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The People's Debate

**Jointly sponsored by the LWV-VA and AARP of Virginia
Featuring Gubernatorial candidates:**

Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell and R. Creigh Deeds

Moderator: Judy Woodruff,
Senior Correspondent, *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*

Monday, October 12th at 8:00 PM

From the Studios of WCVE in Richmond
Co-produced and Distributed by CBS 6 WTVR and WCVE
Broadcast live by PBS, CBS, CSPAN television and some radio stations

General Assembly Pre-Session Meeting of the Women's Legislative Roundtable

Moderated by the League of Women Voters of Virginia

Join us as we learn what issues will be addressed during the 2010 session! Speakers include members of Executive Branch, Legislative Body, Media and Issue Lobbyists.

Wednesday, December 2nd Richmond, Virginia

Pre-Session Meeting *Gratis*

9:30 AM – Noon in the House Room 3 via the Bank Street entrance

Followed by Luncheon Meeting *Cost: \$30*

12:15– 3:00 PM in the Senate Room 3 via the Bank Street entrance

Registration for Lunch Required by November 23, 2009 (form inside newsletter)

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From the President's Desk

Olga Hernandez, President LWV-VA

As the leaves turn brilliant fall colors and the frost is on the pumpkin we know that election time is again around the corner in Virginia.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the Voters' Guide for the six statewide candidates. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors. It is also posted on our website.

On October 12, the LWV-VA and AARP Virginia are co-sponsoring a statewide televised one hour Gubernatorial debate titled "The People's Debate." It will air live across Virginia on most PBS stations and some CBS stations. As of this deadline CSPAN has also inquired about televising it live.

Traditionally candidates for Governor have agreed to the Virginia Bar Association debate at their private meeting in August and the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce debate in September, both require paid entrance and are not widely televised to the statewide audience. We, along with AARP Virginia and our media production partners want to make "The People's Debate" a quadrennial must do.

The debate will truly be accessible to all through the www.BattleGroundVirginia.com website where Virginians will be able to pose questions, pertaining to the office of Governor, and some of those questions will be posed directly to the candidates.

We have been working on this project for ten months. The debate will be moderated by Judy Woodruff, veteran political reporter and senior correspondent for *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. Questions will come from a panel that includes Olga Hernandez, LWV-VA President, Bill Kallio, AARP of Virginia state Director, CBS 6 anchor Stephanie Rochon and WCVE's May-Lily Lee. Viewers will be able to submit online questions to the candidates. We are encouraging local Leagues to host debate viewing parties.

Thanks to your contributions and our efficient fiscal management we are able to produce the Voters' Guide and the debate but its not just

money that makes this possible we also need members to volunteer to help in these business efforts. Won't you consider doing your part?

Democracy is not a Spectator Sport, get involved.

Cheers,

Olga

Pre-Session of the Women's Legislative Roundtable

Save the date of December 2nd for a day in Richmond that will offer networking, plus inside information about the 2010 General Assembly Session. The full day of activities, in the underground Capitol addition, will begin with the Pre-Session Roundtable (free) in House Room 3, followed by Luncheon Meeting (\$30) in Senate Room 3. A wide diversity of speakers are being invited. The registration form is included in this newsletter.

If you have never attended, this is a wonderful way to become informed and prepared for the 2010 General Assembly Session.

LWV-VA Celebrates

The LWV-VA plans to launch the *Virginia Women and the Vote 1909-2009* to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first meeting of the Equal Suffrage League. Bernice Colvard has done a wonderful job compiling the book which should be available by the end of November. Events are scheduled in conjunction with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) to celebrate how far women have progressed in Virginia. VCU owns the house where it is believed the first meeting took place. The movie *Iron Jawed Angels* will be shown and a lecture with the Librarian of Virginia, Sandra Treadway, a women's issues author, and a reception at the Scott House on campus will round out the celebrations. Please plan to join us. Specific dates are on the calendar on the front.

LWVUS - National Convention 2010

The 2010 National Convention will be held in Atlanta on June 11-15. You can find more information on Convention events, on the LWVUS website at www.lwv.org.

