



# Voter

League of Women Voters of Loudoun County

April 2010

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*National Conference Center, Leesburg, VA*

## *LWV Loudoun County Annual Meeting*

*Sunday, May 23, 2010*

*2:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

*Tea Buffet will be served*

*Registration Form is on page 4*

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*The National Conference Center is on the North side of U.S. Route 7 at the intersection of Belmont Ridge Road and Upper Belmont Place, four miles East of Leesburg.*

## President's Column

As the League of Women Voters celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, the LWV of Loudoun County is turning the corner in bringing the issues of Loudoun to the forefront. As we all know, things can get done with a united front, persistence, drive, and motivation. These things are what the League was founded on and they will be what the LWVLC will need to continue meeting all of our goals and objectives. However we can't do it alone.

Madeline Kunin, author of *Pearls, Politics and Power*, said, "Politics is where the decisions are made that determine whether our children will go to war, whether our parents will live in security, and whether Earth itself will continue as we know it. It is crucial," she said, "for women to get more involved for a number of reasons. Among them is that women have different life experiences from men and consequently women promote and have credibility in different areas of life."

LWVLLC is not asking you to run for office; we are asking for you to participate in discussions, reaching consensus, and helping educate others.

We are in the midst of High School Voter Registration, where we register the local high school seniors to vote. The satisfaction is unyielding watching these young adults so proudly register as they realize that they not only have an opinion, but they can actually vote and their opinion counts. And yet, we can't do it alone.

May 23 is our Annual meeting and the LWVLC has some important Loudoun-focused issues to discuss. If everyone would get one person to join – we are twice as strong and we can do twice the amount of work. As we grow, our objectives grow.

We are so very proud of LWV of Loudoun County and those that have led before us. Join us in continuing to advocate and educate.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.* Margaret Mead

*Carla & Glenda*  
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## The Suffragist Mrs. Robert Walker Visits Women's History Month Tea

The 30 attendees of the March 14 Women's History Month Tea were treated to presentations by two amazing women.

Lynne Garvey-Hodge portrayed the Suffragist Mrs. Robert Walker in a moving, historically accurate, and



sometimes humorous tale about her activities in the movement to obtain voting rights for women. By the end of her portrayal, League members were shouting in unison, "How long must women wait for liberty?"

Wanda Alexander, Horizons Consulting, was named LWV of Loudoun County's Woman of the Year. Ms. Alexander was cited for her mentoring of women in Loudoun County and the surrounding Metropolitan area; as a strong advocate of women-owned businesses and entrepreneurship; and for her continued philanthropic support of women's organizations and woman-owned businesses.



*Knowing that we can make a difference in this world is a great motivator. How can we know this and not be involved?* Susan Jeffers



*We can do more than dream, we can imagine.* Aristotle



*More than half of women over age 40 don't dye their hair, according to L'Oreal. This means the color gray is sending a message of self-acceptance and confidence like never before.*

## High School Voter Registration

High School Voter Registration is ongoing through May. Each year, LWV of Loudoun County members visit all 10 high schools in Loudoun County to register eligible seniors to vote. In previous years, as many as 2,000 students were registered. This project is a vital, fun, and rewarding way to educate and encourage students to do their civic duty and help to improve the percentage of county residents who vote! Volunteers are still needed May 17-18 at Broad Run and May 20 at Park View. If you've never done voter registration before, don't worry. An experienced volunteer is paired with novices. All materials are provided, along with talking points. Please contact Jennifer Severance at 703-771-8467; [jennifer\\_severance@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer_severance@yahoo.com) to sign up.

## *Thanks to Our*

### *Voter Registration Volunteers*

Betsy Mayr	Peggy Maio
Priscilla Godfrey	Linda Griffin
Denise Moore	Ellen Heald
Kathy Shupe	Shelley Tamres
Colette Fladgler	Arlene Donnell
Carla Wiley	Jean Sagan
Gil Heiman	Dawn McKenzie
Nancy Barbour	Marty Martine

An extra special thanks to **Jean Brown**, who has coordinated this effort for years, and who has probably registered more high school seniors to vote than anyone in the history of the LWV of Loudoun County.

