



**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,

We're halfway through our 60th anniversary year and each event we've held has been quite successful. The February Lunch and Learn program was sold out at 35 seats. The program was excellent and a number of non-League members attended, fulfilling one of the goals of reaching out to the general public. The new venue at Pistone's Italian Inn was a good choice; lunch was delicious.

Our next event is the consensus meeting on the LWV-VA study on election laws. Be sure that you mark your calendars **for Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 PM at the Winter Hill Club House at 330-B South Virginia Ave.** Ellen Gross will lead the discussion and members of the electoral board and the City's Registrar will be there. The background materials are available on our website and also on the LWV-VA site. Be sure to print them out, read them, and bring them to the meeting.

It's not too late to volunteer to be on a committee for the rest of the year. Help will be needed to plan the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 4 and Voter Service is certainly going to need lots of help as we get closer to election season.

Census results and their impact on redistricting are in the news. Our next Lunch and Learn, which may be an evening event, will tackle that topic. Stay tuned for time and place.

Welcome to new members Henriette and Jack Gordon, Alina and Andrew Gawlik, and Dan and Kim Maller.

In the meantime, hang on! Winter will eventually be over!

Sincerely,
Ellen Salsbury
President

CONSENSUS MEETING ON STATE ELECTION LAWS STUDY

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Date: March 8, 2011
Time: 7:30PM
Place: Winter Hill Club House
330-B S. Virginia Avenue

The consensus meeting will deal with the second part of the state study on Election Laws. The first one was quite interesting and we learned some amazing facts about Virginia's election laws. Background materials are on the LWV-VA website. From the homepage, click on studies and you'll find the information that you need. It's a long document but well worth the reading! Here is a link to Part 2 of the study, [please click here](#). Print it out and bring it with you to the meeting for reference. Ellen Gross will facilitate the meeting and our City Registrar and members of the Electoral Board will be there.

Plan to attend and exercise your rights as League members to voice your opinions. We want the LWV-VA to know how we feel about the changes proposed.

VPAP Goes Live with Redistricting Maps

Census releases locality- and district-level data.

The Virginia Public Access Project has posted maps with 2010 Census data that show which legislative districts must add or shed population.

[VPAP Map Link](#)

VPAP also has posted a statewide map with cities and counties shaded to reflect the population changes from 2000-10.

LWV-VA STATE CONVENTION COMING SOON!

April 29 and 30 are the dates for the convention to be held in Blacksburg, Virginia. It's a wonderful opportunity for the new and old members alike to learn more about the League and current issues. As an added bonus, LWVUS President Elizabeth McNamara will be with us and we'll have expert speakers on how the new Virginia voting districts will affect our area. This will be the fourth state event that I've attended and I've gained new skills and information every time.

Madalyn Cafruny is serving on both the LWV-VA nominating and budget committees and will be attending. As president, I'll be going too. We've got a road trip planned and would love some more company. We are allowed four delegates in addition to the president, so there's room for more Falls Church league members to attend. Your expenses of registration and room will be paid for. Give it some thought and let me know if you'd like to come. The last date for registration is April 4th, although I imagine latecomers could be accommodated, as long as the group hotel rate is still available.

League Archives at the Library

The Local History Room of our Mary Riley Styles Public Library has a broad collection of our local League archives. Two file cabinets contain almost all our old Bulletins, annual meeting reports, board minutes, League histories, and lots of studies. Several video recordings are on the shelves. The Library's microfilm files have a number of Bulletins.

The catalog of local League holdings can be found at www.fallschurchva.gov/library. The Local History Room is open Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 9 pm and Saturday from 1 pm to 5

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pm. If you have Falls Church league materials from the past, the library staff hopes you will consider donating them to the collection.

Check the collection out. You'll be impressed with the quality of our work. And you'll be impressed with the care the library staff has taken with our papers. In addition to our study of May / November elections, there's a 1969 housing study and a 1977 study of the master plan. Browsing through the Falls Church League of Women Voters archives offers a walk through City of Falls Church history.

Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - Consensus Meeting, Winter Hill Club House

Friday, April 8, 2011 - NCA Capitol Steps Fundraiser, to register, please click on this [link](#).

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - Lunch & Learn, Possible Evening Meeting, TBD

Friday - Saturday, April 29 - 30, 2011 - LWV-VA Convention, Blacksburg, VA

Saturday, June 4, 2011 - Annual Meeting, TBD

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