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You are Invited to the
Annual Holiday Gathering
Board Meeting at 5 pm
followed by Program Planning and Party
Tuesday, December 14

At the home of Gerry Kruger (see directions below)

Board Meeting and Program Planning prior to the Tuesday, December 14 Holiday Gathering
All members are encouraged to attend the Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 14 evening, at 5 pm, prior to our Annual Holiday Gathering. At this time, we will consider Program Planning at the Local and National levels of the League. Do we wish to retain current positions, to act on them, and/or to begin new studies with the goal of establishing consensus and positions for action on other issues? This is what your League of Women Voters is all about and program planning is your opportunity to weigh in. You can find a list of local positions in your 2010-2011 Membership Directory. For further details about positions at the national level, go to our website, <http://avenue.org/lwv>, and click on LWVUS on the home page, then "Impact on Issues, on the LWVUS page. For further information, contact President Loren Intolubbe-Chmil, at lgic@embarqmail.com. **Join us – lots of nibble foods and good cheer to follow the meeting!**

Directions to Gerry Kruger's House: **From east--**Take Route 250 West five miles past Boar's Head Inn. Pass Duner's Restaurant on the right and go about one mile until you reach a blinking yellow light. Turn right on Tilman Road and take an immediate left onto Allendale Drive. **About 200 yards ahead is Gerry's house, a white contemporary house on the left at the end of a pond. Turn after the white mailbox, 989 Allendale Rd. 977-7617.** **From west--**Take Route 250 East to blinking yellow light at Tilman Road. (1.6 miles from intersection of VA-240 and US-250/IVY RD.) Turn left onto Tilman and take an immediate left onto Allendale Drive. **About 200 yards ahead is Gerry's house, a white contemporary house on the left at the end of a pond. Turn after the white mailbox, 989 Allendale Rd. 977-7617.**

Lunch with the Legislators
Friday, January 7, 2011, Noon
The Boar's Head Inn

*The six state legislators who represent Charlottesville and Albemarle County have been invited to attend the annual **League of Women Voters Legislative Luncheon** at the Boar's Head Inn, on Friday, January 7, at noon. This is your opportunity to greet and meet your local representatives who will give brief presentations about the upcoming legislative session and then respond to questions from you, the audience. See page 2 of this newsletter for reservation information.*

LWV C/A January, 2011, Community Dialogue

**International Education and the
Construction of Civic Identity**

presented by Loren Intolubbe-Chmil, President
League of Women Voters of
Charlottesville/Albemarle
Tuesday, January 25, at 11:45 am to 12:45 pm
New County Office Building, Room A,
Fifth Street, Charlottesville
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A Message from our President

Dear League Members,

We have had a very busy fall with several voter education and community dialogue events, which required the volunteer contributions of many of our members and supporters. Sincere thanks to everyone who has pitched in towards our collective efforts. There are a number of League members who have earned additional kudos as well, and I'd like to devote this column space to recognizing them.

Bob & Nancy Button did a masterful job of organizing and commandeering all of the details of the Voters' Guide this year, which is a tremendous responsibility. They worked tirelessly in attending to every detail, and we have received many compliments on the quality of this year's Voters' Guide. Sue Friedman has worked very hard on our program and planning in general this fall, but the 5th District Congressional Candidates' debate was such a successful event due to her extraordinary level of organization and expertise.

Frances Schutz and **Flo Marks**, on behalf of the Fluvanna League, also contributed a great deal to the success of the 5th District Congressional Candidates' debate as co-sponsors. Their insight, responsiveness, and recruitment efforts made this a truly collaborative endeavor.

Molly O'Brien, who in the midst of her very full and active life, continues to ensure the League's visibility and provides much needed organizational continuity.

Gerry Kruger and **Lois Sandy** for following up on the myriad details that must be attended to in order to make our League events run smoothly and with optimum communication.

Michele Kellermann for keeping up with both the website and the newsletter, even from afar, and for gently reminding us to honor our deadlines.

Thank you all for the investment you have made in the League, especially in recent months---you have gone above and beyond.

