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LWV C/A February Community Dialogue:

"Property Rights in Land"

Guest Speaker:

***Jon Cannon, Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program,
University of Virginia Law School***

***Tuesday, February 23, 12:30 pm to 2 pm
New County Office Building, Room A
1600 Fifth Street
Charlottesville, VA***

What rights do we have in the land we own? Is a development right considered a property right? The LWV C/A Natural Resources Committee presents "Property Rights in Land" with Jon Cannon as guest speaker, on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 12:30 pm, at the New County Office Building (Room A), 1600 Fifth Street, Charlottesville.

Jonathan Cannon, Director of the University of Virginia Law School's Environmental and Land Use Law Program, joined the Law School faculty in 1998, from the Environmental Protection Agency. He served as General Counsel (1995-1998) and assistant administrator for administration and resources management (1992-1995). Prior to his work with the EPA, Cannon was in the private practice of environmental law; served as an adjunct professor at Washington and Lee University Law School, where he taught environmental law; and was a lecturer at the Law School. He recently served on the Albemarle County Planning Commission for three years and was co-chair of the former Mountain Protection Ordinance Committee. As an introduction to the program, Sally Thomas and Jeff Werner will review the status of the Biscuit Run Development, including discussion of how County development plans and the tax base will be affected.

Please join us for this timely program. **Lunch reservations for a bag lunch (sandwich, red potato salad, fruit cup, chips and cookie) for \$8 may be made by calling the League office at 970-1707 or email: lww@avenue.org. Deadline for lunch reservations is noon, Thursday, February 18.**

Mark Your Calendars! Former Governor Gerald L. Baliles will speak at the LWV C/A Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 11, at noon at Greencroft Club. More details in upcoming newsletters.

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United States Census 2010: "We All Count"

The LWV C/A Joins with the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County in the 2010 U.S. Census Communications Campaign

LWV C/A Leaguer Molly O'Brien attended a meeting with leaders of the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, to receive instructions on recruiting community organizations to assist in the 2010 U.S. Census in accordance with the following Mission Statement:

"The mission of the Complete Count Committee is to ensure that Census 2010 activities in the City of Charlottesville and the County of Albemarle are accomplished fairly and accurately thereby meeting the goal of the decennial census to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. Meeting this mission will secure the resources that will shape decisions for the remainder of the decade concerning public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and more."

The Charlottesville/Albemarle League of Women Voters is an official partner for the 2010 Census, and will participate in the communications campaign. **The important news now is that the 2010 Census forms will go out in the mail in the middle of March and are due in April. Households will receive a 10-question short form. It is quick and easy to fill out, and your answers are protected by law.** For lots more information about the form, visit the 2010 Census website at: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/index.php>

By mid-April, the city and county will know where there are households which have not returned their forms and we may be enlisted to help by contacting these families. Look for information in our April newsletter, or contact Sheri Iachetta, Registrar, City of Charlottesville (434-970-3250), to join in the effort to ensure that the Mission Statement is fulfilled. **Achieving a complete and accurate 2010 Census is in our hands.**

International Relations Committee News by Gerry Kruger

With the holiday season behind us, the International Relations committee is once again working to keep its members informed about global issues, especially those that affect the world economy. Lois Sandy's report on "The Noodle Bowl" illustrated the complexity of the free trade issue. Rules governing free trade are complicated due to lack of uniformity. Because of their boundless exports, Asia's economies are now set to have the most growth in the world.

Marie Krizek reported on how the frugal nature of the German people has had unintended consequences. Germany's economy is solid because they didn't make the mistakes of the other western European countries; however, Germans prefer to save their money and export the goods they produce rather than import. As a result they struggle to create jobs and grow their economy.

Natalie Testa explained that Japan's recent election results favored change that is pro-business. The Democratic Party defeated the Liberal Democratic party three to one. The Democrats claim that they will revamp the government.