## CALENDAR

### May

Saturday, May 1, 9 am - 3 pm

LWV-VA State Council, Lynchburg, VA  
For information, e-mail [president@lww-va.org](mailto:president@lww-va.org)

Saturday, May 8, 9:30 - 1:30

LWV NCA Annual Meeting, Clydes Gallery Pl, Washington DC  
Speaker Mortimer Downey, WMATA. \$40. To register, contact Andrea Gruhl; 301-596-5460; [andregruhl@aol.com](mailto:andregruhl@aol.com).

Monday, May 17, 2010, 7-9 pm

LWVLC Board Meeting., Leesburg Airport Conference Room

Sunday, May 23, 2010, 2-4 pm

LWVLC Annual Meeting, The National Conference Center

### June

June 11-15

LWVUS Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA  
Information at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

Monday, June 21, 2010, 7-9 pm

LWVLC Board Meeting, Leesburg Airport Conference Room

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### League Web Sites

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

[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)

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



League of Women Voters of Loudoun County

## CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, May 23, 2010, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
National Conference Center, Leesburg VA**

**Speaker  
To Be Announced**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and check payable to LWVLC to: Hatsy Cutshall  
PO Box 822  
Leesburg VA 20178



**RSVP Deadline: May 17, 2010**



*Registration fee is \$35 and includes a light buffet lunch  
There is no charge if attending the business portion of the meeting only*

**If you have not done so already, send in your dues with your Annual Meeting  
Registration. Your dues must be current to vote at the meeting.**

**RENEW my dues today!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Check One:

\$60.00

Individual

\$90.00

Household

Please make dues check  
payable to LWVLC.



## LWVLC ANNUAL MEETING 2010

May 23, 2010, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
National Conference Center  
Leesburg VA

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| 1:45 - 2:15 | Registration   |
| 2:15        | Co-Presidents' Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☞ Buffet</li><li>☞ Keynote Speaker</li></ul>  |
| 3:15        | Annual Meeting Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☞ Adoption of Rules of Procedure</li><li>☞ Adoption of Agenda</li><li>☞ Treasurer's Report</li><li>☞ Presentation &amp; Adoption of Proposed Budget</li><li>☞ Adoption of Program</li><li>☞ Report of Nominating Committee</li><li>☞ Election of Officers &amp; Directors</li><li>☞ Membership Direction to the Board</li></ul> |
| 4:00        | Adjourn  |

# League of Women Voters of Loudoun County Financial Report and Proposed Budget

	Jul 1, '09 - April 4, '10 Actual	09-10 Annual Budget	Proposed FY 2010 - 2011
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Annual Meeting Income	560.00	450.00	600.00
<b>Contributions</b>			
Annual Meeting	0.00	500.00	-
Fundraising	1,825.00	300.00	2,300.00
Member	70.00	750.00	600.00
Non-Member	165.00	800.00	480.00
Contributions - Other	0.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>2,060.00</b>	<b>2,350.00</b>	<b>3,380.00</b>
Dues	1,200.00	2,750.00	2,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,820.00</b>	<b>5,550.00</b>	<b>6,480.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Board &amp; Administrative Costs</b>			
Board Meetings	90.00	0.00	100.00
Finance Committee	0.00	0.00	-
Membership Committee	0.00	0.00	-
President	0.00	100.00	25.00
Public Relations	0.00	25.00	25.00
Secretary	0.00	50.00	50.00
Treasurer	0.00	50.00	50.00
Website Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Total Board &amp; Administrative Costs</b>	<b>290.00</b>	<b>425.00</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>Conventions &amp; Meetings</b>			
Local Annual Meeting	0.00	450.00	450.00
National Convention	0.00	0.00	-
NCA Annual Meeting	0.00	50.00	50.00
State Council/Convention	0.00	300.00	300.00
Unit Meetings	0.00	75.00	75.00
Workshops/Training	55.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Total Conventions &amp; Meetings</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>925.00</b>	<b>925.00</b>
<b>Educational Program Activities</b>			
Local	0.00	150.00	150.00
National	0.00	0.00	-
State	0.00	25.00	25.00
Voter Service	759.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Educational Program Activities</b>	<b>759.00</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>275.00</b>
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>	<b>1,415.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Operating Costs</b>			
Bank Charges	8.00	0.00	-
D&O Insurance	0.00	0.00	-
Office Supplies	0.00	50.00	50.00
Phone	60.99	0.00	100.00
P.O. Box	72.00	75.00	75.00
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>140.99</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>PMP Expense</b>			
National	2,330.20	2,000.00	2,200.00
NCA	81.00	75.00	80.00
State	1,215.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
<b>Total PMP Expense</b>	<b>3,626.20</b>	<b>3,175.00</b>	<b>3,480.00</b>
Voter - Printing & Postage	0.00	125.00	125.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,286.19</b>	<b>5,550.00</b>	<b>6,480.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>2,466.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income - Operating</b>	<b>-2,466.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Operating Cash Balance as of 4/4/2010**                      **2,627.61**

