

# **LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF FALLS CHURCH

February 2015 Newsletter

## **President's Letter**

Dear LWVFC Members,

On February 14, the League of Women Voters celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Among the national League's celebratory actions was to post on its blog a collection of vintage suffrage valentines, such as the one below: Created in 1916, this valentine demonstrated appreciation for men who supported suffrage. For the full post and other engaging valentines, visit [this link](#). Happy League of Women Voters' Day to one and all!



## **Program on Modern-Day Slavery**

Our new year began with a moving program last month about the horrific problem of human trafficking in Northern Virginia. Co-hosted by the League of Women Voters of Falls Church and of Arlington and the Falls Church chapter of the American Association of University of Women, the program attracted 150 citizens, who packed the Falls Church Community Center to hear Detective Bill Woolf of the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force, Lee Hopkins of the Tahirih Justice Center, and a representative of Courtney's House, an organization that serves the needs of children who have been victims of human sex trafficking.

Worldwide, estimates indicate that there are more than 21 million incidents of humans being sold into slavery each year, generating more than \$30 billion in illegal revenues. Unfortunately, Northern Virginia is a hub of this criminal

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## **2014-2015 LWVFC Board and Off-Board Members**

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enterprise-and in fact, ranks fifth in the nation-because it is a major metropolitan area with easy access to both Dulles International Airport and the I-95 corridor.

The forum was designed to help citizens better understand the nature and extent of the problem and steps they can take to help combat it. Based on the program, the Arlington League compiled the following list of national, state, regional, and local resources for further citizen action:

- ε Central Source of Information:  
<http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org>
- ε National Human Trafficking Resource Center and Hotline: 888-373-7888 Or Text HELP to BeFree (233733)
- ε National Department of Homeland Security: [Blue Campaign](#): "One Voice, One Mission, End Human Trafficking." To report suspected trafficking, call 1-866-DHS-2-ICE
- ε State Virginia Department of Criminal Justice [website](#) Virginia statutes; resources for commonwealth's attorneys, law enforcement, victims
- ε Regional and Local Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force (Detective William Woolf: [email](#)) A collaboration of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies - along with nongovernmental organizations - dedicated to combating human trafficking and related crimes. Arlington County Arlington County liaison: Officer Christina Hawkins, [email](#)
- ε Advocacy for Legislation Bills in 2015 session of General Assembly to support: SB 710; SB 1213; SB 1188; HB 1964 AAUW of Virginia - sign [petition](#) urging state lawmakers to pass legislation supporting trafficking victims
- ε Education and Services JustAsk VA - End Teen Sex Trafficking: [website](#) or 1-888-373-7888
- ε Tahirih Justice Center: [website](#); 571 282 6161; Needs donations of money and goods
- ε Courtney's House [website](#); 202-525-1426; Needs donations of money and goods, as well as volunteers

LWVFC's Board has also discussed a number of potential next steps, including meetings with local school and law

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**March 22: Route 7 Corridor Study** at the Falls Church Community Center. Guest Speakers-Penny Gross, Fairfax County Mason District Supervisor; Paul Baldino, Chair, FC Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation; Claire Gron, Transit Projects and Policy Manager, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC); and David F. Snyder, Falls Church City Councilmember and Vice Mayor and Chair of NVTC

**April 19: Civic Engagement** at the Falls Church Community Center. Guest Speaker-Peter Davis of Falls Church Common Place

**May 2: LWNCA Convention**

**May 5: Register George Mason High School seniors to vote** at the school

**May 16: LWVFC Annual Meeting** at Creative Cauldron. Guest Speaker-Matt Conner, composer and actor

**MAGDALEN CROWE BOYLAN**  
*1924 - 2015*

The Falls Church League lost lifetime member, Magdalen Crowe Boylan, last month at the age of 91. Magda

enforcement officials, working with our elected state representatives on possible legislation, and donating needed items to Tahirih Center and Courtney's House. Please contact me if you are interested in participating in these efforts. Many thanks to Vice President of Programs, Linda Garvelink, and her colleagues in Arlington and with AAUW-FC for putting together this critical program.

The Leagues in Falls Church and the National Capital Area have many more programs planned in the coming weeks that you won't want to miss. Please see specific announcements below for forums on redistricting, transportation, and civic engagement.

### **Opportunities to Serve**

We have begun the process of seeking members who are interested in serving on LWVFC's Board of Directors for 2015-2017. If you are interested in contributing to the work of the League in this way, please contact me at [edithholmes@aol.com](mailto:edithholmes@aol.com) or Ellen Salsbury at [ellensals@aol.com](mailto:ellensals@aol.com).

We are also working with Falls Church Cable TV (FCCTV) to tape more of our programs in an effort to bring them to a wider audience. By joining FCCTV, individual members become eligible to take classes in how to use recording and editing equipment. FCCTV offers three classes-in studio production, field production (anywhere outside the studio), and editing film. If you would like to assist the League by learning to film our programs, please contact Communications Chair Mona Johnston at [monajohnston@verizon.net](mailto:monajohnston@verizon.net).