The IR Committee is teeming with amazing attendance, discussion, and reports. We welcome new members to join in the fun on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. See the calendar at the end of this newsletter for meeting locations, and contact information.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VIRGINIA
PUBLISHES *VIRGINIA WOMEN & THE VOTE 1909-2009*
A 100-Year History of The Equal Suffrage League &
The League of Women Voters in Virginia**

One hundred years ago in 1909, a group of women met in Richmond — 61 years after Seneca Falls — to establish Virginia's Equal Suffrage League (ESL), a precursor of today's League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA). These pioneers of southern suffrage were pillars of society; they had the status to have a voice in a very traditional region. They dealt with ridicule, their efforts were dismissed, but they persevered.

The suffrage movement was sweeping the west as several western states had already allowed women to vote. Some of the Suffragists who would picket the White House in 1917, held by a president born in Virginia, Woodrow Wilson, were incarcerated at the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton, Virginia. The history of women's vote is intertwined with the history of Virginia. Yet Virginia did not formally ratify the 19th amendment until 1952!

The idea for a book about women's suffrage in Virginia was conceived by current LWV-VA President Olga Hernandez when she read about the founding of the Equal Suffrage League in Virginia in 1909. *Virginia Women & The Vote* chronicles the events of those 100 years that began with the ESL which became the League of Women Voters of Virginia and the many contributions made to the Commonwealth by the women who led these organizations. All of the women who struggled to have their voices heard and engage in issues facing Virginians are detailed for the first time by League Historian Bernice Colvard in this comprehensive history spanning 1909 to 2009. The legacy of those Virginia women is very much alive today and continues to be a beacon to all who value good government and an informed citizenry without partisan overtones. Read these stories and understand what Susan B. Anthony meant when she reportedly said "There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers."

As stated by LWV-VA President Hernandez, "We've come a long way, but still have far to go. All women [and men], young and not so young, need to continue this work. The League of Women Voters [which now includes men] is as necessary today as it was in the last century."

This handsome publication with many photos from our archives is available by contacting the LWV-VA via our website: www.lwv-va.org. Or contact our local League office, 970-1707.

For more information about LWV-VA and how to join, visit the website:
www.lwv-va.org.

Upcoming LWV Charlottesville/Albemarle Events:

March 23 Community Dialogue: "Freedom of Speech and Civility: Balancing the Right to Speak and Hear" with Bob Gibson, moderating discussion.

April 20 Community Dialogue: "Keeping Our Kids Healthy: The Goals, Actors, and Actions" presented by the LWV C/A Women's Issues Committee.

All meetings are open to the public. Join us and consider supporting our active organization by becoming a member. Contact the League office, 970-1707, for more information.



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Meetings and Events for February 2010: *Mark Your Calendars Now!*

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Saturday, January 30, 9:00 am	Finance Drive Get-Together	Home of Ruth Wadlington, 1620 Keith Valley Rd., 293-5261	For more information, contact the office, 970-1707
Wednesday, February 10, 9:30 am	International Relations Committee meeting	Home of Molly O'Brien, 250 West Main, PH 2, 245-9806	For more information, contact Flora Patterson, 295-5532
Tuesday, February 16, 4-6 pm	LWV C/A Board Meeting and Local Program Planning	Virginia National Bank, Arlington Blvd.	For more information, contact the office, 970-1707
February date/time to be determined	Women's Issues Committee	Please call the League office for location – 970-1707	For more information, contact Mimi Bender, 220-4500
Tuesday, February 23, 12:30 pm - 2 pm	LWV C/A Community Dialogue: Jon Cannon, speaker	New County Office Bldg., Room A, 1600 Fifth St.	For more information, contact the office, 970-1707
Wednesday, February 24, 9:30 am	International Relations Committee meeting	Home of Liz Kutchai, 126 Bollingwood Rd., 296-0541	For more information, contact Flora Patterson, 295-5532