# LWVLC Education Fund Budget

	Jul 1, '09 - April 4, '10 Actual	09-10 Annual Budget	Proposed FY 2010 - 2011
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>2,655.20</b>	<b>2,770.20</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>
<b>Member Contributions</b>	502.00	800.00	800.00
<b>Non-Member Contributions</b>	30.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	532.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>3,187.20</b>	<b>3,770.20</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>

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## Proposed Rules of Procedure

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to allow the members, acting together, to consider and decide proposals for bylaws changes, annual budget, a local program (in even-numbered years), to elect officers and directors, and to hear recommendations and reports from committees.

### 1. Guidance

The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (Parliamentary Procedure) will guide the proceedings.

### 2. Discussion

Only members in good standing in the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County will be permitted to speak and vote.

- a. Speakers shall identify themselves by name.
- b. Each speaker will be allowed two minutes, unless otherwise announced.
- c. The Chair will not recognize a person the second time until all have had an opportunity to speak.
- d. Debate must be germane to the subject.

### 3. Voting

In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, cumulative voting is not permitted. Each voting member may vote only once for a candidate.

### 4. Motions and Amendments

- a. Lengthy motions and amendments shall be written and submitted to the Secretary.
- b. An amendment may be amended only once.

### 5. Procedure for Program Adoption

- a. Non-recommended program items may be brought to the floor for a consideration by a majority vote of those present. To be approved for a program item, it must have a 2/3 vote of members present.
- b. After presentation of recommended program items, only questions of clarifications will be permitted.
- c. Adoption of Program: Motion(s) to adopt program items and recommended items (in the order in which they were voted consideration) will be taken up one at a time for formal motion, further debate, possible amendment and vote.
- d. A majority vote of voting members present and voting shall be required for adoption of proposed program.
- e. No other issues may be presented since only program issues submitted by the deadline (January Program Planning Meeting) may be considered.

### 6. Scope of Program Items

In adopting a single-list program, members do not adopt the scope or level of activity of an item. This is determined by the Board based on the desires of the membership.

### 7. Procedure for Nominations from the Floor

After the nominating committee has presented its report, the Chair will call for further nominations from the floor for those offices open for election this year. Voting members should stand and state the name of the members they wish to nominate. The person being nominated must be a member in good standing in the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County and must agree to be nominated. Voting will take place once there are no further nominations and nominations have been closed.

# League of Women Voters of Loudoun County Public Policy Positions

## Domestic Violence

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- Adequate shelters for abused women and their children
- Emphasis on state of the art programs and well trained personnel in Loudoun County for counseling and rehabilitation of abusers as well as the abused.
- Continuing inclusion of education about spouse abuse and its causes, treatment, and prevention in the curriculum in the Loudoun County school system.
- Enforcement of existing state laws to protect the victims of abuse.

## Education

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports full funding of public schools to ensure state of the art teacher training and pay, safe and pleasant physical facilities, the development of well-rounded and challenging curricular and extra-curricular programs, and the development of special programs for at-risk children and schools and the full funding of such programs.

More specifically, the LWVLC:

- Supports continuous curriculum units on Family Life Education for grades K-12.
- Supports the availability of outstanding guidance services in public schools.
- Supports responsible funding for school libraries to maintain a high standard of quality.
- Supports competitive salaries for teachers that are no lower than the national average.
- Supports local control of education by locally chosen school boards.
- Supports laws which protect a child's health and safety.
- Opposes the Parental Rights Amendment or the inclusion of the Parental Rights Amendment language in any legislation.
- Supports Loudoun County Public Schools policies which prohibit student possession of any weapon.
- Believes that an effective public education assessment program should determine each student's progress, knowledge, and critical thinking skills in addition to determining the effectiveness of the educators and the curriculum. LWVLC supports a public education assessment program that:
  - is non-threatening;
  - considers both a student's long-term and short-term performance;
  - measures strengths and weaknesses of students, teachers, and the system;
  - considers class participation and in-class performance;
  - utilizes a "portfolio" of various examples of a student's work;
  - utilizes multiple assessments of a student's achievement;
  - utilizes a variety of assessment tools and techniques (such as objective and subjective tests, lab work, class projects, essays).
- Believes that an assessment program should ensure that each child reaches his or her full potential.

