



January 2015 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear League Members:

2015 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 10**, in the Club Room of The Broadway, 502 W Broad Street.

A continental breakfast will be served at 8:45 AM, and then we'll get down to the business of reviewing local, regional, and state League positions and setting our own and recommending to the Leagues of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) and the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) priorities for the next two years. We discussed in depth last year the positions of the national League- the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) - 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. The complete agenda for Saturday's LWVFC program planning meeting can be found [here](#). 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 policy links are below:

- ε [National-LWVUS](#)
- ε [State-LWV-VA](#)
- ε [Regional-LWVNCA](#)
- ε [Local LWVFC](#)

I look forward to seeing and working with you on January 10 to determine our agenda for 2015.

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

~Edith Snyder

In This Issue

Upcoming LWVFC Events

Another Successful Holiday Party Raises \$3,000

Visioning Results Sent to City

Volunteers Needed for State Boards and Commissions

\$28 Million Included in Governor's Budget for New Voting Machines

LWVFC Facebook Page

2014-2015 LWVFC Board and Off-Board Members

President
Edith Snyder

Vice President, Programs
Linda Garvelink

Co-Chair, Programs
Robert Crowe

Co-Chair, Local Programs
Dick McCall

Chair, Local Affairs
Wendy Frieman

Secretary
Marian (Bunny) Jarrett

Treasurer
Eleanor Karro

Voter Service Co-Chairs
Grace Rissetto
Sandra Tarpinian

Membership Co-Chairs
Pamela Spofford
Sarah Snyder

Fundraising Chair
Bernadette Baroukh

Liaison to NCA

Ellen Salsbury

UPCOMING LWVFC EVENTS

- ε **LWVFC Forum on Human Trafficking: Here & Now: Yes, It's in Our Backyard**
Sunday, January 25, 3:00-4:30 pm, Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Road

- ε **LWV-VA League Day & Women's Legislative Roundtable**
Wednesday, February 4, General Assembly Building, 1000 Bank Street, Richmond

- ε **LWVFC Forum on Redistricting - Gerrymandering: Can It Be Stopped?**
Sunday, February 22, 3:00-4:30 pm, Falls Church Community Center

Administrative Team

*Madalyn Cafruny
Cindy Donaldson
Genie Flahie
Ann McCleary*

Special Projects

*Marty Meserve
Jane Scully*

Communications

Mona Johnston

Webmaster

Bob Donaldson

Volunteers Needed for Virginia Boards and Commissions

Secretary of the Commonwealth, Levar Stone, urged members of LWV-VA to apply for the vacancies on the various boards and commissions at the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) December 3 Pre-Session.

He was very complimentary of the League and the various skills that its members could bring to these groups.

Many of the boards and commissions do not require technical expertise and have citizen at-large positions. For an alphabetical listing of the boards and commissions and the openings, please contact Denise Burch, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Tel 804-663-7759 or visit the [website](#).

Appointments are usually filled by June, and **applications are due by March 15, 2015**. Members of the local Leagues of LWV-VA have a wonderful opportunity to have an impact in a variety of areas of government by serving on these boards and commissions.

Governor McAuliffe Announces \$28 Million in VOTING MACHINE Funding

Governor Terry McAuliffe announced in December that he is including \$28 million in his budget to provide new voting machines to precincts across Virginia so all polling places will have uniform, state-of-the-art equipment for the 2015 November elections.



LEAGUE HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY PARTY

It was a dark and stormy night. That was the weather report for December 6, the date of our annual holiday party. It may have been awful outside, but inside, the party-goers had a wonderful time. They ate, drank, visited, bought raffle tickets, and bid on items. The end result for our League treasury was approximately \$3,000! (There are still a few outstanding expenses to be determined.)

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church held a program last November to continue our community's discussion of the proposed uses for the new land Falls Church City acquired in the sale of the City's water system to Fairfax County. The community as a whole was invited to attend; 30 citizens actively participated in the session.

LWVFC now has a Facebook page to help in keeping the community abreast of our activities and programs. If you are on Facebook, please "Like" us and be sure to "Share" and promote the page to your friends! The purpose of the page is to increase the League's visibility in the broader community.

The program began by briefly [reviewing ideas for the land](#) that have been developed by the City's outside consultant, RTKL Associates, and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) of Washington's Technical Assistance Panel as well as the anticipated timeline for development. Program attendees then broke up into small groups for facilitated discussion exploring citizen visions for this resource and our City going forward. Finally, the [small groups reported the results of their work](#) to the group as a whole.

The League has summarized the ideas generated during this visioning program and shared the output from this program with City leadership and management. The report, written by Edith Snyder and reviewed by facilitators Bob Crowe, Wendy Frieman, Dick McCall, Ellen Salsbury, and Keith Thurston, as well as volunteers Ellen Gross and Sharon Schoeller, is available [here](#).

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.

A Voice for Citizens and a Force for Change in the United States.

[Forward email](#)



WkLv#hp dLkz dv
vhqw#r
urehuwgrqd@vrqC yhul}rq1qhw
e |
[hqLkkrø hvC drdfp](#)
i
[Xsqdvh](#)
[Surilh2Hp dL](#)
[Dqquhvy](#) ;#JdsLg#
uhp ryd#z Lk
[VdihXqvxevfuleh](#)ø #
i [Sulvdfl#Srdf](#)l1



Ohdjxh#r i#z rp hq#Y rwhuv#r i#I d#F kxufk #i#SR #E r { #4 89 #i#I d#F kxufk #i#Y D #i#5 373