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November 2011

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- 8 Election Day in VA
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 21 GA Legislation Pre-filing begins
- 24 Thanksgiving



Mark Your Calendar! LWV-VA FALL WORKSHOPS

Saturday, September 17, 2011

8:30 AM – 3:30PM

**DoubleTree Hotel, Richmond Airport,
5501 Eubank Road, Sandston, VA**

Workshop details and registration
form are on page 11.



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From the President's Desk



The LWV-VA is gearing up for the new biennium! Your state board has held its board retreat and first board meeting, and those Leagues participating in the Membership and Leadership Development project have participated in the in-state training together with local Leagues from Maryland.

We are starting to explore hosting some statewide discussion lists. Some that have been mentioned include Voter Services, Presidents, and Membership. If you are interested in participating in one of these lists, please email president@lwv-va.org.

Save the Date!

Workshops are being held on September 17 in Richmond. In addition to six workshops, LWVUS Board member, Mary Klenz, will be joining us, and our lunchtime speaker will be a member of the adjunct faculty at the University of Richmond's Institute of Philanthropy, Katie Gilstrap. Hope to see you there!

Lynn's Speech to LWV-VA Convention

To rewrite an old quote: "Beware of Leaguers wearing tennis shoes!"

Seriously, I want to thank each of you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve as your president.

Although I cannot take credit for creating the new board, as I look at the broad range of talents they are each bringing to the new biennium, I can only congratulate you on electing an exceptionally capable board!

While there will be changes in the new biennium, much will remain the same. We will not lose our reputation for being one of the real catalysts to a democratic system of government in Virginia. We will not lose our reputation for being fair and responsible. We will not lose our passion for hard work and the willingness to analyze issues in a thoughtful and respectful way. We are and will continue to be one of the most trusted names in Virginia political organizations.

Your state board has always stayed close to the grassroots and this will not change. We will continue and strengthen our liaison program between state board and local Leagues. We will also explore ways of staying close through social media and other technological means.

At the same time there are many new things to accomplish that would not be possible without the foundation that was established over the past four years.

One of the areas we will focus on in the coming biennium is organizational growth. This will be done primarily with the help of state coaches. We are starting this initiative of the LWVUS with eight Leagues. Hopefully, as we continue with this initiative, more of our local Leagues will choose to get involved so that they, too, can learn alternative ways of recruiting new members and developing new leaders.

Another area we will focus on is fundraising and development. Some local Leagues in Virginia have a healthy amount of money in their coffers. We want to even the playing field and help Leagues that may have a hard time with their own development and fundraising. One of these avenues is grants. Your state board has applied for a grant from the LWVUS for Public Advocacy for Voter Protection. You heard about this yesterday at the Voter Services Exchange. Assuming we receive the grant, this will be a wonderful opportunity to pass through some grant money. Not only will state and local Leagues benefit, but also the citizens of our commonwealth. We will continue to look for similar opportunities, not just with LWVUS but also other foundations. At the same time, we will explore other avenues of fundraising beyond membership.

A third area we will focus on is expanding our depth of influence around the state, particularly in Richmond. What we can do and have already started doing this past legislative session, is train a second legislative coordinator. A possible new direction as the state board and local boards determine the important issues facing Virginia in the next biennium is to form issue committees comprised of Leaguers who are not able to travel to Richmond but still want to follow bills and help the Legislative Coordinators with their work at the General Assembly.

Another likely initiative is to seek seats for members of the League on boards and commissions around Virginia. A generation ago – and even more recently – Governors, mayors and other officials frequently reserved a seat on boards they appointed for a member of LWV. Usually, the state or local League president was asked to choose one of her members who met the necessary qualifications. Wouldn't it be great to return to the day when League members were sought out to fill these seats?

A word about how we take action. Coalitions greatly extend our ability to influence the action at General Assembly. In the coming biennium

we will continue to work with coalitions of which we are already a part. In some cases, we carry the torch alone, and when necessary we are willing to do that, as well. As our attention may shift to new issues, your state board will consider joining or possibly increasing our participation in other coalitions such as Healthcare for All Virginians, the Pro-Choice Coalition, and the ERA Coalition.

