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Welcome New Members!

Richard Gillespie and
May Louise Zumwalt,
we are happy to have you!

Pre-Session Roundtable Approaching



Join us in Richmond on December 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to hear first-hand about the pressing issues that will come before state legislators. It's an opportunity for networking plus inside information about the 2012 General Assembly session.

A full day of activities is being planned, beginning with the Pre-Session

Roundtable (free) morning session in House Room 1 (old section of the Capitol). This will be followed by a luncheon meeting (\$30) in House Room 3 (new underground addition). As always, speakers from widely diverse sectors have been invited, including luncheon keynote speaker Donald F. Palmer, Secretary, State Board of Elections.

Mark Your Calendars!

Richmond Pre-Session Roundtable:
December 8th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Voter Photo ID Forum & Lunch:
January 21st, Fairfax Country Club. Keep an eye out for the flyer & registration form.

Carpooling is available. If interested in carpooling, contact Carol Noggle at 703-743-1831. We hope to see you there!

In Case You Missed the News: PWA is a Spicy Unit!

In September Special guest author and Loudoun League member Kathleen Pope Hughes helped us discover our "Spicy Personalities" through a team building/ personality trait game exploring how different personality types are actually helpful in making a group effective.

Kathleen led us through the fun, light-hearted learning experience which showed us the variety of personalities we have among us. Of the members who took part, there are 6 gingers, 3 parsleys and one hot pepper, but no pure garlic.

Gingers, briefly, have a mixed personality. They are cautious, like to be right, intellectual, gnarled and complex (like a piece of ginger), opinionated and have a vision.

Parsleys are sweet and tender and can be counted on.

Peppers are leaders and lively but may not always follow-up with ideas; peppers are the "sparkle" in the salad.

Garlics are fun, calm, earthy and lively, not tidy, but can round-up the troops.

This information will prove useful as we work together to develop our Unit. Thank you, Kathleen!

Our Public Assistance Office Survey Results



On August 18th, our Unit took part in the League of Women Voters of Virginia Public Assistance Office Survey to assess the level of voter services offered through county Social Services offices. Carol Noggle, Shirley White, Jessie Barringer and Margo Larson visited the Manassas City office and the Woodbridge office. The following is an abbreviated version of the report on the Woodbridge office sent to the State League.

Onsite was an 11" x 14" (approximately) poster to register to vote, one at the check-in area, one in the client waiting room. Voter registration forms were available in slots on a wall with other forms in two different convenient areas.

Gail Carter, the Benefits Supervisor showed us the intake forms and the page where clients check "yes" or "no" to register. She also gave us a copy of the State Board of Election's "Voter Registration Agency Certification."

Registration applications are offered to those who check the request box on the intake form on their first visit. It is not offered at subsequent visits.

Ms. Carter explained employees are required to have regular training for voter registration; they do that on a State Board of Elections website.

She also showed us her log book where she tallies the number s of registrants each month. She showed us two small books in which she has been recording the numbers since June 16, 2008.

We thanked Ms. Carter and commended her for her excellent work and for significant help to us.

Voter Service Update

We are grateful to the News & Messenger for publishing our Prince William Voters' Guide and for furnishing extra copies for us to distribute. Also, 3000 Redistricting rack cards for students went out to all the County High Schools. They informed voters about the newly drawn VA House & Senate district lines to make them aware that they might be voting for different candidates and/ or in different districts than they thought. PDF copies of our Voter's Guide were sent to all the High School Government Teachers.

And the Winners Are...

Results from the November elections are in. Newly-elected Prince William Representative are

House of Delegates:

District 2 – L. Mark Dudenhefer (R)

District 40 – Timothy D. Hugo (R)

District 87 – David I. Ramadan (R)

These Districts have been moved to Prince William. due to redistricting. None of these Delegates live in our County. Delegate Timothy Hugo (R) -District 40 - is not new to the Legislature, but is new to Prince William. We will now have 8 Delegates representing us in Richmond.

State Senate:

District 13 – Richard H. (Dick) Black (R)

This is a new District to Prince William. We will now have 5 State Senators. Only one lives in Prince William County.

Board of County Supervisors:

Gainesville – Peter K. Candland (R)

School Board:

Gainesville – Alyson A. Satterwhite

All other incumbents won.

Call for Help: High School Registration

The Virginia Primary for the 2012 Presidential Election will be held on March 6th, 2012. People who are registered and eligible to vote in the November 6, 2012 General Election are eligible to vote in the Primary, but they must be registered by February 20th.

Because of this tight schedule, the Registrar does not have the personnel to spare to visit all the County High Schools by the deadline.

Our League unit has been asked by the Registrar's office to step in and get the eligible High School students registered so that they can vote in the March Primary.

Instead of assisting the Registrar's personnel in the auditoriums as in past years, we will be visiting the classrooms to explain the instructions and hand out and collect the completed forms.

If you can help during on any of the dates listed below, please contact [Judy Anderson at 703-335-9723](mailto:Judy.Anderson@verizon.net) or rqajpa@verizon.net.

December 5, 6 - Gar-Field High

December 7, 8 - Hylton High

December 12, 13 – Osbourn High

December 14, 15 - Potomac High

December 19, 20 - Stonewall Jackson High



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Or, renew your membership now!

Prince William County, Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park

Membership Application July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

The LWV is a non-partisan organization which neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. The LWV is open to all citizens, female or male, who are 18 years of age or older. The purposes of the LWVVA are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

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Annual Dues: \$60.00 single or \$90.00 household (2 persons). Dues include enrollment in the League of Women Voters of Virginia and the League of Women Voters of the United States. **Dues are due by June 30th for the coming fiscal year.**

Please make check payable to **Prince William Area MAL LWV VA** and mail to Prince William Area MAL LWVVA, 15542 Alderbrook Drive, Haymarket, VA. 20169-6124.

Your ideas matter! Please list suggestions for programs and activities that you would find interesting if undertaken by the new League of Women Voters of the Prince William Area.
