

December 2010 E-Bulletin

Celebrating 60 Years.....



**League of Women Voters
of Falls Church**

*A Voice for Citizens and
A Force for Change in the United States*

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church is a nonpartisan organization that serves the citizens of Falls Church City through encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, go to www.lwvfallschurch.org.

Dear League Members:

Our December 5th Holiday Party is now part of League history and what a fine memory it is! Every single one of you who worked on the event should give yourself a good pat on the back. Almost 30 members volunteered in one way or another, each one doing a job that made the event successful. It was a wonderful occasion, especially in the new venue at Oakwood Apartments, enjoyed by members and non-members alike. We did what we set out to do: have a party that all would enjoy and at the same time, raise funds to allow us to continue our programs in the community. Funds will be divided equally between the LWV Education Fund, our Scholarship Fund, and our General Fund.

Many thanks are due to the businesses who donated goods and services. They're listed elsewhere in the bulletin. We also appreciate the donations that came from League members.

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There's already talk of next year's event, but my super-energetic co-chair, Bernadette Fancuberta, and I are taking a rest from party planning for a while. Special thanks to Bernie, who did a fantastic job of putting all the parts together.

The next event on our calendar is our program planning meeting, set for January 8th (snow date is January 15th). Please see the article elsewhere in the bulletin. This is an important meeting and details are included in the article. The meeting is earlier than usual this year, so with the holidays ahead of us, save the bulletin to refer to it later. We'll send a reminder closer to the date.

The nominating committee, chaired by Madalyn Cafruny will start its work shortly. Please think about volunteering for a board position. We do good work, plus it's fun working with other League members.

Best wishes to all of you for a good holiday season, and most importantly, a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,
Ellen Salsbury
President

JANUARY 8th PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

Place: Club Room at The Broadway, 502 W. Broad St.
Time: 9AM to 12:30PM
Continental breakfast provided

On January 8th (or the 15th, as our snow date), we will consider local, NCA, and state League positions and recommendations. For all members, this meeting is an opportunity to look at issues and positions and decide how our local league wants to follow up. There are links to the materials that you will need for this important meeting and we will not be providing hard copies of the materials.

Locally, we will look at our current positions and decide if any need further study or review or if we want to embark on a new study, as we did last January with our recently completed study on NVCC. Our local action chair, Barry Bushchow, will be working with Sally Phillips and Ruth Rodgers to review our current positions and make recommendations to the membership

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at the planning meeting. Additionally, each of you is encouraged to go to our website, look over our positions, and if you feel any need further examination, be prepared to present your concerns to us.

At the regional level, LWV-NCA has prepared materials for our consideration. The materials are available by clicking on this link,

<http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/LWV%20National%20Capital%20Area%20Program%20Planning%20Guide%202010.pdf> New studies under consideration are Governance of the Metro Transit System, Safety of our Water Supply, and a Survey of Regional Efforts to Reduce the Carbon Footprint of the Washington, DC, Area. To find further information on current NCA positions, go to lwnca.org and click on "positions." We must report back to them by February 15, 2011.

On the state level, this is the time to recommend new state studies. Topics should be in an area where there is widespread member interest, a willingness to participate in study groups and where the LWV-VA has expertise. State positions are available on the web at www.LWV-VA.org and on the members only site at <http://member.owv-va/org/prog.html>. ; Our report is due to LWV-VA by January 29th.

The program planning meeting is always a good learning experience and an opportunity to see what the League is doing on local, regional and state levels. Plan to join us!

League Study of the Northern Virginia Community College

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church is pleased to present the following position on Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC). In a meeting on November 17th. members of the League reached the conclusions listed below by following the League procedure of consensus. The study was chaired by Jerry Barrett with committee members Betty Blystone, Laurie Bolster, and Jeff Tarbert taking part in the research. Joan Lewis provided guidance on the study and facilitated the meeting and Linda Garvelink was the recorder. Background information on the study is available on the website at www.lwvfallschurch.org, along with the consensus questions. You can also access the League's position by clicking on the following link.

<http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/Position%20on%20NVCC%20Nov%202010.pdf>

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Special Notes

- Congratulations to League member and Vice-Mayor, David Snyder. At its Annual Membership and Awards Luncheon, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments presented Falls Church Vice Mayor David Snyder with its highest honor, the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award. The award is presented annually to an elected official for outstanding service to residents of the metropolitan Washington region.
- Condolences to the family of Ruby Bolster. Ms. Bolster was a 50-year League member. She will be missed.

Thank You

We want to thank the following businesses who donated to our Annual Holiday Mixer/Fundraiser:

Aislinn Nails and Spa
Argia's Restaurant
Art and Frame Falls Church
BJ's Wholesale Club
Brown's Hardware
Cherry Hill Farmhouse
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