Membership

At the Annual Workshops we spoke on the importance of membership and following up on those who come to us via the national recruitment efforts. It is very important that we welcome and involve members by asking them where they want to be plugged in. We must be flexible enough to allow others with new ideas to join us and teach us perhaps more effective and efficient ways of fulfilling our mission.

It is time to contact everyone that has not renewed their membership this year and last, to ask why and listen to their answer so we can learn what can keep them engaged. Without new and fresh voices we will cease to be the effective organization we have been for almost 90 years. Make some phone calls today. Election time and holiday gatherings are a perfect time to reach out.

It is also important the all member records on the LWVUS database be kept as up-to-date as possible. Both the LWV-VA and LWVUS use this tool to communicate with members.

Virginia State League Web Site Additions

Sheryl Wolfe – LWV-VA Web Administration

Just a heads-up on some new additions to the LWV-VA Website. Our website gets MANY hits right before an election!!! So, send me your information about your League's Candidate Forums, Voters' Guide and/or Who's on the Ballot - and I will post them on the LWV-VA website. Contact me at webmaster@LWV-VA.org

NEW! Calendar Section JUST FOR ELECTION RELATED DATES!! See <http://lwg-va.org/Election2009.html>.

NEW format! Candidates Forum and Voters Guide Section which lists all election related activities. See <http://lwg-va.org/nov2009.html>.

Sort of NEW! Election Law Study information. See the MEMBERS ONLY website at: <http://members.lwg-va.org/electionstudy.html>.

Happy Viewing...

2009 General Election

On November 3rd the voters of Virginia will have an opportunity to select leaders for our Commonwealth. The entire House of Delegates, all seats, are up for election as well as key leaders of the Executive Branch plus a variety of local positions. The polls are open from 6:00AM to 7:00PM. For additional information on the November General Election including voter registration or where to vote, refer to the Virginia State Board of Elections (800) 552-9745, www.sbe.virginia.gov.

The ballot for the 2009 General Election will include the following candidates in the order they appear on the ballot:

Governor

Republican Party
Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell
Democratic Party
R. Creigh Deeds

Lieutenant Governor

Republican Party
William T. "Bill" Bolling
Democratic Party
Jody M. Wagner

Attorney General

Republican Party
Ken T. Cuccinelli II
Democratic Party
Stephen C. Shannon

Absentee Ballot Application

Changes have been made to the application for an absentee ballot. Voters who are unavailable to come to the polls or for health reasons are unable to participate in election day are encouraged to apply for an absentee ballot. In addition, absentee ballots are available to those voters 65 and over (however, they must also list a qualifying reason for voting absentee, as age itself does not qualify a voter for an absentee ballot). The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is October 27th and in person is October 31st.

It is recommended that you apply as early as possible.



2009 Voters' Guide for Governor

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We sent questionnaires to candidates for Governor, whose names were qualified to appear on the November 3, 2009 ballot. Responses to the questions and biography are reported as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with the stipulated word and space limitations. A "/" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the League of Women Voters of Virginia. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

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GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years
(prohibited from serving successive terms)

SALARY: \$175,000

DUTIES:

Authority over the day-to-day operations of state government. Commander-in-Chief of the state's armed forces, advises the General Assembly on the condition of the commonwealth by making specific legislative recommendations, including the state budget, makes appointments touching every level of government and signs enacted bills to become laws.

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR

Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell
Republican – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Maureen and I have been married for 32 years and we have 5 children. I served for 21 years in the U.S. Army. I've been a business manager for a Fortune 500 company, a Virginia Beach Prosecutor, a member of the House of Delegates for 14 years, and Attorney General.

PRIORITY: *What will your top legislative PRIORITY be, if elected?*

I will be a jobs Governor! I will focus on growing Virginia's economy, creating new jobs, and re-training our workforce for 21st century jobs. Everyone will benefit from my vision of a reinvigorated private sector, more incentives for businesses locating and expanding in Virginia, and a government that lives within its means, allowing citizens to keep more of what they earn to invest and spend.