LWV Virginia has never hesitated to help form new coalitions when needed. Two that have seen great success in recent years which we were in on the founding of, are the Verifiable Voting Coalition of Virginia and the Virginia Redistricting Coalition. The Redistricting Coalition was instrumental in convincing the governor to appoint an independent bipartisan commission, and in supporting the student redistricting contest. Through the work of the coalition on electronic voting, we helped get a ban against further purchase of DREs in the Commonwealth and have continued to fight back the annual attempts to lift this ban.

In closing, I look forward to working with your newly elected state board and with all of you and the members of your local Leagues throughout the coming two years. To recast the words of the famous poet and beloved Virginia Tech faculty member, Nikki Giovanni, “We are the League of Women Voters of Virginia!”



HELP WANTED

The following positions still need to be filled:
Public Relations, Development/Fundraising.
These can be on-board or off-board positions.
For more information or if interested, please contact Mary Houska, Nominating Committee Chair, at nominating@lwv-va.org or 540-552-2717



Fall Workshops Will Satisfy Curiosity– and Entertain!

By Anne Sterling, 1st Vice President

Heading the new state board agenda– when they met, July 6 to 8– was planning for the year. Top on their list was a super day of information, entertainment, and networking. In Virginia League terms, that means. . . Fall Workshops!

For starters, the Fall Workshops have been moved back to a fall month. A novel idea! Saturday, September 17, 2011, has been chosen for our annual workshops kickoff.

The location is central: DoubleTree Hotel, Richmond Airport, Sandston, VA. From its front doors, you can see airport parking garages at Richmond International Airport. However, flight paths are at a right angle to the building, so flight noise does not intrude. Just six years old, this new hotel is in the Hilton chain– and easy to reach from Interstate 64.

Beginning the day with a punch, Mary Klenz, of our national board, has been invited to begin our day with thought provoking questions. A down-to-earth North Carolinian, with an easy sense of humor, Mary will engage members in a free-wheeling, honest discussion of advocacy. Mary will stay with us throughout the day, giving members a chance to talk with her further, on nearly any League subject.

With something for everyone, the schedule will feature three competing workshops, morning and afternoon– a total of six. Groans will be heard from those who want to have their cake and eat it too. However, a solution exists. Bring two colleagues! Together, you can cover the whole thing. Your League can have any number of carpools– so come alone, or with a friend.

To close the day, we'll hold a half-hour Town Meeting, with new president Lynn Gordon up front, to answer questions . . . on any League topic. With her new board beside her, you'll find your newly elected LWV-VA representatives at your disposal (or should we say, at your mercy?) All topics will be fair game. Please, hold the tomatoes!

Now is the best time to persuade your local members to save this date. Arrange car pools! Since the day starts at 8:30 AM on Saturday, consider coming in the night before and staying at the hotel at a rate of \$79 per night, so long as reservations are made no later than September 1. (See the Registration Form for reservation information.) With a day like this– created to enhance your success– you will want to send several carloads. After all, when Leaguers travel in a group, camaraderie happens! Fall Workshops have never been limited to a small group of insiders. They are aimed at all levels of League experience. And this year's event will compete for best ever!

LWVUS 2011 Council

By Carol Noggle, Associate Legislative Coordinator

June 17-20, 2011, found 2 LWV-VA delegates, 1 MAL (Member-at-Large), and 4 local League members gathering at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, Virginia, along with League members from 44 states, D.C. and the Virgin Islands for the LWVUS Council. Attendees included delegates Lynn Gordon and Anne Sterling, Carol Noggle (Prince William MAL Unit), Virginia Cowles (LWV-Richmond Metro Area), Pat Hurst and Gerry Kruger (LWV-Charlottesville/Albemarle), and Martha Rollins (LWV-South Hampton Roads). Martha Rollins also served as parliamentarian for the business portion of LWVUS Council.
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“Challenges, Dialogue, and Learning at a Giant National Workshop”

League members participated in two and a half days of tremendous leadership training experiences. Numerous tips for effective League leadership were offered by experienced LWVUS Board members, staff and invited speakers, but informal sharing of issues and problems with members from throughout the country was especially valuable.

