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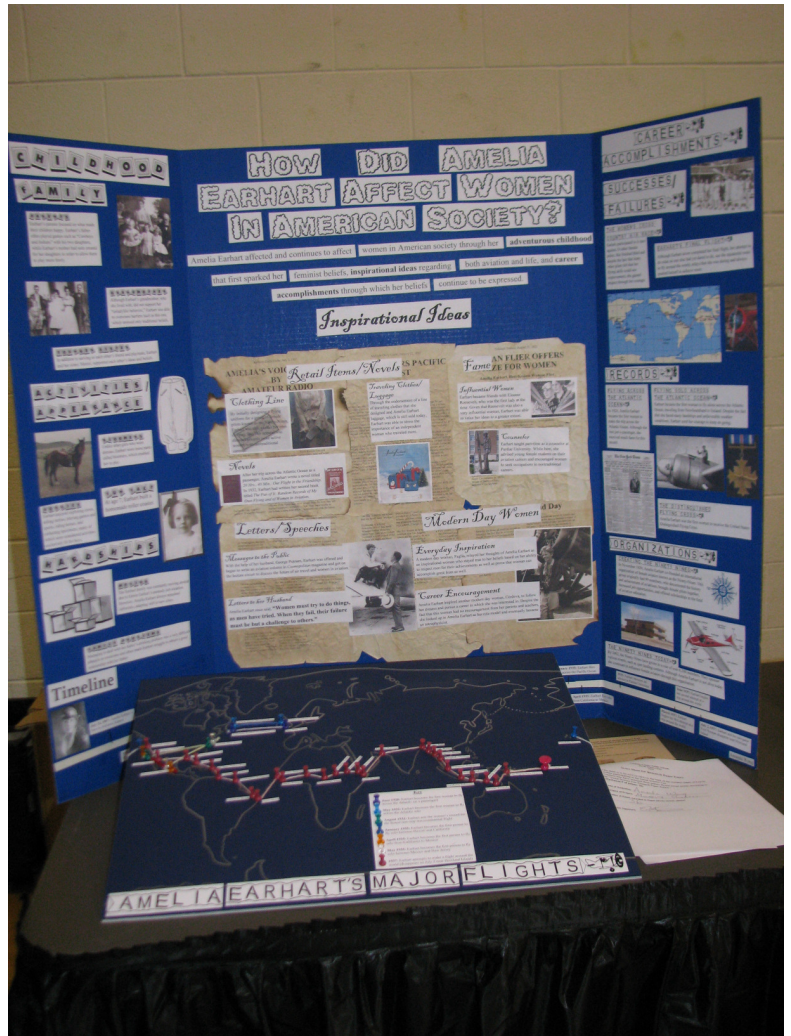
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## President's Column



**LWVLC Members Judge Loudoun County High School Social Science Fair: our vote for the "Shining Star Award for Excellence" More info inside!**

**Mark your calendar!** Unit Meeting June 21, 2010, 7-9:30pm, Leesburg Executive Airport Conference Room. Topic: State Election Law Update Study

## **President's Column**

As we closed our official year with our Annual Meeting and are beginning a new with a new Board, new members, I would like to say Welcome to all. We are so excited to have you and very anxious to begin working.

Where there is much appreciation and gratitude, the mere words of "Thank You" never seem to be enough.

I would like to take a moment and say *Thank You*" to all of the League members and community volunteers that helped us this year with a very successful High School Voter Registration drive. We could not have done it without you and the gratitude from the teachers as well as the students is overwhelming. We are forever thankful to our members and volunteers because as we have said many times, it can't be done alone. Thank you again.

We would love to invite you and welcome your participation at our Unit Meeting on Monday, June 21 to take Consensus on the State Election Law Study. The meeting will be held at the Leesburg Airport at 7:00 p.m.

Please visit our website or become a fan on Facebook to keep up with all of our activities and events. I'm sure that our topics of discussions are hot topics of the year and your input is always welcome.

Let's come together, work together and bring a friend to become a member in promoting political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.

Sincerely -

Glenda Parsons - co-President

Carla Wiley - co-President

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## **LOCAL – LWVLC**

### **LWV Annual Meeting Report**

“Women Making a Difference” was the theme of LWV of Loudoun County’s Annual Meeting May 23 at the National Conference Center. Two powerful presentations demonstrated that women have the power, courage, and ability to change politics as we know it. The meeting began with a showing of *Pink State Politics: A New Virginia*, a documentary on women in Virginia (featuring many in Loudoun County) and the issues that mattered to them in the 2008 presidential election. The film demonstrated Virginia women’s involvement and influence in determining the next President of the United States.

Marcia Carlyn spoke on how she recruited grassroots volunteers and achieved an unprecedented turnout in the 2008 Presidential election. In order for volunteers to be most effective, she said you must:

1. Identify the issue.
2. Develop a *short* list of reasons to join the volunteer effort.
3. Identify volunteers' interests and capture them in a database. Knowing their interests is essential when communicating with them.
4. Establish two-way communication always.
5. Establish clear goals with end points.
6. Never turn away a volunteer. Consider their interest and create something for them to do.
7. E-mail volunteers members every two to three weeks with tasks they can do.
8. Always answer volunteer communications personally. This keeps volunteers connected and develops the relationship. They will respond when you need them.
9. Keep all e-mails addresses confidential.

### **Business Meeting**

There were 18 members and three guests present at the Annual Meeting.