We have some interesting studies and other opportunities for involvement coming up in 2011, so keep a lookout for more information on those. We also need to identify members who are willing to observe public meetings and work on recruitment activities (see Marie Krizek's column this month), in addition to other tasks and responsibilities.

Happy Holidays to you all.

Loren Intolubbe-Chmil, President
League of Women Voters of Charlottesville/Albemarle

Annual Legislative Luncheon Friday, January 7, 2011 The Boar's Head Inn New Pavilion Ballroom Registration at 11:30 am Luncheon/Program begins at Noon

Join us for the annual get-together with our local state legislators. **At this time Sen. Steve Hanger (24th District), Sen. Creigh Deeds (25th), Del. David Toscano (58th), and Del. Rob Bell (59th) have agreed to attend**, and this is a great opportunity to hear what they have to say about the upcoming legislative session in Richmond, as well as query them with informed questions.

This year's luncheon (\$25 per plate) will be held in the new Pavilion ballroom at The Boar's Head Inn. The menu is:

Chef's Soup of the Day
Fresh House Rolls and Butter

Chopped Thai Chicken Salad with Napa Cabbage, Carrots, Snow Peas, Red Onion, Shitake Mushrooms and Sweet Peppers
Tossed with a Sesame Soy Vinaigrette

Pastry Chef's Selection of Dessert

Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee with a Selection of Hot Teas

Iced Tea with Lemon

Email lwv@avenue.org or call 970-1707 by noon on Tuesday, January 4 to make reservations for luncheon.

Cost of lunch: \$25.

Make your check out to the LWV and mail it to the office: **(note our new address)**

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International Education and the Construction of Civic Identity

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President

League of Women Voters of
Charlottesville/Albemarle

**Tuesday, January 25, 2011
at 11:45 am to 12:45 pm**

New County Office Building, Room A,
Fifth Street, Charlottesville

Our LWV C/A president, Loren Intolubbe-Chmil, recently completed a fascinating dissertation study, which she conducted as a graduate student in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. Using an international education consortium that centers primarily on a global partnership between U.S. and southern African universities as a case for analysis, she examined how the internationalization of higher education intersects with the construction of civic identity with an emphasis on graduating global citizens. The coursework that is associated with this network emphasizes respect, relationship, and reciprocity as part of cross-cultural teaching, learning, and research. The study focused a lens on the extent to which undergraduate participants reconceptualized ideas of themselves and others in terms of contribution, agency, participation, advocacy, and social responsibility as a result of their academic experiences within this network.

The *Community Dialogue on January 25* is an opportunity to hear Loren's experiences in southern Africa in this important work of developing global citizens. For lunch reservations (\$8) at this meeting, contact our office, 970-1707 or email: lwv@avenue.org by noon, Thursday, January 20.

LWV US Education Study for 2011

During 2011, the LWV US will launch a new education study on the role of the federal government in education.

We will receive more details in the spring and the study will go into the fall of 2011 and perhaps spring of 2012.

YOU ARE INVITED to join the study committee.

Please let Sue Friedman know if you are interested....

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Thank you!

2011 Finance Drive to Launch on Saturday, January 29, 2011 9:00 am

Spend a morning of fun as we write notes and stuff the fund drive letters. **In these tight financial times, our fund drive letters are critical--we need your help on Saturday, January 29.** Ruth Wadlington, our finance director, has sponsored these letter-writing mornings at her lovely home for the past several years. So join us--there are always lots of tasty goodies too!

Directions to Ruth's house:

From the 250 Bypass going east, exit at Dairy Rd./Meadowbrook Hghts Rd., turn left at the end of the exit and go over the bypass, turning left at the end of the bridge onto St. Anne's Rd., then turn left again at Keith Valley Rd. to No. 1620. From 250 Bypass going west, exit at Dairy Rd./Meadowbrook Hghts Rd., make a left at the four-way stop sign (Grove Rd.), then bear right onto St. Anne's Rd., and then left at Keith Valley Rd. to No. 1620.