Challenge: How to help people hear and heed your messages.

Tip: Make your messages Succinct, Salient, Strong, and Civil.

Challenge: Keep the Dialogue open.

1. Increasing open dialogue between National, State and Local leagues, and within Leagues was developed with exercises to analyze personality types, determine which members embrace challenges, learn how each member's preferences can affect leadership development, recruitment, and retention, to use storytelling that is more effective than sets of facts in a pie chart, and to be resolute and still civil.

2. “Step Back instead of Snap Back” –taking this step may be the best to help a dialogue.

3. Be Bold but Civil: This was demonstrated the first evening when a difficult topic was opened for discussion by LWVUS President Elizabeth McNamara. Members and the President rose to the challenge of having a healthy debate on whether or not the principle of nonpartisanship had been maintained with recent LWVUS televised ads in Massachusetts and Missouri. It was apparent that members were very keen on having advance notice of highly visible LWVUS advocacy methods.

Challenge: Planning and Decision-making.

Training included decision-making within a League Board by using contrived but germane scenarios for problem-solving; by recognizing different perspectives, skills, and motives; and by using a planning template for large projects.

Each State League was challenged to choose a major state-wide “campaign” as a League project for 2012 and develop a comprehensive, detailed implementation plan. (LWVUS staff believes election year 2012 gives a special opportunity for especially effective League action and visibility; hence, we were encouraged to start planning now.) The process of deciding on and developing such a plan requires a very open dialogue, decision-making skills and leadership. Our LWV-VA members present at the Council had time only to begin such a process but the exchange of ideas using the template served as a model for how to proceed.

Challenge: Effective advocacy strategies.

The report on Advocacy done by LWVUS in Washington D.C. described challenges and strategies as well as the importance of action by all League members. The four priorities chosen for this Congress were Health Care, Clean Air, Money in Elections, and Election Administration. One strategy was to take bolder steps on these issues. Because there were amendments from legislators to reduce or delay EPA implementation of the Clean Air Act that targeted a reduction of federal regulations in States, the LWVUS chose a strategy focused on the public health issue of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the strategy was to “change the debate” from federal regulation to the public health argument and hold legislators accountable for the health of their constituents. The delaying amendments were defeated.

One guest speaker, Celinda Lake, of Lake Research, stated that her polls show that people today are “anti-politics” more than “anti-government”, so strategies for action should consider the public sentiment.

President McNamara offered us a Challenge: Can the LWV rise above the “political din” and current hostile environment, and be a model for civility while keeping a strong advocacy voice?

LWVUS communications staff reminded us that dissent is not to be feared, so outgoing messages need to be proactive and promote dialogue.

Challenge: Pros and cons of Privatization in Governance.

The focus of the LWVUS Privatization Study that LWVUS Board member Janis McMillen, described is not about privacy or security but about privatizing entities such as libraries, railroads, prisons, ABC stores, and even Medicaid! Questions arise such as, “Will the public be at risk? Will it privatize profits but publicize loss?” Indiana members reported on the major failure of Medicaid privatization there. Our Virginia member, Carole Garrison, is a member of this LWVUS study committee.

Challenge: Finances

Financial challenges include fundraising methods and how to adjust the PMP when needed. Members had budget questions related to how LWVUS reserve funds are managed and whether or not LWVUS investments are in socially and environmentally correct funds.

Challenge: How to Apply the Council Resources to LWV-VA

Come to the September 17 Workshops and Learn!

Remember: Be Succinct, Salient, Strong, and Civil



Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) Training Event

By Sue Lewis, MLD State Coordinator

On July 23 & 24, teams from seven Virginia local Leagues met with their four state coaches, state board members and a similar group from Maryland for a training session on implementing the newly named program formerly known as MRI (Membership Recruitment Initiative). LWVUS trainers and staff members, Cheryl Graeve and Kelly McFarland Stratman, and Shur Fellow national coaches, including Virginia’s national coach, Brenda Rogers of North Carolina, conducted the training.

The training involved teambuilding exercises, visioning, best practices, and formulation of work plans to guide the local Leagues in enhancing their membership activities and leadership development approaches. The enthusiasm generated by this training was obvious, and we are looking forward to seeing the results during the 2011-2012 League year.