REDISTRICTING: *Do you believe that any changes are needed in the way the Commonwealth conducts its decennial REDISTRICTING? If so, please explain your proposals.*

I will ensure bipartisan citizen involvement in the redistricting process. Legislative districts must be drawn to maximize voter participation and reflect commonsense geographic boundaries and a strong community of interests. My bipartisan commission, comprised of citizens who haven't held elected office for at least 10 years, will provide citizens with access through public meetings, proposed maps online, and a website accepting public comment.

BUDGET: *What will be your major emphasis, for both resources and spending, in developing the next state BUDGET?*

As Attorney General I cut my office's budget by 14%, took a pay cut and gave back my state car. Those are the kinds of tough decisions Virginians expect to see from their Governor. We must look for every opportunity to be creative in our budgeting, consolidate state functions, and implement innovation and budget prioritization in Richmond. We must focus on supporting policies that facilitate growth in the private sector, encourage entrepreneurship, allow Virginians to achieve their dreams, and expand our economy.

BALANCE: *How do you propose to BALANCE economic interests with environmental concerns?*

I championed legislation to ban the use of phosphorus in household detergents and successfully filed suit to stop a wastewater treatment operator from polluting the Shenandoah River. I helped establish an income tax refund for contributions made to restore the Bay and supported the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Act and the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund. As Governor, I am committed to protecting our environment using innovative technology, pollution prevention programs and holding polluters accountable. I will also establish "Green Jobs Zones" to incentivize companies to create quality green jobs.

CONTACT: www.bobmcdonnell.com

R. Creigh Deeds **Democrat – Challenger**



BIOGRAPHY: State Senator Creigh Deeds is an accomplished legislator, having served eighteen years in the General Assembly. He lives in Bath County with his wife Pam, and their four children: Amanda, Rebecca, Gus, and Susannah. He graduated from Wake Forest Law School and Concord College.

PRIORITY: *What will your top legislative PRIORITY be, if elected?*

As governor, I will restore confidence in Virginia's economy by fixing transportation, investing in education, and giving a tax credit to any business that creates a job. I also have a plan to cut spending through aggressive performance reviews that reduce government waste and improve efficiency. And I will put Virginia on a path to be a global leader in clean energy, medical research, and cutting edge technology.

REDISTRICTING: *Do you believe that any changes are needed in the way the Commonwealth conducts its decennial REDISTRICTING? If so, please explain your proposals.*

Public policy in my administration will be based on science, not on ideology or partisan politics. For the past seven years I have proposed bipartisan redistricting legislation. As governor, I will sign such a bill into law. Transparency and honesty are my guiding principles.

BUDGET: *What will be your major emphasis, for both resources and spending, in developing the next state BUDGET?*

I believe we must invest in education even in tough times and my budget will reflect that. I will create an additional 70,000 degrees over the next ten years and commit an additional \$40 million per year to financial aid and guarantee student loans up to \$15,000. Under a Deeds administration, all Virginians will have access to an affordable higher education.

To fix transportation I will bring Republicans and Democrats together and pass a plan that connects every part of Virginia. I will consider all options so we can reach a bipartisan consensus on dedicated, long-term funding that does not drain funding from education and other core priorities.

BALANCE: *How do you propose to BALANCE economic interests with environmental concerns?*

I have a strong record of protecting the environment and balancing environmental and economic interests. In 1996, I authored the landmark Agricultural Stewardship Act, a bipartisan approach to reduce pollution that was supported by both farmers and environmental advocates. And in 1999, I sponsored a land preservation tax credit program that has helped Virginia conserve 500,000 acres.

CONTACT: <http://deedsforvirginia.com>

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years

SALARY: \$36,321

DUTIES:

Presides over the State Senate and casts a vote in case of a tie. Fills the office of Governor should the office become vacant by reason of death, resignation or disability.

CANDIDATES FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR – vote for not more than one

William T. “Bill” Bolling Republican – Incumbent



BIOGRAPHY: Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling is the son of a coal miner and first in his family to graduate college. He and his wife Jean Ann live in Hanover and have two sons. He has 18 years of public service as Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and in local government in Hanover.