Membership Committee to Be Formed

By Marie Krizek, Membership Chair
Membership would like to form a committee to help when the chairperson is not available and to strategize on ways to entice new members into the League. If you think you might be interested please contact Marie Krizek at 973-0324 or email her at candmkrizek@embarqmail.com

Membership Directories Have Been Mailed

Please note the following corrections to our 2011 Membership Directory:

In the calendar section: Board Meetings are on **Mondays**: Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 14, April 18

Address change or correction:

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540-967-1776

**Welcome New Member: Heather Rowland
And Many Thanks to David and Pauline Deck
for donation to our Operating Fund.**

Continuing Our Partnership Efforts

By Sue Friedman, LWV C/A Vice-President, Programs and Positions

Partnering with other community organizations is a great way for the League to extend its impact and outreach to citizens and potential members. Our September LWV C/A *Community Dialogue* program (which included the Sorenson Institute, Virginia Organizing, Charlottesville Tomorrow, and the NAACP) on how various groups educate and engage citizens in our democracy was well received. The November program (which included Montpelier's Center on the Constitution and Albemarle County Public Schools) on the Constitution and civics education was a success...and will likely be followed by several more programs to study the Constitution. Now, we have another opportunity to partner on a program. And, you are invited to join us!

The League of Women Voters of Charlottesville/Albemarle County and the Sorenson Institute/Sorenson Institute Alumni, in collaboration with the Albemarle County and Charlottesville City school system representatives, **plan to hold a forum on how citizens can prepare themselves to run for a local school board office.** We are tentatively planning to hold this forum during the Community Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in January 2011...likely on January 18 or 19. Our working title is...."**So You Are Thinking About Running for School Board....**" A panel of Sorenson Alumni, former School Board members, and others will share their suggestions on how any interested citizen can prepare to run for a local school board position.

If you are interested in helping to plan this forum, please contact Sue Friedman sue_friedman@hotmail.com or phone 964 0878 (home).

The November 16th League program on the Constitution was podcast by *Charlottesville Tomorrow* and can be heard at ...

<http://cvilletomorrow.typepad.com/>

Scroll down to "Panel discusses civics education and understanding of the Constitution." There are also two great photos of the panel on the website, and a good article.

Natural Resources Committee News by Linda Goodling

The October *LWV C/A Community Dialogue* focused on the process our local League follows to reach a position in accordance with those supported by the **LWV US**. Our community water supply plan was used as an example of how the Natural Resources Committee of our local League comes to support certain issues. The League of Women Voters supports:

- Water resource programs and policies that reflect the interrelationships of water quality, water quantity, ground-water and surface water, and that address the potential depletion or pollution of water supplies;
- Measures to reduce water pollution from direct point-source discharges and from indirect nonpoint sources;
- Policies to achieve water quality essential for maintaining species populations and diversity, including measures to protect lakes, estuaries, wetlands and **in-stream flows**;
- Stringent controls to protect the quality of current and potential drinking-water supplies, including **protection of watersheds** for surface supplies and of recharge areas for groundwater.

Please join us at our monthly meetings as we continue to study and support this position. We meet on the second Thursday of each month, at 4 pm, at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, 145 Ednam Dr., in the Boar's Head Inn complex. For further information, call Linda Goodling, 296-9865, or email:

goodling_home@earthlink.net

International Relations Committee News

by Gerry Kruger

On October 27th International Relations members braved the detours of the legendary Meadowcreek Parkway to attend the latest meeting at the home of Marion Rothman in Dunlora. Having read Robert Reich's newest book *Aftershock*, **Gerry Kruger** explained his philosophy concerning the causes of the Great Depression of the thirties and the Great Recession of 2008. Reich warns that the U.S. government must take measures to promote more spending power within the middle class if we are to combat the problems of joblessness and slow economic growth.

Next, **Rosalie Simari** informed us that the Chinese Communist Party will celebrate its 90th anniversary on July 11, 2011 and is planning a huge celebration. The Chinese Communist Party is the world's oldest political party and has been in power for 50 years.