Six local Leagues and one MAL Unit are the first to participate in the MLD project: LWV-Arlington and LWV-Fluvanna (being coached by Rona Ackerman of LWV-Fairfax Area), LWV-South Hampton Roads (being coached by Sue Lewis of LWV-Charlottesville/Albemarle), LWV-Fairfax and LWV-Lynchburg (being coached by Angela Mitchell of LWV-Loudon County), and LWV-Richmond Area and Virginia Peninsula MAL Unit (being coached by Kaye Tice of LWV-South Hampton Roads).



Save the date:

**Back after an 8 year absence!
The LWV National Convention in the
National Capital Area
Friday June 8--Tuesday June 12, 2012
NCA will need 150 volunteers, so mark
your calendars now.
We’ll be signing up people after the
first of the year.**

A Place for Everyone LWV-VA Position Review, 2011-2013

By Linda Rice, Program Director



At the LWV-VA Convention held April 30-May 1, 2011 in Blacksburg, delegates voted to approve a two-year review of LWV-VA positions for consistency, clarity and timeliness. The LWV-VA board recommends that three task forces be established for each major category – government, natural resources, and social policy – with a chair for each. The work of the task forces is important in maintaining the reputation of LWV-VA as a resource for accurate, timely, and balanced positions. Some examples of current positions which members have suggested need updating are: women's rights in VA law, air quality, and mental health.

To access the complete document, *Positioned For Action*, 2011 edition, go to:
http://www.lwv-va.org/files/lwv-va_positions_for_action_history_2011.pdf.

There you will find the full wording of all of the positions, including history, years they were studied, when the position was adopted, etc.

The LWV-VA board through its Program Director will provide guidelines for the task forces and monitor the process. Task forces will communicate at least monthly through email and teleconferencing. The work of each task force may result in updated wording for a position through concurrence by the members. If a position is identified to need further research and study, the task force will recommend such to the LWV-VA Board in time for it to be considered at the LWV-VA Convention in 2013.

If you can help, please contact Linda Rice, email: program@lwv-va.org, Tel 757-566-1825, by September 1, 2011.

1950s Led the Way to ERA

By Lulu K. Meese,
Past President of the LWV-VA

Women of my generation endured injustices to women in the home, work place and in the laws in the 1950s and this ignited our effort to get the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution passed. We worked with the media, the lawmakers and many organizations to bring this remedy in the laws to all the women in Virginia and throughout the United States.

Access to professional programs, jobs, equal pay and fair divorce and estate laws were written by men for men, and women had to live with the resulting injustices. We determined to change this. We worked for ten years in Virginia and finally lost by a dirty trick resulting in a loss of one vote. Gov. Robb had promised women to deliver the vote if elected - after his election he chose other priorities for his actions.

Women such as Sylvia Clute, Muriel Smith, Pat Jensen, Jeanne Connell, Jean Helmuth, this author, and many others stood on the front lines of this effort. One event was promoted by all of us – a debate at the Richmond Civic Center. Jean Helmuth and the Unitarian Church had much to do with setting up this event. Phyllis Schlafly (a constitutional law attorney who opposed the ERA) and Karen DeCrow (a well-known attorney from Syracuse, N.Y. who supported the ERA) were invited to address the debate question. Lulu Meese, Chair of the ERA Ratification Council of Virginia and Evelyn Hailey, League member and Legislator, were invited to be the pro-ERA questioners. The question to be addressed was, "Is ERA needed?" (continued on next page)

The William and Mary College debate experts were invited to determine who won the debate. Judge Mehridge (Richmond) was invited to be moderator. In the last 15 minutes before the debate Phyllis said she would not address our question of "Is ERA needed? Karen DeCrow asked what she was willing to speak to and Phyllis agreed to speak to "Do the people want ERA?"

