



The Voter

League of Women Voters — Loudoun County

National Voter Registration Day 2014 – September 23

The League of Women Voters-Loudoun County (LWV-LC) has signed up to register voters in our county during National Voter Registration Day, September 23. For the past two years, the League of Women Voters has been the single-largest, on-the-ground partner registering new voters. We are joining more than 225 other Leagues nationwide who have signed up to participate!

If you would like to help us register voters at LWV registration outreach events, you will need to take either an online or inperson voter registration training course after June 30, 2014. The list of persons certified during this fiscal year will expire on that date. The online training and quiz (on the SBE website) are available to all, and its completion will add those taking the quiz to the certification list for the coming year.

If you are new to voter registration, you are encouraged to seek training at our local registrar's office, where you can ask questions and learn more of the "dos and don'ts." A slightly revised set of guidelines should be on the SBE website by the end of August. The State Board of Elections becomes the Department of Elections on July 1, 2014. Its renamed web site is www.elections.virginia.gov.

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming LWV-LC Candidate Meet & Greets

10th Congressional District Candidates — Thursday, October 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Meet 10th District Congressional candidates, Barbara Comstock (R), John Foust (D), and Bill Redpath (L), and ask questions regarding their positions and plans if elected to replace U.S Congressman Frank Wolf. This free public event will take place at the Senior Center, 102 North Street NW Leesburg, VA. For further information about the candidates and their views, go to www.Vote411.org. For more information about this event, go to <http://loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/>.

Meet & Greet Candidates for Leesburg Town Council — Thursday, October 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

At the Rust Library in Leesburg, meet the candidates for Leesburg mayor, Thomas S. "Tom" Dunn II and incumbent Kristen C. Umstadd, and Town Council incumbents Cathleen B. "Kelly" Burk, Fernando J. "Marty" Martinez, and Kevin D. Wright, as well as candidates Dwight A. Dopilka, Suzanne D. Fox, and Jeffrey E. Phillips. The LWV-LC has been asked to provide this free forum so Leesburg residents can meet the candidates and hear their views. Go to www.Vote411.org for more information and come prepared to ask questions.



2014–2015 LWV Loudoun Board Members (l to r) Director Denise Pierce, Vice President Kathleen Hughes, Vice President Jean Brown, Director JoEllen Keating, President Priscilla Godfrey, Director Ellen Heald, Director Alicia Cohen, Treasurer Hatsy Cutshall (not shown Secretary Marla McIntyre and Director BJ Beyer)

Higher Education in Loudoun Focus of LWV-LC Annual Meeting

Dr. Julie Leidig, provost of the Loudoun campus of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) was the keynote speaker at the LWV-LC annual meeting and luncheon on June 21 at the Bungalow Lakehouse Restaurant in Sterling.

Dr. Leidig addressed one of the League’s major policy issues—the quality of public higher education and its impact on all county residents—in her discussion of the “Ten Things You Don’t Know about NOVA.” Dr. Leidig warmly invited the League to register voters on the Loudoun campus this fall and to partner with NOVA on other voter education projects.

The Loudoun campus of NOVA serves more than 12,000 students annually in credit programs and 5,000 in non-credit programs in a variety of academic and continuing education classes. Northern Virginia Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Virginia and one of America's largest community colleges.

LWV-LC President Priscilla Godfrey reported to the membership and guests on the League’s activities during the past year. These activities have included sponsoring Legislator Night at Potomac Falls during which Virginia Delegate Randy Minchew and Senator Jennifer Wexton met with



Loudoun League President Priscilla Godfrey and NVCC Provost Dr. Julie Leidig

and answered student questions about public policy issues; officiating at HOA elections, registering high school students and adults, training for voter registration at the Loudoun Electoral Board, nominating member Jean Brown for the state League’s “Making Democracy Work” Award, sponsoring a talk with journalist/photographer/humanitarian Jamie Rose and a private tour of Oak Hill, the

historic home of President James Monroe; and being recognized by the National League of Women Voters for a 37 percent increase in our League membership this past year.

