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What Will this New League Year Bring?

Even over the summer, our Unit was busy planning activities and taking part in State League activities. As a result, we have an active year coming up.

Below are some of the events and activities we have slated. Watch your email for details, dates, times and locations. Welcome back, everyone!

Monthly—Board Meeting (open to members and guests)
August—Summer Workshop in Hampton
October—Open House Reception (open to the community)
October through April—Registering voters at area high schools
November—General Meeting
December—Tour of the Sewall-Belmont House, Washington, DC
December—Women’s Round Table in Richmond
February—*One Woman, One Vote* film showing
March—Part 2 Election Study Consensus
April—Virginia LWV convention in Blacksburg
May—Annual meeting and election of officers



The Sewall-Belmont House was home to Suffragist Alice Paul. Now also a museum, the house is slated to re-open this year, and our unit plans to visit.

What’s on the Ballot? Review Before You Vote!

The upcoming November 2 elections have caused a flurry of excitement for voters in the 1st, 10th and 11th districts, as well as work for our Unit. Thanks to Carol Noggle who attended the State Voter Service Roundtable in August, in conjunction with the Fairfax League, we will once again have a Voters’ Guide available through local media and [on our League’s website](#).

Besides candidates in the 10th and 11th districts, the following proposed VA State Constitutional Amendments will be on the ballot:

1. Shall Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize legislation that will permit localities to establish their own income or financial worth limitations for purposes of granting property tax relief for homeowners not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled?
2. Shall the Constitution be amended to require the General Assembly to provide a real property tax exemption for the principal residence of a veteran, or his or her surviving spouse, if the veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability?
3. Shall Section 8 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to increase the permissible size of the Revenue Stabilization Fund (also known as the “rainy day fund”) from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth’s average annual tax revenues derived from income and retail sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years?

For the full text and explanation, go to the State Board of Elections at www.sbe.virginia.gov.

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August 26: The Day the Suffragists Won

Spotlight on Our Members: Carol Noggle, Voter Service Chair

August 26, 1920 marked a day of victory for women who previously did not have the right to vote in the United States. At our August Board Meeting, we considered the lengthy process that brought the hard work of the Suffragists to fruition. May we never take our rights for granted!



- 1837:** Kentucky gives some women suffrage in school elections.
- 1861:** Kansas enters the Union; the new state gives its women the right to vote in local school elections.
- 1869:** Wyoming territory constitution grants women the right to vote and to hold public office.
- 1870:** Utah territory gives full suffrage to women.
- 1893:** The male electorate in Colorado votes "yes" on woman suffrage.
- 1894:** Some cities in Kentucky and Ohio give women the vote in school board elections.
- 1895:** Utah amends its constitution to grant women suffrage.
- 1896:** Idaho adopts a constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women.
- 1902:** Kentucky repeals limited school board election voting rights for women.
- 1910:** Washington state votes for woman suffrage.
- 1911:** California gives women the vote.
- 1912:** Male electorates in Michigan, Kansas, Oregon and Arizona approve state constitutional amendments for woman suffrage. Wisconsin defeats a proposed suffrage amendment.
- 1912:** Kentucky restores limited voting rights for women in school board elections. (source)
- 1920:** On August 26, a constitutional amendment is adopted when Tennessee ratifies it, granting full woman suffrage in all states of the United States. (more)
- 1929:** Puerto Rico's legislature grants women the right to vote, pushed by the United States Congress to do so.
- 1971:** The United States lowers the voting age for both men and women to eighteen.

Important to Note

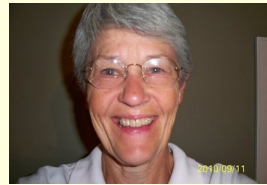
- *Last day to register to vote is Oct. 5;
- *See list of candidates on right;
- *Review "What's on the Ballot?" at <http://lwv-va.org/pwc.html>;
- *If you have not done so already, please send in dues for the upcoming year.

Carol Noggle has only been in the League of Women Voters for about a year. But in that short time, she has accomplished amazing things, attending the Women's Roundtables in Richmond, keeping our Unit abreast of the State's activities and now, stepping up as our Voter Service Chair.

After attending the LWV-VA Round Table in Richmond, Carol said, "The quality of that roundtable was the tipping point in making a decision to join."

Carol said she was attracted to the nonpartisan methods LWV adheres to. After being what Carol calls "adopted" by Treasurer Jessie Barringer, Carol and Jessie started riding together to Board Meetings in Manassas.

The road to becoming Voter Service Chair began before Carol joined the PWA Unit. Carol said she became interested in Voter Service because, "after several years of occasional contact with Virginia legislators and visits to the General Assembly, primarily on health issues, and some experience as an HOA officer, I realized that I was poorly informed on, practically oblivious to, much of the opportunities citizens have for education on and participation in the legislative process, including elections."



Last year, Carol began assisting the PW LWV and the Board of Election personnel with voter registration in the high schools.

"The need and value of LWV's voter services to the community became very clear," she said.

"In these very few months, the PW Unit has been an excellent provider of voter information, and the history of women's suffrage, to me. I know I want to help pass on good, non-partisan information."

November 2 Candidates

<i>Member House of Rep.</i>	<i>District: 10</i>	<i>Seats : 1</i>
Frank R. Wolf (R)		
Jeffery R. Barnett (D)		
William B. Redpath (L)		
<i>Member House of Rep.</i>	<i>District : 11</i>	<i>Seats : 1</i>
Keith S. Fimian (R)		
Gerald E. "Gerry" Connolly (D)		
David William Gillis, Jr. (IG)		
David L. Dotson (L)		
Christopher F. DeCarlo (I)		
<i>Member House of Rep.</i>	<i>District: 1</i>	<i>Seats: 1</i>
Robert Wittman (R)		
Krystal Ball (D)		
Gail Parker (IG)		
<i>Manassas Park, Member City Council</i>		<i>Seats : 3</i>
Brian C. Leeper (R)		
Suhas Naddoni (D)		
Preston M. Banks (I)		
Michael R. Bunner (I)		
<i>Manassas Park, Member City Council Special</i>		<i>Seats : 1</i>
W. J. "Bill" Treuting Jr. (R)		
Richard R. Schubert, Jr. (I)		
<i>Member School Board</i>	<i>Neabsco District</i>	<i>Seats : 1</i>
Lisa E. Bell (I)		



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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, 2010 to June 30, 2011

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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Address _____

State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

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, 6010 Wheeler Lane, Broad Run, VA 20137.

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.
