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***Community Dialogue: Presented by the
 LWV C/A Natural Resources Committee***
Tuesday, September 22, Noon
**Lane Auditorium, Old County Office
 Building, McIntire Rd., Charlottesville**

[Note: No food or drink is permitted in the Auditorium. Limited parking—please carpool!]

**Research Examines Impact of Future
 Population Growth on Local Ecosystem
 Services**

A recent investigation indicates that if population growth continues unabated, the Albemarle/Charlottesville area could lose 45% of its agricultural open space and 37% of its forests. In this situation, the ability of the local environment to sequester and store carbon, and to clean the water and air, would be drastically reduced. The study calls into question the assumption that current “smart growth” policies are sufficient to protect our local environment and assure a sustainable community.

The research report, “Estimating Impacts of Population Growth on Ecosystem Services for the Community of Albemarle County and Charlottesville, VA” by independent researchers Dr. Claire Jantz and James Manuel at Pennsylvania’s Shippensburg University, is available at http://www.ASAPnow.org/OSPSFinalReport_Aug05.pdf. The study was funded by the governments of Albemarle and Charlottesville, the Colcom Foundation, and contributions by members and friends of Advocates for a Sustainable Albemarle Population.

Jack Marshall, ASAP President, will summarize the research and lead a discussion about the public policy implications of the findings. He will also briefly describe other studies in ASAP’s Optimal Sustainable Population Size (OSPS) Project, aimed at better understanding the biological carrying capacity of our community.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
 COMMITTEE NEWS**

By Gerry Kruger

During the cooler than normal summer months, IR members continued to report on hot topics. Natalie Testa told us of the growing numbers of Muslims in Britain. Although the number of moderate Muslims is shrinking, she presented encouraging facts about the progress of Muslim women entering professions. Natalie also reminded us of the League’s sponsorship of the Global Democracy Program. Through it the League promotes democracy all around the world by providing workshops, training, and citizen exchange programs. In the 1980’s our local chapter participated in the citizen exchange program by hosting Russian citizens after the fall of communism.

Lois Sandy’s reports on the world wide trash problem and “rare earth” (which consists of precious metals found beneath the earth) gave us new information about how both can be used to stave off global warming, and Shirley Munson continued to inform us of her extensive research on China and India. In July she reported on India’s massive education, malnutrition, economic, and political problems.

Liz Kutchai shared some alarming facts about women and reproduction in her review of Sex, Power, and the Future of the World by Michelle Goldberg, and Gerry Kruger reported on a little known shore in southwestern Pakistan called Baluchistan that holds the key to Pakistan’s fate. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) was the subject of Pat Hurst’s talk. The goal of the IMF is for countries to mend their ways and stop living beyond their means. Indications are that the world’s economic recovery will be slow and improvement will be a long way off. Huge companies that are too big to fail are troubling to the IMF.

The IR Committee, which meets every second and fourth Wednesday, invites you to join us for stimulating programs.

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Meetings and Events for August-September 2009: *Mark Your Calendars Now!*

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Saturday, August 29 9 am – 4:15 pm	LWV VA Fall Workshops	Holiday Inn, Emmet St. Charlottesville	For further information, contact Marge Cox, 245-5228
Wednesday, September 9 9:30 am	International Relations Committee Meeting	Home of Lois Sandy, 1666 Franklin Dr., 296-8737	For further information, contact Flora Patterson, 295-5532
Thursday, September 10 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Virginia Foundation for the Humanities	For more information, contact, Linda Goodling, 296-9865
Tuesday, September 15 4 pm – 6 pm	LWV C/A Board Meeting	Virginia National Bank, Arlington Blvd.	For more information, contact the office, 970-1707
Tuesday, September 22 Noon	Community Dialogue: "Impact of Population Growth"	Lane Auditorium, Old County Office Bldg., McIntire Rd., C'ville	For more information, contact the office, 970-1707
Wednesday, September 23 9:30 am	International Relations Committee Meeting	Home of Jean Minehart, 1714 Yorktown Dr., 971-1801	For more information, contact Flora Patterson, 295-5532



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Welcome New LWV Members:

Sherry Orrell (LWV C/A)

Patricia Hurst (LWV C/A)

Nesta & R. K. Ramazani (LWV C/A)

Judy Bauerle (LWV C/A)

Judith Rupprecht (Natl.)

Lindsay Nolting (Natl.)

Helen Cloud (Natl.)

Beverly Thompson (Natl.)

Mabel Holt (Natl.)

Dear Leaguers! Please note our new newsletter format with this issue. We are endeavoring to cut printing costs (for those members who receive the newsletter by mail) by reducing our bulletin to one sheet, and referring you to our outstanding website which is updated monthly for all the information and answers to your questions: <http://avenue.org/lwv> Of course, we are most grateful to you for electing to receive the newsletter by email. You get the color version and direct access to website links, as well as saving paper!

Also note: Bag lunches (\$8) may be ordered for this month's (September 22) Community Dialogue by calling the office, 970-1707. **However, no food or drink is permitted in the auditorium proper, so you will have to munch before or after the meeting outside the auditorium.**

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