Judge Mehridge arrived with a bodyguard and told organizers that he did not wish to stand close to Meese or Hailey since he feared a member of the audience might shoot them and he did not want to be hit by mistake. He cautioned Meese and Hailey to address the agreed upon question only or be ruled out of order. We understood the restrictions that were placed on us, but managed to overcome them. Even with all of the restrictions, the William and Mary debate experts determined that the pro-ERA side had proven their position and the opponents had not. However, the Richmond Times headline misled the public as to the winning side and they carried the debate experts decision on the continued page. Legislative and corporate leaders engaged in many dirty tricks and manipulations.

Evelyn had been an active League member and on the LWV-VA Board before she was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. She later ran and became the second woman to win a Virginia Senate seat. She and Meese served together on one of the League Boards.

Yes, many of our generation risked everything to secure women's rights to divorce laws, estate laws, and access to professional schools and jobs. We also fought for equal pay. We spent ten years of our lives working in the Legislature and with the media. We also had many, many speaking engagements across our state to many organizations, both men's and women's. In Staunton, Meese had to be escorted from the hall for her own protection from angry male leaders. And when she spoke to one male organization in Lynchburg wives asked to be able to attend and were told "no".

It is now time for your generation and those that

follow to step up to the plate and continue the fight for ratification of ERA. We will never be secure in the laws of our state and our country until we have this guarantee in our U.S. Constitution. Please continue our fight.



Leaving a Legacy

Including the League of Women Voters of Virginia Education Fund in your will is among the easiest ways to offer support of the LWV-VA Education Fund's work for years to come. We suggest the following language to include the League as a beneficiary of a will or trust: "I give, devise, and bequeath to the League of Women Voters of Virginia Education Fund, a charitable organization formed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, {the sum of \$___ } {___ percentage of my residuary estate}." If you already have a will, you can have your attorney add a codicil to include the LWV-VA Education Fund. After you've added the League, please contact the LWV-VA by email at president@lwv-va.org so we can list you as a member of our Carrie Chapman Catt Legacy Society.

Give Today! Donations can be made to either the Education Fund or the General Fund by Pay Pal at our website:
<http://lwv-va.org/donations.html>

or submitted by mail to LWV-VA c/o Hatsy Cutshall, 2468 Ridgehampton Court, Reston, VA 20190



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**Update on Congressional
Redistricting**

By Lynn Gordon, President

As of July 31, U.S. Congressional redistricting in Virginia is at a standstill. The House of Delegates has one plan and the Senate has another plan. Under the House plan, the U.S. Congressional districts will remain essentially as they have been for the past 10 years. It bolsters to 56 percent the black-voting population in District 3, currently represented by U.S. Representative Bobby Scott. The Senate plan reduces the black-voting population in District 3 to 45 percent while increasing the black-voting population in District 4 (currently represented by U.S. Representative J. Randy Forbes) from 34.4 percent to 53 percent.

Proponents of the House of Delegates' plan believe that their plan complies with the 1965 Voting Rights Act that was passed to prevent dilution of minority voting strength. Proponents of the Senate plan have noted that black population in Virginia is 20 percent and that the House plan essentially packs minorities into one district.

In early June, six lawmakers – three from the House and three from the Senate – were appointed to try to resolve differences between the conflicting versions. This is a highly partisan issue and, to date nothing has happened. The only thing known at this point is that lawmakers are constitutionally required to finish redistricting by the end of 2011.

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LWV-VA 2011-12 Calendar

July 2011

- 4 Independence Day
- 6-7 **LWV-VA Board Retreat**
- 8 **LWV-VA Board meeting**
- 15 LWV-VA Summer Voter deadline
- 21 Ramadan begins and runs through August 19
- 23-24 **MLD Training for Local Leagues involved in project**

August 2011

- 1 Last day to register for Primary election
- 23 Primary Election Day in VA if needed
- 26 Women's Equality Day 19th Amendment ratified

September 2011

- 5 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day
- 17 **LWV-VA Workshops –Richmond**
- 17 Constitution Day observed on the 16th
- 18 **LWV-VA Board meeting – Richmond**
- 23 Autumn Begins
- 28 Rosh Hashanah begins @ sundown

October 2011

- 1 LWV-VA Fall Voter Deadline
- 7 Yom Kippur begins @ sundown
- 10 Columbus Day observed
- 17 Last Day to Register for General Election