Co-President Glenda Parsons gave an overview of the LWV of Loudoun County's activities for the past year, which included a candidate forum for the 86<sup>th</sup> District, presentation of the Outstanding Woman Award, and compilation of the Voter's Guide. She noted that many volunteers are needed to continue high school voter registration activities and condo elections.

The Minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting were approved. A motion to adopt the Agenda carried unanimously. The Treasurer's Report stated that \$4,979 in income and expenses was projected for 2010-2011. The report and budget was approved. The Nominating Committee Report was accepted and officers and directors for 2010-2012 were elected.

Co-President Glenda Parsons asked the members to consider updating LWVLC's Public Policy positions on water, education, and women and family issues in the coming year. LWV of the National Capitol Area will tour the Loudoun Sanitation Facility. A motion that the water position be reviewed and updated carried. A motion that the education policy be reviewed and updated carried. A motion that the policy on women and family issues be reviewed and updated carried.

Co-President Glenda Parsons reminded members that the League needs funds in order to hold a candidate forum and volunteers were needed for next year's high school voter registration. She asked members to look at the Giving Guide and contribute if they could. She asked members to complete the short survey card on the tables.

In other business, there will be a Unit Meeting June 21, Leesburg Airport, on the Election Law Study. The first year will focus on funding of elections and voter registration. The second year will focus on election- day activities and absentee voting. LWV of Loudoun County is holding a panel on "Water Issues in Loudoun County" on September 29 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The CEO Cabinet was interested in working with LWV of Loudoun County on its report on Staggered

Terms. The CEO Cabinet may use the material but the LWV of Loudoun County will not be involved since there was no consensus on the report. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

### **New Board Elected**

**Kathleen Hughes, Dawn McKenzie, and Angela Mitchell** were elected to the LWV of Loudoun County Board of Directors for a two-year term. **Kathy Shupe** was elected First Vice President and **Hatsy Cutshall** was elected Treasurer. The Nominating Committee is **Gem Bingol**, Chair, Diane Thomas and Denise Moore Pierce.

Continuing on the Board to fulfill the remaining year of their terms are **Carla Wiley** and **Glenda Parsons**, Co-Presidents; **Jennifer Severance**, First Vice President; Marla McIntyre, Secretary; and **Denise Donnelly**, Director.

### **Thank You to Our Supporters!**

Member dues are not enough to fund the many activities of LWV of Loudoun County. A big thank you to the following for their contributions:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Gem Bingol              | Susan and Ken Parks           |
| Hatsy Cutshall          | Glenda Parsons & Chuck Harris |
| David Kirsten           | Riverbend at Leisure World    |
| Gladys Lewis            | Kathy Shupe                   |
| Marla McIntyre          | Eleanor Towe                  |
| Dawn McKenzie           | Carla Wiley                   |
| Jacqueline & John Olsen |                               |

### **High School Voter Registration**

High School Voter Registration is complete for Spring 2010. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, including our partners at Delta Sigma Theta, we were able to visit all 10 high schools in Loudoun County to register eligible seniors to vote - around 2,000 students! 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! Please consider joining us in this project next year – we are always looking for more volunteers!

### *Thanks to Our Voter Registration Volunteers*

Betsy Mayr, Priscilla Godfrey, Denise Moore, Kathy Shupe, Colette Fladgler, Carla Wiley, Gil Heiman, Nancy Barbour, Peggy Maio, Linda Griffin, Ellen Heald, Shelley Tamres, Arlene Donnelly, Jean Sagan, Dawn McKenzie, Tammy Reynolds, Phyllis Randall, Heather Gibbs, Owetta Thigpen

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.

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**Unit Meeting Monday 21 June:** Please join us on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm – 9:30pm at the Leesburg Executive Airport Conference Room for a Unit Meeting on the 1st half of the State Election Law Update Study: Voter Registration plus Funding of Elections. Members will meet to discuss the materials prepared by the Study Committee and answer the Consensus questions. The Study Committee will use the Consensus feedback to propose changes to the LWV-VA positions on Election Laws at the 2011 State Convention. See the [State League page \(http://virginia.va.lwvnet.org/electionlaws.html\)](http://virginia.va.lwvnet.org/electionlaws.html) for the Study materials.

**League Members Judge Loudoun County Public Schools Social Science Fair:** The LWV of Loudoun County selected a Dominion High School student as the recipient of its 2010 Shining Star Award for excellence. The student's submission in the 14th Annual Loudoun County Public Schools Social Science Fair was recognized by the League for its detailed analysis of the impact of one person, Amelia Earhart, on society's restrictions on women. We congratulate our Shining Star winner.

**Giving Guide 2010.** The Guide is available at our website: <http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/files/DonationGuide2010.pdf> Please take a look, and please share the guide with friends and neighbors who may be interested in supporting the efforts of the League.

**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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## **Calendar**

### ***June***

**Monday June 21, 7-9:30pm:** Unit Meeting and Board Meeting. Unit Meeting on the 1st half of the State Election Law Update Study: Voter Registration plus Funding of Elections. Abbreviated Board Meeting. Conference Room, Leesburg Executive Airport.

### ***July***

**Monday July 19, 7-9pm:** LWVLC Board Meeting. Conference Room, Leesburg Executive Airport.

### ***September***

**Wednesday, Sept 29, 7-9pm:** Water Panel. Panel discussion to address quantity and quality of water in Loudoun County. Jim Burton, currently serving on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, representing the Blue Ridge District, will be featured on the panel. Location TBD.

***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!**

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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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