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Discuss Felons' Rights, Enjoy Lunch: Join Us at our Annual Meeting

Did you know Virginia has the second most restrictive process for reinstating felons' rights to vote? Did you know that Governor has proposed instituting an essay as part of that process?

Not only has it been a focal point for the National and State Leagues, it is in the news: restoring voting rights for felons in Virginia, many of whom are women.

Find out more at our Annual Meeting being held **Saturday, May 15th from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Montclair Country Club, 1560 Edgewood Dr., Dumfries.**

Mr. Adisa Muse, Director, Virginia Voters Restoration Project, ACLU VA will discuss "Restoration of Felons Rights in Virginia & How Women are Affected."

The sandwich buffet costs \$20 per person. **Reservation Deadline (with payment) is May 8.** Make checks payable to PWA MAL LWV VA and mail with form (pg.3) to Annual Meeting, 6010 Wheeler Lane, Broad Run, VA 20137-2201.

Consensus Meeting Planned on Election Laws

Our Unit will participate in a LWV State study on election laws. Our answers to the following consensus questions will ensure our Unit is included in formulating LWV's official position. Please review the background at <http://lww-va.org/pwc.html> as well as the questions below. The consensus meeting will be held on June 12 (time/place TBA). If you cannot attend, please email your responses to Joyce Ard at ardj@verizon.net.

1. Do you approve the following overall statement (taken from League of Women Voters principles) for the League of Women Voters of Virginia position on election laws? If "yes with changes," what changes would you propose?

"The League of Women Voters of Virginia believes that democratic government depends on the informed and active participation of its citizens; that voting is a right and responsibility; and that election laws, regulations, and administrative procedures should be designed and uniformly applied, with adequate funding available, to facilitate and increase voter participation throughout Virginia."

2. What sources and methods of funding would you support to provide equal and easy access to voter registration? Do you believe that funding for Virginia's voter registration system should be provided totally by the Commonwealth or shared by the Commonwealth and localities?

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PWA Unit Facilitating Elections

The PWA LWV Unit will conduct the community election for *Four Seasons at Historic Virginia* in Dumfries, a housing development and designated 55+ community with golf course and clubhouse.

Four Seasons' Homeowners Association is changing from the builder directorship to a homeowner directorship, and we have agreed to help by facilitating the election.

LWV volunteers are needed for the evening of May 10, so we can fulfill this important obligation.

Exact times will be announced as the election draws closer. Training and direction will be provided. No experience is necessary.

Community elections are an excellent way for the League to raise necessary funds by doing what they do best: conducting fair and honest elections by following guidelines.

LWV Members Help Break Registration Record

Congratulations to volunteers Jessie Barringer, Ilma Striker, Brenda Carswell, Dena Bost, Carol Noggle, Sheila School and Joyce Ard of the Prince William Area League of Women Voters.

These League members assisted Brenda Cabrera and staff of the Prince William County Voter Registration and Elections office in registering 3,448 students at county high schools between 2008-2010 school years.

The total number of students registered for this school year was the highest since 1976.

This outstanding work could never have been accomplished without the dedication the Registration office and our active LWV volunteers.

Thank you, ladies, for encouraging more people to vote.

Quote of the Month

There will never be a new world order until women are a part of it.
--Alice Paul

Consensus Meeting Cont'd.

What sources and methods of funding would you support to provide equal and easy access for voting in federal and statewide elections? Do you believe that funding for Virginia's election system should be provided totally by the Commonwealth or shared by the Commonwealth and localities?

3. Please respond "yes" or "no" to each of the following, and explain if necessary. Do you believe that voter registration is necessary to: facilitate the voting process? Prevent voter fraud? Other?

4. Do you believe that voter registration as carried out in Virginia affects voter turnout?

5. Which of the following voter registration measures would you support to increase voter participation in Virginia? (you may select more than one): no voter registration; same (election) day registration; at the county/city central elections office; at the precinct polling place; decreased time between the registration deadline and election day; online registration; statutory requirements that election officials carry out a vigorous voter registration program covering all eligible Virginia citizens; universal voter registration of all Virginia residents who are U.S. citizens upon their 18th birthday; other.

6. Please answer following questions. Do you support voter registration affiliation by party? Do you oppose voter registration affiliation by party?

7. Virginia's definition of residency for the purpose of voting requires individuals to have both domicile and abode. In August, 2009, the State Board of Elections adopted a policy to establish uniform interpretation, broad construction, presumption of intent and consistent application of the requirements to assure all citizens of their right to vote. Do you support application of this statewide policy to determine voter residency, rather than policy set by local registrars?

They Represent You Now Available!

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Good News! The hard copy of *They Represent You* has been published and is available now in local libraries. The brochure will be distributed to area leaders and organizations. You can also see it online at <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/magic/PDF/TheyRepresentYou.pdf>.



Prince William Area MAL
League of Women Voters of Virginia



Save the Date!

Saturday, May 15th 2010
Annual Meeting & Luncheon
12:30 – 3 PM



Montclair Country Club
1560 Edgewood Drive
Dumfries

Directions: from Manassas, take Rte.234 South,
turn left at Waterway Dr., turn right at Northgate Dr., take the 2nd right onto Edgewood Dr.

Program: Restoration of Felons Rights in Virginia
& How Women are Affected

Speaker: Mr. Adisa Muse, Director,
Virginia Voters Restoration Project, ACLU VA

Open to Members, Guests, and the Public!

Sandwich Buffet

Chicken, Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, Corned Beef, Tuna Salad
Includes Rolls, Cold Pasta, Beverages, Cookies, Brownies

Cost: \$20 per person.

Reservation Deadline (with payment) is May 8, 2010

Please make checks payable to PWA MAL LWV VA and Mail with form to:
Annual Meeting, 6010 Wheeler Lane, Broad Run, VA 20137-2201

Name(s) _____

Phone Number & Email _____

Guest(s) _____

No. of lunches _____ @ \$20/per lunch = _____ Total enclosed _____