ROLE: *How do you envision your ROLE, if elected?* In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I'll serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer.

As Virginia's Chief Jobs Creation Officer, I'll help coordinate all economic development and job creation initiatives across the various agencies of state government. Having the states second highest elected officer actively involved in recruiting new industries signals the importance of bringing new jobs to our state.

In addition, I'll work to find solutions to our current energy, education, and transportation challenges.

PROCESS: *How would you influence the dynamics of the legislative PROCESS?*

Over the past four years serving as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, I've promoted an aggressive legislative agenda, which I'll continue.

In order to bring more jobs to our state, I co-sponsored legislation allowing more businesses to qualify for Economic Opportunity Fund money,

which has brought \$125 million in new capital investments into Virginia.

I have also worked to strengthen our education system by forcing the Senate to direct lottery proceeds towards education, and by seeking to pass legislation that requires that at least 65% of our education dollars be spent in the classroom.

Finally, I'm very proud that during my time in the Senate, I was able to pass legislation providing health insurance for children in low-income families.

PROBLEM: *What do you see as Virginia's most urgent PROBLEM over the next two years?*

The most urgent problem today and in the near future is the need to bring new quality jobs to our state. Current unemployment rates are the highest in 20 years, and all regions of the state have been impacted by the recent economic downturn. In a McDonnell/Bolling administration, I will serve as Virginia's first Economic Development and Chief Jobs Creation Officer, and my number one focus will be on growing our workforce.

Additionally, our state faces numerous challenges to our education and transportation systems. I've proposed detailed plans to confront these challenges, which you can find on my website, www.billbolling.com.

CONTACT: www.billbolling.com

Jody M. Wagner
Democrat – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: I'm the proud mother of four wonderful children. For 16 years, I was a practicing attorney in Norfolk. From 2002-2005, I served as Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and from 2006-2008, as the Secretary of Finance. In addition, I'm the owner of Jody's, a small popcorn business in Virginia Beach.

ROLE: *How do you envision your ROLE, if elected?*
I will serve as a key member of the state's leadership team, and a partner of the next Governor. I'll use my experience working across party lines to help reach commonsense, bipartisan solutions that improve the lives of Virginia's families. The most important role I can have is to help create new jobs and grow Virginia's economy. In addition, I would spend much of my time advocating for improvements in public education, such as raising the graduation rate, expanding funding for pre-Kindergarten programs and promoting mentorship and internship programs for at risk students. Finally, I would be a member of five important boards and commissions.

PROCESS: *How would you influence the dynamics of the legislative PROCESS?*

In addition to presiding over the Senate, I would be active in the legislative process by helping to advance the goals of the next Governor, as well as priorities I consider to be important, like creating new jobs and improving education. I have a record of working across party lines to get things done as evidenced by the 2008 Education Bond Package that I negotiated (which passed unanimously) and I would continue to negotiate compromise in order to get things done.

PROBLEM: *What do you see as Virginia's most urgent PROBLEM over the next two years?*

Virginia's biggest problem is the global economic decline, and creating new jobs is the only way to confront the issue. We need to take a multi-faceted approach, which involves attracting new industries; helping small businesses start and grow; improving education to ensure our students have the skills necessary to compete in the 21st Century economy; and solving the transportation mess that is threatening our economic viability. Virginians have suffered as a result of the recession, and while we have weathered the storm better than most other states, the top priority of the next Lt. Governor must be to lead Virginia out of the national downturn, and help direct the Commonwealth towards future prosperity.

CONTACT: www.jodyforVA.com



2009 Voters' Guide for Attorney General

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

THE OFFICE

TERM: Four years

SALARY: \$150,000

DUTIES:

Chief legal officer of the Commonwealth, serves as counsel to the Governor and to all state departments, agencies, boards and commissions.

CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL – vote for not more than one

Ken T. Cuccinelli II Republican – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: An attorney and small business owner, Senator Cuccinelli grew up in Northern Virginia. He graduated from UVA. as a Mechanical Engineer, then received his J.D. and Masters degrees from GMU. Ken married his high school sweetheart, Teiro, and they live with their seven children (and many pets) in Centreville.

