



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](http://www.lwvfallschurch.org).

Dear League Members,

Of all the numbers that have impressed me most recently, the figure **9,200** tops the list. This is the number of registered voters in Falls Church as of September 22-and it is likely a bit higher today as we reach the October 15 cutoff for voter registration for the November 6, 2012 General and Special Elections. **9,200 means that approximately 90% of the people eligible to vote in our City are registered to do so**-a remarkable achievement for any community.

Now as a League, we need to do all we can to ensure that as many of these registered voters as possible know the candidates and the issues and cast their ballots on or before the first Tuesday in November. To that end, Genie Flahie, Voter Services Chair, has completed **the Fall 2012 Voters' Guide for Falls Church**. You can find the guide on our League's website by clicking [here](#). Also available is **the guide produced by the League of Women Voters of Virginia**, which includes information about the presidential candidates. LWV-VA's guide is available by clicking [here](#). Please let your friends and neighbors know about these resources.

In addition, **the City's Office of Voter Registration and Elections has asked the League's assistance in the final weeks before the November 3 end of in-person**

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**absentee voting at City Hall.** Duties may include facilitating lines of voters, handing out stickers, and demonstrating the E-Slate voting machine. Genie Flahie will provide the Registrar with a list of League members willing to help. If you are willing and able to assist, please let Genie know, and tell her the dates or times you would NOT be available. Genie can be reached at [genief@verizon.net](mailto:genief@verizon.net) or 703-532-7713.

Lastly, Linda Garvelink, Vice President of Programs, has worked closely with Bonnie Franklin, Program Chair for the League of Women Voters of Arlington, to organize a **panel discussion on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendment on eminent domain.** This amendment is Question 1 on the November 6 ballot. The panel discussion will be held on Tuesday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m. in Falls Church City Council Chambers and will feature Falls Church City Attorney John Foster and local attorney and eminent domain expert John Foote, as well as others who know this subject well. Former State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple will serve as moderator. The Leagues' goal is to help voters understand the purpose and ramifications of this amendment.

Thank you for all that you do for the League!

Sincerely,  
Edith Snyder  
President

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### **NOVEMBER NCA FORUM ON THE NATIONAL LEAGUE'S POSITION ON SENTENCING AND PRISON REFORM**

On Saturday, November 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the League of Women Voters for the National Capital Area (LWV-NCA) will host a forum on the League of Women Voters of the United States position on sentencing and prison reform. This panel discussion will take place at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library at 901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC20001. The Library is located between the Metro Center and Gallery Place metro stations.

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## **The Holiday Party Needs You!**

Please make a note on your calendars to attend the League's Annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 2nd from 4:30pm - 7:30pm. The event will be held in the beautiful party room at the Oakwood Apartments, located at 501 Roosevelt Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22046. As in previous years, we invite you to bring spouses, partners, and friends.

The Holiday Party is the League's main social event of the year. Bernie Baroukh and Ellen Salsbury are very excited and energized to make this a huge success! It's the only fundraiser that we hold, and the monies raised enable us to pay for the many outreach activities that are part of the LWV mission.

We need volunteers to:

- Set up in the early afternoon of Dec 2nd
- Clean up after the mixer
- Sell raffle tickets during the event
- Fold invitations and stuff envelopes
- Assist with the bake sale during the mixer
- Assist with the hors d'oeuvres buffet during the mixer

More specifically, we need more good volunteers to take on various tasks to complete the work. There are lots of jobs to be done, most of them small ones that can be easily done in a short period of time. Look over the list and contact Bernie Baroukh at blf2475@aol.com or (703) 992-9433 or Ellen Salsbury at ellensals@aol.com to let us know what you'd like to do:

**BAKE SALE**-We need a chairperson to head up the bake sale and we also need donations of goodies for sale, plus 3-4 volunteers to run the sale. Shifts are usually 30-45 minutes. Let us know what you're donating and if you can volunteer.

**COORDINATOR OF SERVICES FROM OUR MEMBERS**-Each year league members donate services, such as offering a meal, supplying a handyman, teaching a skill, etc. We need someone to contact league members. We'll have a list for you to work from. (We encourage all members to come forward with your ideas and not wait to be called.) We need several members working on this committee to each make a few phone calls. It's quick and easy!

