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Save the Date! Meet and Greet to Kickoff 2011-2012

Bring your friends and come socialize and plan with your fellow Leaguers on Sunday, September 25, when our League unit hosts "Meet, Greet and Share." This is the time to get to know the people who are making a difference in the Prince William Area by providing voter education and services. Hear what has been happening and share your own ideas at this kickoff gathering. The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Potomac Library, 2201 Optiz Boulevard, Woodbridge.



Directions:

Southbound on I-95: Exit 156, right onto Potomac Mills Rd., right on Gideon, right on Smoketown (turns into Optiz). Library is on right.

Northbound on I-95: Exit 156, follow signs for Potomac Mills Mall to Dale Blvd., right on Gideon, right on Smoketown (turns into Optiz). Library is on right.

From West, I-66: Exit 47, left on Centerville Rd. (Rte. 28), right on Liberia Ave., left on PW Parkway, right on Smoketown (turns into Optiz). Library is on right.

Reminders!

October 17: Last day to register to vote

November 5th: Last day to vote absentee in person

Annual Meeting Wraps Up 2010-2011



The Prince William League of Women Voters' annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Quantico Center in Dumfries featured Prince William County Registrar Betty Weimer (pictured left) and included the election of officers.

Ms. Weimer surprised members with a certificate of appreciation for our assistance in voter registration of high school seniors for the last four years. This school year, 1681 Seniors were registered at 9 high schools.

In Ms. Weimer's presentation, "More than Just Counting the Votes," she described the impact of redistricting in Prince William County.

New officers elected were President, Carol Noggle; Vice President, Sheila School; Secretary, Jessie Barringer; Treasurer, Shirley White.

Reminder: Annual Dues were due June 30th. If you haven't renewed yet, please use the form on page 4.

August 26, 1920 = Victory!

Thank you, Joyce, for a Productive 2010-11!



The PWA LWV Unit wishes everyone a happy anniversary: it has been 91 years since women were granted the right to vote in the United States.

The struggle was long and harsh. From the social pressures of both men and women, to force feedings at Lorton Workhouse, the suffragists endured what hardly seems possible in a country born from the ideals of freedom and equality.

According to Jone Johnson Lewis, women's history expert, votes for women were first seriously proposed in the United States in July, 1848, at the Seneca Falls Woman's Rights Convention. Nineteen-year-old Charlotte Woodward attended the convention. In 1920, when women finally won the vote throughout the nation, Charlotte Woodward was the only participant in the 1848 Convention who was still alive. She was too ill to cast a ballot.

During Woodward's lifetime, Alice Paul and the National Women's Party began using more radical tactics to work for a federal suffrage amendment to the Constitution, staging large marches and demonstrations and even going to jail. Average women who previously never believed they would be able to vote joined the effort. At one demonstration (shown above), women wearing sashes representing their various colleges picketed the White House.

Because of the sacrifices the suffragists made, the United States can better live up to its principles, as women continue to make strides in every sector.

Join us in welcoming new members Margo Larson of Gainesville, Marjorie Adams of Manassas and Helen Stackhouse of Woodbridge. Ladies, we look forward to sharing experiences and working with you!

2010-2011 LWV PWA President Joyce Ard has been key in moving our young Unit forward: she has kept us focused on developing voter education, voter registration in high schools and civic education, increasing the numbers of well-informed citizens in Prince William County and surrounding areas. We are extremely grateful for her leadership in planning a program focusing on Gerrymandering, an educational trip to the Occoquan Workhouse, an election laws study for the Virginia League and a very informative presentation on redistricting by our PWC Registrar Betty Weimer.

Redistricting and its impact have held prominence in our activities this year. With the showing of the movie "Gerrymandering" that had high attendance, including high school students, testimony at the Governor's Independent Bipartisan Advisory Commission and testimony at the Senate Privileges and Election Committee in Fairfax, our goal was to make the redistricting process open to public input and to make it a bipartisan procedure.

Our League and other PWC citizens definitely had an impact on making adjustments to maps of new districts for County Supervisor. New districts have been formed for this year's election, creating a need for major efforts to get information to voters about changes. Betty Weimer kindly updated our League on the impact of redistricting on many precincts and what voters will need to know for the first election after redistricting.

Joyce, thank you for all your efforts, and we look forward to working with you in other capacities this coming year!