ISSUE: *What do you think will be the major ISSUE facing the Attorney General's office in the next two years?*

Given current circumstances, the major issue for the next Attorney General will be helping to get Virginia's economy growing again in order to support job creation. In addition, the AG will also be looked to for leadership on public safety issues such as fighting gangs, sexual predators, drunk driving and mental health. These are all issues that I will continue to aggressively address, as I have in my 3 terms in the State Senate. I would also bring 5 years of juvenile delinquency prevention work and over a decade of working with mental health professionals and patients to the AG's office.

PROPOSAL: *As Attorney General, what would be your major legislative PROPOSAL?*

Among my major legislative proposals as Virginia's next AG would be proposals to continue to improve

our mental health system. Since the Virginia Tech tragedy, Virginians have awoken to how much more we need to do to improve our mental health system, and I will continue my leadership on this issue. Additionally, I will continue the work I've been doing in the Senate Courts Committee to toughen our laws addressing gangs, sexual predators and repeat drug dealers. Finally, I will continue my efforts to get property rights protected in Virginia's Constitution.

BALANCING: How do you envision BALANCING economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations?

The balancing of economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations is similar to the balancing in any regulatory decision. First, an AG has to enforce the law, but may exercise such discretion as the law allows to factor in circumstances such as first offenses, technical (e.g., paperwork) violations vs. substantive violations, in coming to conclusions about appropriate responses. We want our environmental regulations to be part of our stewardship of the environment, and like other Virginians, I want to preserve a clean and healthy environment for my children. I also want to undertake reasonable steps to preserve economic opportunities and jobs for Virginians.

CONTACT: www.cuccinelli.com 703-766-0635

Stephen C. Shannon
Democrat – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Occupation: Attorney; Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC – Fairfax, VA Education: Bachelors Degree, Fairfield University; Masters of Public Policy, Georgetown University; and J.D., University of Virginia Experience: Steve Shannon is a former Fairfax County Prosecutor who has a

strong record on Public Safety. He and his wife Abby co-founded Virginia's first AMBER-Alert //

ISSUE: What do you think will be the major ISSUE facing the Attorney General's office in the next two years?

In the next two years, the Attorney General's office must be focused on public safety. As the economy gets back on track, we need to be sure that Virginia creates an environment that is attractive for people and businesses so that they want to come here and flourish here. By keeping Virginians safe, I will work to create that type of environment.

PROPOSAL: As Attorney General, what would be your major legislative PROPOSAL?

My top priority as Attorney General is going to be keeping Virginians safe. I have outlined a number of policy proposals – available on my website at www.shannon2009.com – that will help protect Virginians from drunk drivers, gangs, drug dealers, and other public safety threats. As a father of three and helped found (with my wife, Abby) of Virginia's AMBER Alert system, I am particularly committed to protecting Virginia's children. Specifically, I am committed to keeping Virginia children safe from Internet predators. We know that there are at least 20,000 unique computers trafficking child pornography in Virginia. Law enforcement officials do not have the tools and resources they need to track these online offenders down and put them in jail. I will work with the Governor and General Assembly to find these resources.

BALANCING: How do you envision BALANCING economic concerns with the enforcement of environmental regulations?

As Attorney General, my job will be enforcing Virginia's law. I believe we need to move towards things like energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy in order to protect our environment. I also believe we must understand our current economic climate and make sure that as we make the move toward the use of efficiency and renewables, we are balancing the needs and economic constraints of citizens and businesses in Virginia.

CONTACT: www.shannon2009.com 703-218-3501

Many Thanks to All Who Have Responded to the Fund Raising Drive

If you have not yet responded to our State League fund raising letter please take a moment to consider a contribution. We rely on dues and donations to support our activities, including the production of the statewide Gubernatorial debate. To contribute via PayPal visit our web site at www.lwv-va.org or send checks to LWV-VA, P.O. Box 621, Centreville, VA 20122-0621. See last page of this newsletter for further details.