November 2011

- 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 8 Election Day in VA
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 21 GA Legislation Pre-filing begins
- 24 Thanksgiving

December 2011

- 3 **LWV-VA Board meeting – NoVA Area**
- 7 **Women's Roundtable (WRT) Pre-session & Luncheon, Richmond @ Capitol Bldg.**
- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- 20 Chanukah begins @ sundown through the 28th
- 22 Winter begins
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Kwanzaa begins through January 1
- 31 Happy New Year

January 2012

- 11 General Assembly (GA) Convenes (long 60 day session)
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed on the 16th
- 18 **WRT Richmond**
- 25 **WRT Richmond**

February 2012 (Black History Month)

- 1 **League Day/WRT Richmond**
- 4 LWV-VA Spring Voter deadline
- 8 **WRT Richmond**
- 8 Approximate GA Crossover date
- 14 League Founded 1920 (92nd Anniversary!)
- 15 **WRT Richmond**
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 22 **WRT Richmond**
- 29 **WRT Richmond** (last one this session)

March 2012 (Women's History Month)

- 6 Primary for City/Town and Presidential elections
- 10 Approximate GA Sine Die
- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 11-17 Sunshine Week (open government)
- 17-18 **LWV-VA Board meeting -- Chesapeake**
- 20 Spring begins

April 2012

- 6 Passover begins @ sundown through April 14
- 8 Easter
- 9 Last Day to Register for City/Town Elections
- ** **G.A. Reconvene session**

May 2012

- 1 City/Town Elections
- 11 **LWV-VA Board meeting**
- 12 **LWV-VA Council – Charlottesville**
- 13 Mother's Day
- 21 Last Day to register for Primary
- 28 Memorial Day

June 2012

- 8-12 **LWVUS Convention in Washington, DC**
- 12 Primary if needed
- 20 Summer begins
- 30 **Membership Renewal Due for all MALs**



LWV of Virginia Fall Workshops

Saturday, September 17, 2011, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
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8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:50	Advocacy in Your Local League	~ Mary Klenz of NC, LWVUS Board Director
10:00 – 11:30	Marketing through Social Media	~ <i>Presenter TBD</i>
	Presidents Workshop	~ Lynn Gordon, LWV-VA President
	Voters Service Exchange	~ Betsy Mayr, LWV-VA Voter Services Director
11:45 – 1:15	Luncheon and Speaker	~ Fundraising: The Real Deal: Katie Gilstrap, University of Richmond
1:30 – 3:00	League 101	~ Sherry Zachry, LWV-VA Secretary
	Treasurers' Workshop	~ Hatsy Cutshall, LWV-VA Treasurer
	Public Advocacy for Voter Protection/ Election Laws	~ Therese Martin, LWV-VA PAVP Coordinator
3:00 – 3:30	Town Hall	~ Lynn Gordon, State President/State Board

*Hotel restaurant open all day in case you want to snack before departing home

**Saturday night/ Sunday morning: State Board meeting at DoubleTree

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Registration for Fall Workshops Due Date – September 5, 2011

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

League: _____ Email: _____

Choice: Morning Workshop: _____

Choice: Afternoon Workshop: _____

Choice of Lunch: Cost: \$45/ person:

- () Crab Cake Sliders w/Cole Slaw and Fries () Pasta Primavera
- () Spinach Salad – topped w/ Chicken () Spinach Salad Topped w/ Shrimp

Send to LWV-VA c/o Hatsy Cutshall, 2468 Ridgehampton Court, Reston, VA 20190

Scholarships may be available. For more information, contact president@lwv-va.org.

Hotel Room Rate (double occupancy) - \$79.00 per night plus tax so long as reservation made by 9/2/11

Call (804) 226-6400 to make reservations; ask for League of Women Voters of Virginia group rate



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Membership in the League of Women Voters of Virginia

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

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

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. To be tax-deductible, donate to the “*LWV-VA Education Fund*”. Education Fund money 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 c/o Hatsy Cutshall, 2468 Ridgehampton Court, Reston, VA 20190

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.

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Reminder to Members: Please keep your contact information current! Please notify your membership chair or the state League when your email address or other contact information changes.