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LWV C/A October Community Dialogue Meeting

Water, Water.....2011

Tuesday, October 4, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

New County Office Building, 1600 Fifth St.

Presented by the LWV C/A Natural Resources Committee

Guest Speaker: Leslie Middleton, Executive Director

Rivanna River Basin Commission



“If there is any resource that binds us together it’s water. No matter where you get your home’s water, it’s all part of a common supply, and sooner or later, how that supply is treated will affect you: directly or indirectly.” Dr. Kent Mountford, Chesapeake Bay Journal, May 2003

The Natural Resources Committee invites you to the October Community Dialogue to get a factual update on **Water**, including all those bits and pieces you've heard and read about numerous local water-related issues. Topics will range from the big picture to our local community efforts.

- Our community’s assignment for cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay will be presented by Leslie Middleton: Water Improvement Plans and Total Maximum Daily Load recommendations for Charlottesville and Albemarle streams.
- Status of the State-required Water Supply Plan, sometimes referred to as a state-wide water inventory. The State's public comment period will still be open.
- Current status of all aspects of the Approved Water Supply Plan, including permits and hearings. See the League’s web page for “Notes on the Approved Community Water Supply Plan” at lww.avenue.org
- Plans and progress for Ragged Mountain reservoir’s mitigation projects which provide protection to 75,000 linear feet of streams in the South Fork Rivanna watershed, 200 acres of new riparian forest and wildlife habitat, and four acres of new wetlands adjacent to the southeastern boundary of the City on Moore’s Creek.

Some of these topics have been in recent headlines, others you may not have heard about. Just as we learned at the last water-related Community Dialogue that got us into the sex life of mussels, the topic of “water” is anything but “dry.” Get your knowledge updated in one compact noontime meeting!

For Lunch Reservations, box lunch \$8, contact the office, 970-1707, by Thursday, September 29.

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President's Message

Celebrating Women's Right to Vote

Women in the United States were given the right to vote on August 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified. The amendment was first introduced many years earlier in 1878. The suffrage movement was long and many women were committed to this effort. In 1971, Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduced legislation that was quickly passed by the U.S. Congress designating August 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day. Each year, this date commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

I would like to share with you an experience I had on Women's Equality Day of this year. Representing our league, I was asked to speak at a celebration event hosted by the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC) at the Army facility on 29 north. My talk was about 15 minutes on our origins and what we do locally as a league.

The event was held in the auditorium that comfortably accommodated the audience of about 100 military and civilian contractors. It was very satisfying to see about as many men present as women. The program began with a young female soldier speaking on the purpose of the celebration and inviting us to read the slides (about 60) on the women's suffrage movement that repeated throughout the morning on two large screens that formed the backdrop for the stage - very impressive. Along with Susan B. Anthony and other suffrage leaders, our own Carrie Chapman Catt was mentioned (with pictures) with her work on suffrage and her founding of the League. Also included were pictures and quotes from later women leaders such as Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby (first commanding officer of the Women's Army Corps), Eleanor Roosevelt, and Geraldine Ferraro. Various facts and figures concerning women in the U.S. military were enlightening. Here are a few:

- In 2008, 11 percent of Veterans from the Afghanistan and Iraq military operations were women. Women are the fastest growing group of Veterans.
- In 2010, 14 percent of Active Duty Forces including the U.S. Coast Guard were women.
- In 2010, 18 percent of Department of Defense reserve forces were women.
- In 2010, 35 percent of the Department of Defense civilian force were women.

Dr. Maite Brandt-Pearce, professor in the Electrical Engineering department at UVA, spoke on her personal experiences being female in academia. She has a working relationship with NGIC and supports some of their tasks in Afghanistan. There was quite a bit of audience questions/discussions at this point as various women shared their experiences over the past few decades in the workplace as civilian and as military. Men were vocal too in sharing their thoughts and support. Then I spoke on the League's history and our local events. I had a number of people that spoke to me afterwards and picked up literature from the table I had prepared in the rear next to the refreshments. One was a husband of a government teacher at a local high school. He mentioned that his wife was looking for ways to involve her students in real-life government events. I suggested her students could see "grass roots" decisions being made at our consensus meetings this year. I also suggested students could attend our upcoming candidate forums and other things. I hope we can follow up on these ideas as it would be great contacts with our schools.

From the moment I entered the building in the morning until I left around noon, I had three young soldiers as escorts. They were attentive, talkative, and passed me back and forth along with a small red whirling light that indicated I was not cleared so please don't bring any of that classified stuff close to me. Their PR person, army photographer, and the commander spoke to me personally. The commander, Colonel Stephen Gomillion, said we now are connected and feel free to call on them for any contribution that they may offer to our events. We need to remember that!



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They presented me with a "suitable for framing" appreciation memento that I will hang in our office. (One of my escorts emailed me all of the 60 slides used that day. We will find a good use for them.)

It was a lovely morning.

Pat Hurst, LWV C/A President

International Relations/Federal Government Committee News

by Gerry Kruger

During the months of July and August International Relations Committee members were the beneficiaries of fascinating reports. Most centered on economic developments at home and abroad. **Deborah Brooks** explained that our national debt is the accumulation of the deficits year after year. For example, in the late 1990's there was a surplus, but we still had a national debt due to previous deficits. Sometime between 2030 and 2040 mandatory spending (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security) will exceed government revenues.