Meet Our New President, Carol Noggle

Believing she could make a difference as a LWV member, our new President, Carol Noggle, joined our Unit after meeting candidates locally, visiting legislators in Richmond and observing the General Assembly in action.

Carol moved to Gainesville in 2004 after previously residing in Fairfax and Arlington Counties and many other parts of the U.S., depending on Marine Corps assignments to family members. A graduate of American University, Carol has been a registered nurse and was an elementary school teacher for 10 years in Arlington County. For 20 years, she served as leader for U.S. Pony Clubs, a local, state-wide and national youth equestrian group. Carol also has served as a HOA officer for two years.

Thank you, Carol, for taking on this crucial role as President. We look forward to the upcoming year under your leadership!

LWV Prince William Area MAL Unit Fall 2011 Calendar

August 16: LWV-PWA Board Meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Manassas City Town Hall, 9027 Center Street

August 23: Primary Election for Republican Candidates

August 26: 91st Anniversary of Ratification of the 19th Amendment giving Women the Vote; Women's Equality Day, celebrating the success of the Women's Suffrage Movement in 1920

September 14: Committee of 100 Candidate Debates - Senate District 36, House Districts 2 & 52 - in Woodbridge

September 17: Virginia League of Women Voters Workshops Richmond

September 20: LWV-PWA Board Meeting 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Manassas City Town Hall, 9027 Center Street

September 25: LWV-PWA All-member and Friends "Meet, Greet and Share" 2 to 4 p.m., Potomac Library

September 29: Committee of 100 Candidate Debates - Senate District 13, House District 13 - in Manassas

October 12: Committee of 100 Candidate Debates - Senate District 39, Coles Supervisor - in Woodbridge

October 17: Last day to register for General Election

October 18: LWV-PW Board Meeting 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Manassas City Town Hall, 9027 Center Street

October 26: Committee of 100 Candidates Debates - BOCS Chair, Gainesville Supervisor - in Manassas

November 8: General Election

November 15: LWV-PW Board Meeting 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Manassas City Town Hall, 9027 Center Street

December 7: LWV-VA Pre-Session Roundtable, Richmond Capitol Square, Speakers describe upcoming General Assembly issues.

Voter Service Recap, 2010-2011 *See What We Have Done*

Voter Service, one of our most important activities, kept us busy this year, and we think the list of accomplishments below impressive. Thank you, Leaguers, for all your hard work!

1. Voters Guide of November 2010 Congressional Candidates. Collaborated with Northern Virginia LWVs to publish bios and Q&A from candidates; Established Voters guide on LWVUS VOTE411 website for candidates of all 11 Congressional Districts with help from Leagues throughout the Commonwealth (sincere gratitude to Sheryl Wolfe for many hours of assistance).

2. "They Represent You" 2011: guide of all elected officials with constituents in Prince William County. Coordinator and Driver: Jessie Barringer; Partners for financing, printing, and distribution: PW Public Library's Management and Government Information Center (MAGIC); NOVEC.

3. High School Registration: Fall 2010-Spring 2011. Collaboration with Registrar Brenda Cabrera, High School teachers, Prince William Bar Association.

Schools & number registered: Battlefield 258, Brentsville 113, Forest Park 276, Freedom 109, Garfield 207, Hylton 190, Potomac 157, Stonewall Jackson 146, Woodbridge 226.

League Helpers: Even with adjustments due to weather closings these PW League members assisted Brenda Cabrera, registering 1,682 students: Judy Anderson, Carol Noggle, Joyce Ard, Jessie Barringer, Brenda Carswell, Elaine Cash, Carol Noggle, Diane Riffer, and Sheila School.

4. Redistricting awareness to voters and statements at hearings. Members attended the Oct. 5, 2010 public hearing by the VA House Privileges & Election Committee in Fairfax; Distributed Public hearing announcements to newspapers regarding Independent Bipartisan Advisory Commission on Redistricting (IBACR), General Assembly Joint Privileges & Election Committee.

Testimony given at hearings: IBACR at George Mason U (March 15), Senate P&E Committee in Fairfax (April 2), 2011, PW County Board of Supervisors (April 5 and 18).



Prince William Area Members-At-Large Unit League of Women Voters of Virginia

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Join and become a Member of the
League of Women Voters of the Prince William Area.
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.