As always, thank you for your commitment to and participation in the League!

Edith Snyder

passed away peacefully on January 7, 2015.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, Magda was born and grew up in Brooklyn New York. She attended Bishop McDonnell High School and St Joseph's College in Brooklyn and graduated in 1945 with honors and as class valedictorian. Magda then attended Catholic University, obtaining a Master's Degree in Social Work. In 1949, she married Vincent D. Boylan and was the proud mother of Patrick, Vincent Jr, Denis, and Timothy, and grandmother to Thomas, Jenny, Kyle, Bradley, Kristin, Jay, Sean, Edward, and Maggie.

Magda actively supported the League of Women Voters and other charitable organizations. She was a longtime member of the Teams of Our Lady and Holy Trinity Catholic Church and cherished the many friendships she had with fellow members. Magda worked as a social worker for the Fairfax County school system from 1972 until 1988, assisting physically and mentally handicapped children. In recognition for her many years of dedicated service she was awarded the designation of Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW) from the National Association of Social Workers.

Falls Church friends and neighbors, Anton and Cecilia Op de Beke, said of her: "Magda was a role model as an informed and conscientious citizen, wonderful and kind neighbor who set the tone of neighborliness on our street that lives on today, and as a well educated woman who paved the way for others and who guided other women in the right to seek fulfillment outside the home. She was engaged and engaging, a person who set noble examples and who lives on in our treasured memories."

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### **League of Women Voters Hosts February 22 Forum on Gerrymandering**

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church will host a forum "Gerrymandering: Can It Be Stopped?" this **Sunday, February 22** from **3:00 to 4:30 p.m.** at the Falls Church Community Center.

The discussion will review political redistricting and explore the extent to which both parties have tried to gain a political advantage by manipulating the boundaries of legislative and congressional districts—a practice known as gerrymandering. Currently, legislative districts in the Commonwealth of Virginia are drawn by the General Assembly. Some proponents of redistricting reform are seeking instead to have districts drawn by an independent, bipartisan commission.

The program will be led by Brian Cannon, executive director of OneVirginia2021: Virginians for Fair Redistricting, a coalition of organizations and individuals seeking changes by the time of the next scheduled redistricting in 2021. He will be joined by Sara Fitzgerald, a member of the Falls Church League of Women Voters who currently serves on the national League's Redistricting Task Force.

For more information on OneVirginia2021, please visit their [website](#).



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VIRGINIANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING

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### **Are You Ready to Cross Some Transportation Boundaries?**

Do you find our current transit and roads network challenging? Do you wonder what changes may be around the bend? Join us on **Saturday, March 28**, at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in Arlington, Virginia, for the day-long League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) Transportation Forum, "Crossing Boundaries." Expert panelists will help League members examine current regional transportation systems with its many challenges and explore how a better system might be achieved.

Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by introductions and our morning panelists' presentations at

10:00 a.m. A question period will follow.

Attendees will then break up into small groups for lunch, choosing from the many nearby restaurants in Ballston to dine on our own and continue the discussions begun in the morning. The afternoon panelists will start their presentations at 1:00 p.m. with questions following. Our final wrap-up will be at 3:15 p.m.

We are fortunate to have these knowledgeable guest speakers: Shyam Kannan, WMATA Director of Planning; Emily Badger, *Wonkblog-The Washington Post*; Dan Reed, consultant with Nelson Nygaard; Garritt Knapp, UMD, Center for Smart Growth; Tom Fairchild, mobility and technology expert; Stewart Schwartz, Coalition for Smarter Growth; Ross Capon, railroads expert; Aldea Douglas, AARP; and Rich Kuzmyak, Renaissance Planning Group.

Come and be part of this free transportation forum in the Conference Center at NRECA, located at 4301 Wilson Blvd, Arlington. It's just two blocks to the Ballston Metro, and there is free underground parking on Saturday when you enter on North Taylor Street between Wilson Boulevard and Fairfax Drive. Please register [here](#). Help us to cross some transportation boundaries!



### **LWVFC Facebook Page**

If you use Facebook, be sure to visit LWVFC's [Facebook page](#) and "Like" us. And don't stop there -- share the link and invite your Facebook friends to like us too!

We now have a total of 53 people who have liked our page - which means any time we post a message it shows up in their personal newsfeed. The majority of the people who "Like" our page are non-members so this has begun to be a useful communication tool for the League.

We are also using some limited paid advertising to

promote our programs via Facebook. We target our ads to Facebook users within the City of Falls Church so that our posts show up as sponsored links on City residents' Facebook newsfeeds. Utilizing this "boost" feature, we have now reached 2,398 Facebook views.

Our goal is to reach 100 "Likes" - meaning individuals who opt to receive all our posts as a regular part of their newsfeed (at no cost).

If you have questions, League photos to share or a message to use in future posts, please contact Mona Johnston at [monajohnston@verizon.net](mailto:monajohnston@verizon.net).



## 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.*

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