When President Godfrey urged members to submit ideas for future League programs, suggestions were offered for programs on nonpartisan redistricting in Virginia, full-day kindergarten in Loudoun County, and voting rights and accessibility to free Voter IDs.

The slate of officers and directors proposed by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Ellen Heald, was approved unanimously. New officers include Jean Brown as Second Vice President, and Denise Moore Pierce, Alicia Cohen, and JoEllen Keating as new Directors. Continuing on the Board are President Priscilla Godfrey, First Vice President Kathleen Hughes, Secretary Marla McIntyre, and Directors Ellen Heald and B.J. Beyer.

Welcome to Our New Members

Do you know someone who believes in voter education and is passionate about preserving voter rights? If so, forward this newsletter and bring her or him to the next meeting on September 8 so she or he can meet the Board and learn about the many things League does. Dues are \$60 per year or \$90 for family. Click here (<http://lwwnet.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=569f03fa81dc2e360513b4796&id=9a38b1cd7f&e=d2b667f45e>) for a membership application. For more about the LWVLC and its Public Policies, click here (<http://lwwnet.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=569f03fa81dc2e360513b4796&id=f13f8bd97b&e=d2b667f45e>) .

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New Voter I.D. Requirements Approved

The State Board of Elections (SBE) has changed the rules again defining a valid voter ID, making it harder for some Virginians to vote, according to voters' rights organizations including the League of Women Voters of Virginia. The new language eliminates as valid for voting purposes any ID that has expired more than 12 months before Election Day.

Previously, the date of expiration was not a factor in determining the validity of the ID. In fact, the photo voter ID being issued under direction of the SBE does not itself include an expiration date.

Anne Sterling, President the League of Women Voters of Virginia, criticized the decision. "Since many forms of acceptable ID under the new photo ID law don't have an expiration date, it makes no sense to rule out some of the most common forms of ID simply because they're expired," said Sterling. "Changing the rules again this close to the election means voters and election officials will face new confusion over who can vote."

This November, Virginia voters will be required to present a photo ID in order to vote, the third ID standard voters will face in three years. Voting rights advocates are focused on educating the public about the new requirement to ensure every eligible voter has what they need to vote. Acceptable forms of ID for voting include:

- A Virginia driver's license or other photo ID issued by Virginia
- A United States passport
- Any photo ID issued by the United States government
- A student ID that has a photograph and was issued by any institution of higher learning in Virginia
- An employee identification card that has a photograph

Any voter lacking one of the above forms of ID can obtain a free voter Photo ID from any local registrar's office. For more information on the new ID requirement and how to obtain a free ID, Virginians can visit www.GotIDVirginia.org or call the election protection hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH



350.org and over 600 other organizations are planning the largest climate march ever. The United Nations is hosting a World Leaders Climate Summit in September. **YOU** are invited to participate in the *People's Climate March*. **Together** we can show these world leaders that global warming matters to everyone. **Together** we can demand these leaders act to make the world safe from the ravages of climate change.

What:	Peoples Climate March
Where:	New York City
When:	Sunday, September 21, 2014
Sign Up/More Info:	PeoplesClimate.org
Transportation:	Busses from Loudoun County organized by 350 Loudoun. Contact Shelley Tamres at shelleytam@aol.com or (703) 450-0218



Photo ID Required for Voting
Effective July 1, 2014



Voter, are you ID Ready?



Voters must present one of the following acceptable forms of identification when voting, effective July 1, 2014:

- Valid Virginia Driver's License
- DMV-issued photo identification card
- Valid United States Passport
- Valid Employee photo identification card
- Other government-issued photo identification card
- Valid college or university student photo identification card (issuer must be an institution of higher education located in Virginia)

If you do not have an acceptable form of identification please contact your local voter registration office for a free ID.



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or call 1-800-552-9745

