



January 2014 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear League Members:

2014 has begun and with it planning for the year ahead. I hope that you will be able to attend and participate in LWVFC's annual program planning meeting, which takes place this Saturday, January 11, in the Club Room of The Broadway, 502 W Broad Street. For a copy of the agenda, [click here](#).

A continental breakfast will be served at 8:45 AM, and then we'll get down to the business of reviewing local and national League positions and setting our own and recommending to the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) priorities for the near term. We discussed in depth last year the positions of the regional and state Leagues- the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) and the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA), and so will only review these briefly. The planning meeting will conclude at 11:00 AM.

We will also discuss the programs our League will hold in the next six months. Among our meetings this spring will be a discussion of the national League's broad study of agriculture and consideration of the consensus questions LWVUS has developed. These questions are now available online in the Agriculture Update group of the LWVUS Forums [here](#) and in the members' resource section of national's website.

Please take a few moments to review the positions in place at different levels of the League prior to our meeting on Saturday. For easy reference, those links are:

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I look forward to seeing and working with you on January 11 to determine our agenda for 2014.

With best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy new year,

Edith Snyder

HOLIDAY PARTY A ROUSING SUCCESS

In spite of the cancellation and rescheduling of the 15th annual LWVFC Holiday Mixer and Fundraiser, we are very pleased to announce positive results. There were many conversations and checking of weather reports on the morning of December 8th. Good sense prevailed, and we postponed the party and were able to reschedule for the following Sunday.

Fears of diminished attendance and proceeds proved unfounded. Our new venue at The Falls Church Episcopal drew an excellent and generous group of supporters. We had more than 70 attendees, a surprise, given the number of holiday events that were scheduled for that day. The final financial results are not complete, but it looks as if we will have about \$3,200 to support our programs of voter service and education as well as a generous scholarship for a graduating George Mason High School senior.

The list of volunteers is too long to include here. More than 30 Leaguers stepped forward to do jobs large and small to make the event successful. It was a pleasure to work with members who cheerfully responded to requests for help. Thanks to those who filled in at the last moment and those who were helpful from the very beginning of the planning process. From sending out of donor letters in October to vacuuming the carpet at the end of the party, it was a long process. Each and every volunteer contributed to the success of a wonderful event. It couldn't have happened without you! Sincere thanks to all.

Co-Chairs Bernadette Baroukh and Ellen Salisbury

UPCOMING DATES

We will complete this calendar following our planning meeting on Saturday, January 11; in the meantime, here are key dates that are set for the first half of 2014:

Wednesday, February 5:

League Lobby Day, with NOW and AAUW in Richmond

Saturday, March 22: LWV-VA

Democracy in Action Awards-2nd Annual Awards, Luncheon in Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond

Saturday, April 26: LWV-VA

Council, Northern Virginia

**REGISTER FOR UN COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN MARCH 2014 EVENT BY
JANUARY 15**

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW58) will be held from March 10-21 2014 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The priority theme is "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls". The Commission will also evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from CSW55 in 2011 on "Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work". League members are able to attend this important conference. Please contact Mary Fox at mvfox@optonline.net to register to attend no later than January 15, 2014. The League is limited in the number of its participants, so if you are interested, please register early.

About Us

The League of Women Voters Falls Church is a non-partisan 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.

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