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Acer Bearman-Drummond (grandson of LWVLC Secretary, Barbara Bearman) wears a sticker after voting with his mother, Jessica Bearman, at the Latah County Fairground in Moscow, Idaho. Photo: AP

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Thanks to all of you who continue to pay dues to the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County. Your dues support the many activities and programs of your national, state, and local League. While your money is important, so is your time. During the Board of Directors' Retreat in September, we assigned Portfolios, or job, to Board Members (see chart on page 4). If a Board member calls asking if you can help, please try to say "yes." I know all the magazine articles advise busy women to say "no" more often, but in this case, a "yes" will help us further our mission of informed and active participation in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

We have the following positions available:

- **Finance/Budget Committee Chair.** Duties consist of an annual review of the budget and books with our capable Treasurer, Hatsy Cutshall.
- **Assistant Web Master.** Shelley Tamres does a wonderful job of maintaining the Web site, but she would like to train a backup.
- **Membership Sales.** If you know someone who would be interested in joining the League, please invite her or him to join. Membership Chair Carla Wiley has membership brochures available or forms are on the Web site and on the last page of this *Voter*.

Thanks to the many members who gave their time during the elections. Several members helped at the General Registrar's Office, others staffed voter registration tables, and other members raised money for the League by helping conduct elections at two retirement communities.

The Board meets of the third Monday of every month at GG Restaurant in Leesburg. Please join us and share good food and good company. The next Unit Meeting is January 12, when we will conduct program planning for local and National Capital Area (NCA) Leagues.

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## Loudoun League in the Movies

President Marla McIntyre and Treasurer Hatsy Cutshall were interviewed on camera by Laura Hambleton and Laura DeBruce, who are filming a documentary on Women Voters in Virginia. Hatsy and Marla met the film crew at Lightfoot Restaurant in Leesburg on Election Day. Hatsy spoke of her involvement in LWV through her mother, Jean Sagan, who joined the Loudoun League in the 1960s. The filmmakers were very interested (and impressed) to learn that in the Sagan household, Hatsy's father relied on Jean to educate him on the candidates. Marla spoke of the voter education and outreach the Loudoun League conducts each year.

The filmmakers hope to sell the documentary to PBS or the Discovery Channel. Stay tuned!

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY HOSTS SWEDISH DELEGATION ON ELECTION DAY

By Marla McIntyre

It was great fun hosting the delegation of Swedish dignitaries on November 4 who were in the United States to observe the US election process. They were enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the US elections. Hatsy Cutshall and I took the delegation to three polling places – Algonkian Elementary School in Precinct 208, West Leesburg at Ida Lee in Precinct 501, and Emerick Elementary School in Precinct 301.

Loudoun County was a great place to observe the election because it reflected a possible political change from Republican to Democrat while getting both the urban and rural flavor at the polling places. Special thanks to the Board of Elections, including Vice Chair Till Bennie who helped set up the tour along with BOE Chair Brandi Brookhouse and Secretary Dianna Price, who spent time at the Precincts answering questions and demonstrating the voting process. Thanks, too, to Precinct Chiefs Mary Ann Glennon (501), Karen Pearson (208), and Barbara Cockerill (301). The delegation included 19 representatives from Sweden's two largest political parties, the press, unions, and public relations consultants. The visit was sponsored by *Fokus* Magazine, Sweden's leading news magazine (www.fokus.se).



The delegation, sponsored by Sweden's news magazine, *Fokus*, enjoyed their afternoon in Loudoun County (LWVLC President, Marla McIntyre, Center)

Portfolios Assigned at September Board Retreat

Local Leagues can be organized in different ways. The Loudoun League meets the standards of the National League by having Bylaws, an established non-partisan policy, holding an Annual Meeting and regular Board meetings, and meets in financial obligations and plans for membership growth. The Board of Directors, at a September Retreat, organized its priorities by assigning portfolios, or responsibilities for tasks, to each Board member. This Portfolios Chart determines who is in charge of what task. If you are interested in helping in a particular area, please contact the assigned Board Member or President Marla McIntyre.