On the evening of Thursday, November 18, **Flora and Frank Patterson** hosted a dinner party at their home for the International Relations/ National Government Committee, along with spouses and League Board members. All were privileged to hear from international expert Professor John Norton Moore on the status of "**The Law of the Sea**" treaty. Currently 160 nations have ratified the treaty and it is in force. The United States has signed it, but the Senate has not brought it out of committee for a vote. The treaty will be reintroduced in the Senate in 2011. The 32 attendees at the Patterson's agreed that our local committee should urge the LWVUS to actively lobby for its passage. We have some plans of how to do this which we'll share with you as it unfolds.

Please join us on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. If you attend our meetings, be prepared for new perspectives on everything from the global economy to finding familiar places on unfamiliar roads! Check the calendar on the back page of this newsletter for the December meeting, and contact Flora Patterson, 295-5532 for further information.

Follow-up to the November 16 Community Dialogue on the U.S. Constitution By Flora Patterson

In 1787, for the first time in history, we the people were able to start from scratch to devise a system of laws to govern ourselves. Has this system of laws become our greatest export as predicted! De Tocqueville when visiting our new country in 1831 was astonished by the knowledge that even children possessed concerning the Constitution and the American System. He wrote about it in his book "Democracy in America."

The League board hopes that the excellent presentation at our November LWV C/A *Community Dialogue* by Sean O' Brien will be a springboard to build on, and wondered if you might agree with our idea? When you hear talk about it on the news, do you wish you could remember exactly what *Article One of the U.S. Constitution* is about – or the background of *Amendment 14*? Or even exactly **how** to create amendments? Or how the Constitutional Convention arrived at their decisions?

Might you and your friends be interested in a miniseries of three sessions, led by a constitutional expert, to help you review the content of the Constitution? Following the *Community Dialogue* several attendees showed their interest by signing the sheet we passed around.

We hope to have this miniseries sometime in 2011. The sessions could be in a home or a room in a public facility. They could be daytime or in the evening. Give us your name if you think you MIGHT be interested so we can get back to you. (It's not a firm commitment on your part.) Please note whether you prefer day or evening, and whether you would prefer a home or public room venue. Also add **any** suggestions about content. If you would like to add your name to the list for more information, contact Flora Patterson at floramaepatterson@gmail.com

One of the missions of the League of Women Voters is to encourage an informed electorate. We hope you will like the idea of an opportunity to understand our nation's foundational document more fully.



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Meetings and Events for December 2010/January 2011: *Mark Your Calendars Now!*

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Wednesday, Dec. 8 9:30 am	International Relations Committee Meeting	Home of Marge Cox, 514 Rosemont Dr., 245-5228	For more information, contact Flora Patterson, 295-5532
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1 pm	Women's Issues Committee Meeting	Women's Health Virginia, 1924 Arlington Blvd., #203	For more information, contact Mimi Bender: mbender@juno.com
Tuesday, Dec. 14, 5 pm	LWV C/A Board Meeting and Program Planning; Annual Holiday Party	Home of Gerry Kruger, 989 Allendale Rd., 977-7617	For more information, contact the office, 970-1707
Friday, Jan. 7, Noon	Legislative Luncheon: Annual Meet and Greet Your Local Legislators	The Boar's Head Inn, Rt. 250, Ivy Rd.	For reservations (deadline is Jan. 4), contact the office, 970-1707
Monday, Jan. 17, 4-6 pm	LWV C/A Board Meeting	Jordan Bldg., Pepsi Place (behind the Senior Center)	For more information, contact Loren Intolubbe-Chmil, at lgic@embarqmail.com
Wednesday, Jan. 19 and Jan. 26	Women's Roundtable Sessions	State Capitol Bldg., Richmond	For more information, go to the LWV VA website: www.LWV-VA.org
Tuesday, Jan. 25, 11:45 am to 12:45 pm	LWV C/A Community Dialogue: International Education and the Construction of Civic Identity	New County Office Bldg., Fifth St., Room A	For lunch reservations, call the office, 970-1707
Saturday, Jan. 29, 9 am	Finance Drive 2011 Letter Writing Campaign Launched	Home of Ruth Wadlington, 1620 Keith Valley Rd., 293- 5261	For more information, contact the office, 970-1707