual Meeting – Sunday, May 23,
2010, 2-4pm. National Conference
Center.

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President's Column

Happy Birthday League of Women Voters! 90 years young and still the League is fair, vibrant and strong. There now in 850 state and local Leagues across the country and this alone proves that the work can not be done alone. Right here in Loudoun, there is much to be done and it can not be done alone. We need you and others, men and women to help us carry the message and influence public policy for another 90 years.

Let me give you an example here in Loudoun. With each growing day there are issues of water, land and education that are topics in the newspapers, on the blogs, and in various speeches. The League of Women Voters Loudoun County has public policy positions on these and many other topics but some of these policies may have to be researched, revised, and revisited. We know that someone knows someone else that is passionate about either these or other topics in our county. Use that passion and let's go hands-on for civic improvement. Join the League and help us help everyone.

We, care about our community, our state and our nation and now is the time to put that care and concern to action. Membership information can be found on our website. (<http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/>).

We have so much planned for our country, our community and we appreciate the support that you all have given the League in the last 90 years. Let's work together.

"We didn't all come over on the same ship, but we're all in the same boat." - Bernard M. Baruch
Sincerely -

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## LOCAL – LWVLC

### Annual Women's History Month Tea

The Annual Women's History Month Tea will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010 from noon to 2pm at the National Conference Center. The Guest Speaker will be Suffragist Mrs. Robert Walker (as portrayed by historic re-enactor Lynne Harvey-Hodge). She will tell the shocking story of her arrest in front of the White House on July 14, 1917, her incarceration at the Occoquan Workhouse, and her participation in the Prison Parades of 1918-1919. Additionally, the League's "Outstanding Woman of the Year" Award will be presented to a resident of Loudoun County, in recognition of her efforts to improve the quality of life in Loudoun County. The award criteria includes demonstrated efforts above and beyond the call of duty in areas such as leadership, business and career development, arts and cultural affairs, education and training, and women's health or community service. The cost is \$35 per person, and will include a tea sandwich and dessert buffet. Students may attend for \$28. Contact Carla Wiley, co-president, at 703-963-1234, or [league@loudoun.va.lwvnet.org](mailto:league@loudoun.va.lwvnet.org). For directions, see the flyer on our website at <http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/files/teaflyer2010.pdf>.

## High School Voter Registration

The League will once again be helping high school seniors to register to vote. Volunteers are needed to spend a day at the high school guiding students in the completion of registration forms, and then to deliver the forms back to the Registrar's office at the end of the day. Volunteers who have previously registered seniors are strongly encouraged to participate again this year, and new volunteers are greatly needed! New volunteers will spend one day training with an experienced member to learn the process. Please contact Jennifer Severance, [Jennifer\\_severance@yahoo.com](mailto:Jennifer_severance@yahoo.com) or 703-771-8467 to volunteer and for more information. We register seniors at ALL of the high schools in Loudoun County, and each school takes two days to complete due to the schools' class schedule. Registrations will be conducted on several days throughout the months of March, April, and May. What day are you available to help?

**Giving Guide 2010.** At the back of the newsletter you will find the 2010 Giving Guide for the League of Women Voters Loudoun County. Please take a look, and please share the guide with friends and neighbors who may be interested in supporting the efforts of the League. The Guide is also available at our website: <http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/files/DonationGuide2010.pdf>

**Stay informed!** We have a lot of things going on this year! Please check our website, [www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/](http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/) frequently for dates and times of meetings and events, and for updates on our activities. Members are always welcome at Board Meetings, and are encouraged to participate in events, provide inputs and suggestions for program planning, activities and fund raising, and to recruit new members to the League!

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### NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA – LWV-NCA

NCA Offers Two Study Opportunities

Since 1963, the Leagues of the Washington metropolitan area have worked together on regional issues as members of the LWV of the National Capital Area. Over the next two years, the LWV-NCA will be doing two studies:

1. Water Resources update: "The Reality of the Drinking Water Supply in the Metro Area in the 21st Century."

In February 1999, NCA issued a comprehensive report titled "Drinking Water Supply in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area: Prospects and Options for the 21st Century." Many changes have occurred in the region since then. Thus, the task of the current study is to evaluate the situation today and update or expand the report as necessary. Norma Merritt, a member at large of the LWV of Maryland from Prince George's County, is chair. She has a long-time interest in water issues. (contact info: [proper\\_bostonian.1@juno.com](mailto:proper_bostonian.1@juno.com) [underline between "proper" and "bostonian"] or 301- 292-3233)

2. New study: Adequacy and Reliability of Electricity in the National Capital Area

With today's focus on energy issues, this timely study will help us become knowledgeable about the relevant issues pertaining to electricity as they impact residents of the Washington area. Melpi Jeffries, immediate past president of NCA from Montgomery County, is the chair. (contact info: [melpijeffries@msn.com](mailto:melpijeffries@msn.com) or 301-530-5452)

Additional volunteers are needed to work on both studies. Please contact the appropriate chairperson if you are interested; the committees will be organizing soon. They will follow the usual League practice of studying the first year and reaching consensus in the second year.

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NATIONAL – LWVUS

The Susan Bee Newsletter : *The Susan Bee* is now available on the LWV-US website, http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Recent_News_and_Updates&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=14478 . The newsletter contains short updates on LWV-US work and provides the location on the website for more detailed and timely information.

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## 2010 Calendar

For complete calendar information, check the website at:  
<http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/calendar.html>

### **March:**

**Sunday, March 14, 2010, 12-2pm, National Conference Center, Lansdowne, VA:** Women's History Month Tea.

Various dates, March – May – High School Senior Voter Registration.

**Monday, March 15, 2010, 7-9pm, Conference Room, Leesburg Executive Airport -** LWVLC Board Meeting. All members welcome.

### **April:**

**Monday, April 19, 2010, 7-9pm, Conference Room, Leesburg Executive Airport -** LWVLC Board Meeting. All members welcome.

### **May:**

**Monday, May 17, 2010 7-9pm, Conference Room, Leesburg Executive Airport -** LWVLC Board Meeting. All members welcome.

**\*\* Sunday, May 23, 2010 2-4pm, National Conference Center – ANNUAL MEETING\*\***

***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:

LWVLC, Attn: Hatsy Cutshall, Treasurer

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