## Land Use

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports and encourages the following positions:

- Development guidelines that aspire to the highest community standards; are sensitive to the integrity of social, economic, and natural systems; and are in harmony with the county's character and goals.
- Consideration of all purposes of zoning, as defined in the Virginia State Code, in local use decisions.



- Evaluation of long-term consequences of land use decisions, specifically on the environment (i.e., soil erosion, water quality and supply) highway congestion, the burden on the school system, fiscal impact, preservation of prime agricultural land, and scenic and historic resources.
- The legal doctrine of “presumption of legislative validity” as it is applied to land use decisions by local governments as stated in local zoning ordinances, based on the premise that local governing bodies are the appropriate decision makers, being closest to local conditions, and that it is the role of the courts to ensure fairness of the proceedings.
- Implementation of open space and environmental protection policies.
- Public acquisition of open space easements, especially in critical environmental areas, areas of scenic, natural and historic significance, and agricultural lands.
- Implementation of a transportation plan that results in a pattern of development consistent with land use and fiscal policies, and with consideration for the health, safety, and convenience of local citizens. The state plans and funds transportation projects based upon suggestions by the local government and approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the General Assembly
- Adherence to the planning process, as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, the goals, and purposes, as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, and the following elements of the Comprehensive Plan as implemented by the zoning ordinances. In particular:
  - Preservation of the agricultural industry and the best agricultural soils to “preserve the cultural, social, economic, environmental, and aesthetic amenities provided by agricultural land use”;
  - Active County programs and policies to preserve open space and farmland;
  - Density transfers from agricultural and open space areas to designated growth areas within a planning district, and the concept of Purchase of Development Rights;
  - The budgeting and expenditure of county funds for agricultural land preservation programs including the strengthening of Agricultural and Forest Districts.
- Provision of a range of housing opportunities for low and moderate income families.

### **Local Government**

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- Alternative methods of financing local government to lessen the reliance on real estate taxes for revenue.

### **Solid Waste Disposal**

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports the following positions:

- The program for the collection of hazardous waste by the county.
- The covering or containing of solid waste transferred through the county.
- Containment of any solid waste buried in the county to prevent contamination of the environment.
- Volume reduction of solid waste through recycling, reuse, alternative packaging, and sustainable consumption practices.
- Monitoring by an appropriate governmental group of burn temperature, air emissions, environmental impact of residue disposal in landfills, including air, water (surface and ground), and soil testing, when incineration is used as a method of solid waste disposal.

### **Water and Sewer**

The League of Women Voters of Loudoun County supports and encourages the following positions:

- Protection of all watersheds serving Loudoun County in order to maintain purity of the drinking water supply and the health of in-stream aquatic systems.
- Payment of the costs of new community water and sewage systems by the users of each separate system.
- Regular pumping of septic tanks and checking of distribution boxes.

Revised June 2009



# **Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County, Virginia**

Adopted April 1991

Amended June 2005, June 2007, June 2009

## **Article I Name**

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County (LWVLC). This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWVVA) and the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA).

## **Article II Purposes and Policy**

Sec. 1. Purposes: The purposes of the LWVLC are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. Political Policy: The LWVLC shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

## **Article III Membership**

Sec. 1. Eligibility: Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership: The membership of the LWVLC shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a) Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local, state Leagues and of the LWVUS;
  - (1) Individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
  - (2) Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;
  - (3) Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.
- b) Household members shall be two voting members residing at the same address.
- c) Associate members shall be all other members.

## **Article IV Officers**

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers

- a) The Officers of the LWVLC shall be the President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for two-year terms by the membership at the Annual Meeting. The President, the First Vice-President, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years.
- b) Executive Committee: The elected officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. The President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors unless the President designates another person to preside. The President may, in absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. The Vice-Presidents: The two Vice-Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall in the event of the absence, resignation, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all duties of that office until

such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board designate.

Sec. 4. The Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all general meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The secretary shall provide minutes for all meetings in a timely manner. The Secretary shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board of their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer should bill members at least 30 days before dues are due. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed annually by non board members (2).

## **Article V Board of Directors**

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office: The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six elected directors, and not more than six appointed directors. Three of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not to exceed six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office for the appointed directors shall be one year.