| Portfolio | Tasks | 2008-2009 Assignee |
|---|--|--|
| President
Marla McIntyre | Represents the League, Board Training, Board Meetings | Marla McIntyre |
| Secretary
Barbara Bearman | Minutes of all business and unit meetings, maintain Bylaws | Barbara Bearman |
| Treasurer
Hatsy Cutshall | Maintain all financial records/prepare financial statements, pay bills, collect dues and money at fundraising events | Hatsy Cutshall |
| Nominating
Gem Bingol | Recruit Board and Nominating Committee members | Gem Bingol |
| Administrative
Marla McIntyre | Annual calendar, Meetings, NCA Liaison | Marla McIntyre |
| | Organize Annual Meeting | Hatsy Cutshall |
| | Policies/Procedures | Shelley Tamres |
| | LWVNCA Liaison | Marla McIntyre |
| | LWVVA Liaison, collect mail, answer telephone | Betsy Mayr |
| Finance
YOUR NAME
HERE! | Finance/Budget Committee | YOUR NAME
HERE! |
| | Fundraising (Tea) | Glenda Parsons
Barbara Bearman |
| | HOA/Condo Elections | Maria Walker,
Glenda Parsons, Ro
Pelletier, Betsy
Mayr, Carla Wiley |
| Membership
Carla Wiley | Membership Database, recruitment, retention | Carla Wiley |
| Voter Service
Jennifer Severance | Candidate Fora | Denise Donnelly |
| | Voter Guides | Betsy Mayr |
| | High School Voter Registration, Meet Your Legislator | Jennifer Severance |
| Program
Glenda Parsons | Program Planning, Unit Meetings, Consensus | Glenda Parsons |
| | Action/Advocacy | Ro Pelletier |
| Communications/
Public Relations
Shelley Tamres | Web site | Shelley Tamres |
| | Voter | Jennifer Severance
Barbara Bearman |
| | Media, Publications | Ro Pelletier |

NCA, State, & LocalNews

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR LWVNCA: from Melpi Jeffries, President, LWVNCA
Call for Nominations to the LWVNCA Board for President, Secretary, two Directors, the
Chair of the Nominating Committee and two members of the nominating committee.**

Please send your nominations to any of the members of the Nominating Committee:

Chair Aleen Starkweather, aleenst@aol.com (301-570-2025)

Pat Hallman,

Katy Cannady, Katy_cannady20@comcast.net

Naomi Glass, naomisol@juno.com

Kay Youngflesh, rkyflesh@comcast.net

The above announcement includes the complete Nominating Committee finalized at the Dec. 5, 2008 board Meeting. Please send your suggestions to the Nominating Committee.

ADVOCACY

Request for League Advocacy Priority Suggestions (NEW)

With the advent of the 111th Congress, the LWVUS Board of Directors will be adopting legislative priorities for 2009 at its January meeting.

The goals are to:

- Enhance the League's effectiveness by concentrating resources on priority issues;
- Build the League's credibility and visibility by projecting a focused and consistent image;
- Ensure that the League has sufficient issue and political expertise to act knowledgeably; and
- Enable the League to manage resources effectively.

In setting legislative priorities, the Board considers the following:

- Opportunities for the League to make an impact;
- Program decisions made at Convention and/or Council;
- Member interest; and
- Resources available to manage effectively.

LWV Members Invited to Become Delegates to American Citizens' Summit

League members who are interested in reducing the partisan divides, interested in restoring a relationship between government and the American people, and who want to be part of a new kind of public conversation that moves beyond polarization by applying proven methods of facilitated dialogue, deliberation and conflict resolution, are encouraged to attend the American Citizens' Summit on Feb 11-15, 2009 in Denver, Colorado. To learn more or register please visit: www.Transpartisan.net. If you have questions or do register, please contact Cheryl Graeve at cgraeve@lww.org.

LWVUS National Popular Vote Compact Study Web Page

Delegates at the LWVUS Convention 2008 voted to study the advisability of using the National Popular Vote (NPV) Compact among the states as a method for electing the U.S. President. [The text of the Compact](#), which describes the way the NPV will operate, is now available on the

LWVUS Web site. In addition, the LWVUS NPV Study Committee is researching and writing materials, which will be posted online later this fall. The deadline for the NPV consensus is May 1, 2009.