**MERCHANT DONATIONS MANAGER-Cindy**

Donaldson has agreed to coordinate volunteers and keep track of donors and donations. In addition to Cindy, we need 2-3 people who aren't shy to follow up by visiting these merchants to secure donations and then pick them before the party. Previous donors will be contacted by letter before they are contacted personally. If you want to contact a favorite retailer or restaurant, let Cindy know by emailing her at [cindy.donaldson@verizon.net](mailto:cindy.donaldson@verizon.net). We don't want to ask the same business twice. Also, we can supply you with a letter and an invitation to give to the donor.

**FOOD**-the most important part of the party! Linda Garvelink and Bunny Jarrett have agreed to co-chair the Food Committee. Each board member will bring his/her signature dish and the chairs will supplement with additional appetizers and desserts. We need someone to pick up the wine and deliver it to Oakwood the day of the party. We also need additional people to keep trays filled, pick up, etc. Board members, let Bernie know what you plan to bring.

**PRICING AND SET UP**-The day before the party we price the items and put together baskets. You get to preview all of the items. The day of the event we need several people to bring items into the party room and set up the tables and "stage" the event.

**CLEAN UP**-the more the merrier! This is really important. The more volunteers, the quicker we are done.

As you can tell, this party is a group effort but well worth the time and energy. Get in on the fun and volunteer.

All of these are short-term jobs that will be shared throughout the evening. You can volunteer and have ample time to enjoy the mixer.

If you're willing to help with one of the above activities, please contact Bernadette Baroukh at (703) 992-9433 or [blf2475@aol.com](mailto:blf2475@aol.com).

And finally...do you have goods or services that you would like to donate to the auction?

The Holiday Party committee is interested in the following:

Collectible items and antiques, artwork, needlework, ceramics/glass, jewelry, table linens, decorative trays, kitchenware, toys that are new or vintage, etc. The committee will also be happy to put together theme baskets i.e. "It's a Party!" by a member donating some chips, salsa, margarita mix, etc. If you need some ideas, please let us know.

Services, such as pet sitting, a dinner for 6-8, a special entrée or dessert to be prepared on request, teaching a skill, game, or hobby, a wine or beer tasting in your home for 10-12, etc.

Bake sale items: home-prepared cakes, cookies, pies, candies, nuts, etc.

If you can contribute an item for auction, please contact Ellie Karro at (703) 532-9344 or [ellie\\_karro@yahoo.com](mailto:ellie_karro@yahoo.com). Drop off deadline would be December 1st. Items could be dropped off during the week of 11/26 -12/1 to Ellie's home located at 810 Park Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046.

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## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR NEW LWV-VA DEMOCRACY IN ACTION AWARDS**

The League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) is initiating a **statewide campaign to recognize women who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the areas of good governance and active civic engagement**. LWV-VA is asking each local league and member-at-large unit to participate by nominating two women from its community who would be deserving of a "Democracy in Action" award.

Two awards will be presented at LWV-VA's first annual Democracy in Action Awards Celebration next March. One award will be given to a woman who currently is an elected or appointed government official who supports good governance through openness, accountability, responsiveness, and inclusiveness. The second award will be given to a woman who is currently not in an elected or appointed government position and is recognized for active civic engagement through informed and active participation in government, working to

increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

The presentation of these awards will take place at LWV-VA's premier fundraising dinner in Richmond on March 16, 2013 during Women's History Month.

The LWVFC Board must submit nominations for consideration by the state League by November 16, 2012. If you have nominations for one or both awards, please send them to [president@lwvfallchurch.org](mailto:president@lwvfallchurch.org). Thank you for your participation.



### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR LWV MEMBERSHIP?

Thus far, 82 LWVFC members have renewed their membership for the 2012-2013 year. Our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. If you have not yet renewed, please send your dues to LWV Falls Church, PO Box 156, Falls Church, VA 22046. Individual membership is \$50, and family membership is \$75. If you are not sure whether you have renewed, please contact Bunny Jarrett, Membership Co-Chair with Rebecca Shaw, at [mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu](mailto:mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu) or 703-533-8230.

When you renew, please consider donating to the LWVFC Scholarship Fund, the LWVFC Education Fund, and the LWVFC General Fund. You can send your donation to the same address. Thank you!



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