Sec. 2. Qualifications: All elected or appointed Officers or Directors of the organization shall be voting members of the LWVLC and shall meet the requirements of the LWVLC nonpartisanship policy.

Sec. 3. Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Three consecutive absences from Board Meetings by a Board member without a valid reason, shall be deemed a resignation.

### **Sec. 4. Powers and Duties**

- a) The Board shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the Instructions of the general membership.
- b) The Board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program adopted by the National Convention, and State Convention, the National Capital Area Convention, and the Annual Meeting.
- c) The Board shall appoint the committees deemed necessary to carry out the work of the League.
- d) No member shall contract or expend in excess of \$50.00 without specific authorization from the Board.
- e) All Directors shall carry program or organization responsibilities as determined by the Board.
- f) A majority of current board members shall constitute a quorum in order to do business.

## **Article VI Financial Administration**

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the LWVLC shall commence on the first day of July each year.

Sec. 2. Dues: Annual dues are payable within the month the member joined the League. The amount of dues shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting.

Written notice of a proposed change shall be made to the membership thirty days prior to an Annual Meeting. Such change shall become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Household member dues shall be computed as one and one half members.

Sec. 3. Budget: A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of all levels of the League.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee: A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board at least four months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee, but shall not be eligible to serve as the chairman.

Sec. 5. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution: In the event of dissolution for any cause of the LWVLC, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVLC, shall be paid to the LWVVA. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned by or under control of the LWVLC shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the organization or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational uses and purposed as may be designated by the Board of LWVLC.

## **Article VII Meetings**

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings: General membership meetings may be held at any time at the direction of the Board. Time and place of all general meetings shall be decided by the Board. Matters coming before the membership may be decided by the majority present.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting: An Annual Meeting shall be held prior to July 1, the exact date to be decided by the Board. The Annual Meeting shall adopt a local program for the next year; elect officers, directors, and members of the Nominating Committee; adopt an adequate budget; transact such other business as may properly come before it. In order to vote at the Annual Meeting, new members must have joined the League at least two weeks prior to the announced meeting date to permit the League to prepare for the business of the meeting.

Sec. 3. Quorum: Ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting of the LWVLC.

## **Article VIII Nominations and Elections**

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, none of whom shall be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board. Nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this committee by any member of the LWVLC.

Sec. 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor: The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and nominating committee members shall be sent to the members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Sec. 3. Elections: The elections shall be by ballot except when there is but one nominee for each office it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

## **Article IX Program**

Sec. 1. Authorization: The governmental principles adopted by the LWVUS and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

Sec. 2. Program: The Program of the LWVLC shall consist of action to implement the Principles of the LWVUS and those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action at the local, state, regional and national levels of the League.

Sec. 3. Program Selection: The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) The Board shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.
- b) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board.
- d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.
- e) Changes in Program may be made provided that (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general membership meeting at which the changes are discussed, and (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. Member Action: Members may take action in the name of the League only when authorized to do so by the President of the appropriate League.

Sec. 5. Local League Action: The LWVLC may act only in conformity with and not contrary to the positions taken by the LWVUS and the LWVVA.

## **Article X Conventions and Councils**

Sec. 1. National Convention: The Board shall select delegates to the convention of the LWVUS in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWVUS.

Sec. 2. State Convention and Council: The Board shall select delegates to the convention and council of the LWVVA in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWVVA.

Sec. 3. National Capital Area Convention: The Board shall select delegates to the LWVNCA convention in the number allotted under the Bylaws of the LWVNCA.

## **Article XI Parliamentary Authority**

Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained in the Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

## **Article XII Amendments**

Sec. 1. Amendments: These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing least thirty days prior to the meeting.

*References: Bylaws of the LWVUS, Bylaws of the LWVVA, Bylaws of the LWVFFA, Bylaws of the LWV Lynchburg.*

## 2010 Loudoun League of Women Voters Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee provides the following slate of Board members for election at the 2010 Annual Meeting:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Ending</b>	<b>Current Officers (2009-2011)</b>
2nd Vice President	Open	June 2012	Co-Presidents
Treasurer	Hatsy Cutshall	June 2012	Carla Wiley and Glenda Parsons
Director	Kathleen Hughes	June 2011	1st Vice President
Director	Dawn McKenzie	June 2011	Jennifer Severance
Director	Angela Mitchell	June 2011	Secretary Marla McIntyre
<b>Nominating Committee:</b>			
Chair	Gem Bingol	June 2011	<b>Current Directors (2009-2011)</b>
Member	Diane Thomas	June 2011	Kathy Shupe
Member	Denise Moore Pierce	June 2011	Denise Donnelly