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LWVUS's 90th Anniversary: Share your story!

Let the celebrations begin – we're turning 90 years young in 2010! February 14th will mark the League of Women Voters 90th birthday. LWVUS will be sharing an electronic "tool kit" with some ideas we can use and adapt within our local and state League. As National draws our attention to this milestone, they want to feature both personal and League stories. Please submit your story via the LWVUS website (select "For Members" and select "Membership Recruitment Initiative" – the *Storybank* is featured here) or email your story to storybank@lwv.org.

Many Local Leagues are Holding Debate Watching Events

Check with your local League!



LWVNCA Offers Lincoln Tour

The LWVNCA is offering a *Lincoln Tour* on Saturday, October 24 from 12:45pm till 5:30pm. The group will meet at Ford's Theater by 12:45pm and tour the Theater and Peterson House. Also included is a bus ride to President Lincoln's Summer Cottage and at 3:00pm a tour of the Cottage. The bus will return to Ford's Theater area at 5:00pm. (There is easy access to Metro Center Station; Red, Orange & Blue Lines one block from Ford's Theater). The cost is \$40. Please make checks payable to: LWVNCA. Mail checks and reservation information to: Barbara Sherrill, 4826 North 17th Street, Arlington, VA 22207. The deadline for check and reservation is Friday, October 16th. The reservation information should include Name, Address, Phone, Email and organization.

Are You on Facebook?

If you are not on Facebook yet, you can join at www.facebook.com. The LWVUS has a presence! (More information can be found at www.lwv.org).

Some state and local Leagues have also created Facebook pages. If you create a group or page for your League on Facebook, please remember to specify which League you represent by using the full name of your League. The LWVUS is reaching out to establish best practices and coordinate efforts for maximum visibility for the League at all levels. Contact Martha Patzer at mpatzer@lwv.org with any questions.



Our Vice President Lynn Gordon's husband Marvin Gordon passed away after a long battle with pancreatic cancer on September 28. The family asks that in his honor contributions be made to www.PanCan.org.

WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE ROUNDTABLE ***PRE-SESSION MEETING***

Moderated by the League of Women Voters of Virginia

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

House Room 3, underground section of the Capitol addition

Entrance on Bank Street, Richmond, Virginia

Google: "Parking in Richmond Capitol Square" for options

Speakers will provide information on the upcoming legislative session and show how you can make a difference

There is no charge for the morning session.

Followed by a LUNCHEON MEETING

12:15 to 3:00 P.M., Senate Room 3, underground section of the Capitol addition

Preview of legislative proposals expected during the 2010

General Assembly session directly from Legislators

Registration for Luncheon Required and due by November 23, 2009

Cost: \$30



Women's Legislative Roundtable, founded in 1981

An information forum at the General Assembly for 28 years

The Women's Roundtable does not take positions on issues, but exchanges information.

www.LWV-VA.org

LUNCHEON RESERVATION -- Please print

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Number of Reservations _____ League or organization _____

Make check out to: **LWV of Virginia**

Mail to: **LWV-VA , P.O. Box 621, Centreville, VA 20122-0621**

No refunds

Membership in League of Women Voters

Reminder: For all MALs (**Members at Large**) units and unaffiliated statewide MAL members, it is time to renew your membership. The fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th each year. If you have questions about membership status, please contact your local League membership chair.

Join: If you are not a member of the League of Women Voters and would like to join. Please visit our website at www.LWV-VA.org and select **JOIN**. Our membership form is available by clicking the “Join Now” icon.

Contribute: The LWV of Virginia appreciates the donations of members and nonmembers. Your contributions will allow us to do more to inform voters and advocate for our positions. For donations to be tax deductible they must be made to the “LWV-VA Education Fund”, those funds can only be used for educational purposes. Thank you for including the League in your charitable donations. Donations may be paid via our website through PayPal or by sending your checks to:

LWV-VA, P.O. Box 621, Centreville, VA 20122-0621.

I want to support the important work of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. Enclosed is my contribution. Only contributions to the LWV-VA Education Fund are tax deductible.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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