STATE – LWVVA

LWV-VA'S Pre-Session Women's Round Table was held December 3, 2008 in Richmond. Speakers included Delegate Kenneth Plum of Reston (D), who spoke on the need for nonpartisan redistricting and outlined his so-far unsuccessful legislative efforts over the years to achieve it. Delegate John O'Bannon (R) of the Richmond area presented his views on why the current redistricting process should continue. Both delegates are on the Privileges and Elections Committee which considers redistricting legislation. Reverend C. Doug Smith, Executive Director of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, presented tips on how to lobby your legislators in a manner that was powerful, humorous, and to-the-point.

Loudoun's Hatsy Cutshall chaired the Education Fund's review committee, which found the books to be in order.

Other actions from the Operating Fund Board include:

- Legislators recently received a League survey on redistricting; 15 surveys have been returned. The information will help us focus our action efforts for nonpartisan redistricting.
- Delegate Plum has requested a League resolution in support of a House Rules change to require the recordation of all sub-committee votes on legislation. Anne Sterling will draft one.
- President Olga Hernandez spoke to the American Library Association in Williamsburg on efforts with the Library of Virginia to promote librarian training in the use of the Legislative Information System.
- LWVUS President Mary Wilson had a successful pre-election visit to Tidewater.
- Plans for the LWV-VA Convention are under way for May 2-3 at the Reston Sheraton. LWVUS Liaison Marcia Merrins will be a speaker

LOCAL - LWVLC

On January 12, we will be reviewing the positions for our local league and for the National Capital Area League. Program is the League's reason for being, the basis for both advocacy and education efforts. League advocacy is based on member study and agreement on selected issues and involves concerted efforts to achieve public policies consistent with League positions. League lobbying promotes or opposes specific pieces of legislation. Public policy positions are the official statements of position for each program area and reflect the program adopted by the LWV. Please join LWV members on **Monday evening, January 12**. In preparation, please review:

NCA Positions - <http://www.lwvmd.org/nca/NCAPOSITIONSinBrief2007-6-6.pdf>. A NCA Program Planning Guide is attached. Please review both documents.

LWV Loudoun's positions - <http://www.loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/positions.html> (document is also attached).

If you are unable to attend on January 12, please review the documents and send your comments to Glenda Parsons at gpars3@aol.com.

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## 2009 Calendar

### January

- 2 Fri 10:30-12:30 NCA Board Meeting  
LWVUS Office, 1730 M St 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC
- 6 Tues. LWVVA Program Planning Recommendations Due
- 12 Mon. 7:00 – 9:00 Unit Meeting – Review Local Positions & NCA Positions  
Leesburg Airport Conference Room
- 21 Wed. Women’s Roundtable  
Richmond
- 26 Mon. 7:00 - 9:00 pm LWVLC Board of Directors,  
GG Restaurant, Leesburg
- 27 Tues. LWVVA Board Meeting
- 28 Wed. LWVVA League Day  
Richmond

### February .

- 4 Wed. Bylaw change ideas to LWVVA  
Women’s Roundtable  
Richmond
- 6 Fri 10:30-12:30 NCA Board Meeting  
LWVUS Office, 1730 M St 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC
- 11 Wed. Women’s Roundtable  
Richmond
- 15 Sun. NCA Program Planning Due
- TBA Unit Meeting – Alternate Forms of Government
- 18 Wed. Women’s Roundtable  
Richmond
- 23 Mon. 7:00 - 9:00 pm LWVLC Board of Directors,  
GG Restaurant, Leesburg

### March

- 6 Fri 10:30-12:30 NCA Board Meeting, LWVUS Office,  
1730 M St 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC
- TBA Women’s History Month Tea
- 16 Mon. 7:00 - 9:00 pm LWVLC Board of Directors,  
GG Restaurant, Leesburg
- 20 Fri LWVNCA Capitol Steps Fundraiser

## 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)

***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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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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Purcellville, VA 20132

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