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gem Bingol, Nominating Committee Chair*

### Candidate Bios

#### Treasurer

**Harriet S. "Hatsy" Cutshall**, CPA has a BS in biology from The College of William and Mary, completed a certificate in accounting from the University of Virginia, and earned her CPA. She has owned and operated a number of her own small businesses on alternative energy management. She is CFO of the American Society of Appraisers. She has worked as a public accountant and as Finance Director of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), which offers training and technical assistance to help small communities meet their water and wastewater infrastructure needs. She grew up in Loudoun County and is the daughter of a long-standing League member.

#### Directors

**Kathleen Pope Hughes** is the past president and current manager of development programs for the Waterford Foundation, Inc. She was elected to lead a capital campaign to rebuild a historic building destroyed by fire in 2007 in the Waterford National Historic District where she has lived since 1989. Ms. Hughes has served as chair of the Rust Library Advisory Board and as secretary of the Loudoun County Commission on Women. After a long career in publishing and marketing, she founded Capital Books, an independent book publisher in Sterling, VVA, from which she retired in 2009.

**Dawn McKenzie** is an information security engineer with a passion for broadcasting. She served for 11 years as a US Army officer before entering the private sector, working with IT infrastructure. She has a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Troy University and Master's Certificates in IS/IT Project Management and Applied Project Management from Villanova University. Dawn is active in Toastmasters and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and has done acting and voiceover work. She lives in Aldie with her husband, Mac. Her daughter, Nicole, lives in Atlanta GA.

**Angela Mitchell** has more than 20 years of combined professional expertise in healthcare, public health, and government. Currently she is the President and CEO of ARM Consulting (ARM), which is a management consulting company providing business services and technical solutions in the areas of healthcare, security, and information technology to government and commercial companies. Angela held political-appointed positions in Washington, DC in fields of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and served as Public Health Advisor at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Angela holds a Masters of Health Administration from Ohio State University and a BS in Human Development from Howard University. She has lived in Loudoun County since 1996 with her husband Reginald and their son Airam.

### **Nominating Committee**

**Gem Bingol** Gem Bingo, Chairwoman, a Piedmont Environmental Council field officer since 1998, now manages the Clarke County and Loudoun County offices of the PEC. Her focus is on land use issues and grassroots outreach to help citizens make a positive impact on the future of their communities. She began her citizen activist life while working on her Masters degree and helped form two Loudoun citizen groups working toward more sustainable land use policies. She has strong interest in water resource issues, and has served or is serving with various volunteer water quality efforts and appointed advisory committees and commissions since 1996. She holds an MA in Environmental Education and Ecopsychology from Lesley University and a BA in psychology from Arcadia University.

**Diane Thomas** runs a successful consulting business whose clients include the DC Government and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Diane is an experienced business system analyst with 15+ years experience in the analysis, design, testing, support, maintenance and implementation of information systems (to include PeopleSoft HCM). She holds a degree in Computer Science and Sociology from Marymount. She lives in South Riding.

**Denise Moore Pierce**, from her first civic experience collecting signatures from registered voters for a ballot initiative in 1965, to student teaching government to high school seniors, to working at League headquarters on passing the Equal Rights Amendment, has always been interested in public policy and how citizens can be made aware of the workings of their government. She has used her skills as a graphic artist designing brochures and posters to help nonprofits such as the Fresh Air Campaign to make citizens aware of their child care program for low-income, working parents. She has been an officer in the Loudoun County Democratic Committee and a committee member for more than 10 years. She is a lifelong resident of the Washington, DC, area and has spent most of her life in Northern Virginia, the last 26 years in Eastern Loudoun. She currently resides in Lowes Island on the eastern-most edge of the county. Pursuing her photography hobby she has ridden on almost every road in Loudoun County trying to capture what remains of a once rural area.

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*Our children will create a world we cannot imagine; they will accomplish things we cannot even dream.*

Kathryn Shaw

*Open your arms to change but don't let go of your values.*

Unknown

*Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.*

James Bovard

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- Yes, I'd like to receive my LWV Voter Newsletter by e-mail. *(Please provide your current e-mail address)*
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