Marge Cox gave us an overview of problems with Social Security now that boomers are living longer and retiring earlier. The women's retirement age in the United States is the highest of all developed countries except for Norway, and in many countries the retirement age for men is higher than that for women.

Rosalie Simari gave us insight into how Germany came out of the Great Recession. The fact that producing excellent machinery is their trademark was instrumental in their ability to avoid the disastrous debt that their fellow Euro Zone members have experienced. Instead of laying off staff, they hired more workers and exports grew.

On August 24 Marge Cox's husband, **Brad Cox**, a physics professor at the University of Virginia, treated us to an amazing explanation of his work on the Large Hadron Collider near Geneva, Switzerland on the border of France and Switzerland. The Collider is expected to help physicists uncover long hidden mysteries surrounding the early development of the universe.

Join us for more stimulating programs and warm hospitality as we meet in the homes of our members twice a month. See the newsletter for dates and places.

In Memoriam: Ruth Hanft

Ruth died peacefully at her home in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Sunday, August 28, 2011. She was a **Lifetime Member** of the Charlottesville/Albemarle League of Women Voters, and we will sadly miss her energetic leadership. In Ruth's memory, the Board has made a gift to the LWV C/A Education Fund.

LWV C/A Voter Services Update on 2011 Elections

by Debora Hoard, Voter Services Director

2011 Candidate Forums

With the Tuesday, November 8 election approaching, LWV C/A Voter Services has been partnering with a variety of groups to facilitate forums and debates throughout the area for candidates running for local offices. **Volunteers and Participants Needed for this all-important work of the League.**

Wednesday, October 5:

Charlottesville City Council Candidates Forum

Our partner: ***Speaking with Andrea*** (Show on Channel 10) Andrea Copeland

From 6:00-8:00 in the Council Chambers of the Charlottesville City Hall

We need good questions, two pages, one screener and members in the audience. Can you come?

Tuesday, October 11:

Scottsville District Board of Supervisors Candidates Forum

Our partner: Scottsville Community Chamber of Commerce

7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Scottsville Town Hall

We need good questions, two pages, one timer, and one screener. Can you come?

Thursday, October 13:

Green County Candidates Forum

Our partners: Students from William Monroe High School and the Ruckersville Citizens Council

7-9 p.m. at William Monroe High School

Also in the works are forums for City and County School Board Candidates. Check the LWV website for updates., lww.avenue.org.

Please let Debora Hoard know if you'd like to volunteer at any event.

Email: debora02420@yahoo.com

2011 LWV Voters Guide

This year's LWV C/A **Voters Guide** is in the capable hands of longtime League members Bob and Nancy Button. As always, according to protocol, candidates for offices that will appear on local ballots have been contacted and asked to respond the questions posed by the League. Their unedited responses appear in the **Voters Guide**, which will be published by *The Daily Progress*, and appear as a separate insert in the newspaper and online on **October 25**. We will have some hard copies to distribute at the same time. If you know of a location where the Guides would be put to good use, please email that information to Debora Hoard (debora02420@yahoo.com)

Has your polling place changed? With the recent changes to precincts due to redistricting, perhaps you have a new place to vote. Check your precinct polling place by going to City of Charlottesville Registrar website: <http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx?page=39>
or County of Albemarle Registrar website:
http://www.albemarle.org/departments.asp?section_id=1827&department=registrar
or the State Board of Elections website: <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Index.html>

Place an Ad in the 2011 LWV C/A "Membership Directory"

Dear Members: Below is the "Membership Directory Advertisement Submission Form." **Our Directory will be published this October, 2011, and we count on your advertising to help cover the cost of printing.** Please consider placing an ad in this year's Directory. Submit your business card and get a year's worth of advertising! **We look forward to hearing from you by October 7.** For more information, contact Office Manager Julie Neuman, 970-1707 during office hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Contact Person : _____ **Business Name:** _____

Address : _____ **E-mail:** _____

- YES** Please run an ad in your 2011-12 **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY.**
- The ad size I want is: Full page @ \$120 _____
Half page @ \$75 _____
1/3 page @ \$50 _____
- Please use the **enclosed, camera-ready** ad for this year's **Directory** 10/11
- E-mail Camera-Ready** ad for this year's **Directory** by 10/11 at lwv@avenue.org
- Please run the same ad from last year.
- Check is enclosed. Please send a bill for the ad(s).

Many thanks from the League of Women Voters of Charlottesville/Albemarle

Environmental Issues at Stake with Proposed US 29 Bypass

The **Natural Resources Committee of the LWV Charlottesville/Albemarle** holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, located in the Boar's Head Inn complex off Ivy Rd.

Guest speakers at the October 13 meeting are Morgan Butler, Southern Environmental Law Center, and Jason Werner Piedmont Environmental Center, who will speak on the environmental issues at stake with the proposed U.S. 29 Bypass. Join us for an enlightening discussion. For more information, contact [email: Linda Goodling](mailto:Linda Goodling)



Here's a photo taken at the first Board of Directors meeting of the year.

Those attending were (left to right): **Gerry Kruger**, Community Engagement; **Michele Kellermann**, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor; **Debora Hoard**, Voters Service; **Mimi Bender**, Women's Issues; **Pat Hurst**, President; **Marge Cox**, Treasurer; **Sue Lewis**, Vice President; **Linda Goodling**, Natural Resources; **Marie Krizek**, Membership



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Meetings and Events for September/October 2011: *Mark Your Calendars*

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Wed., September 28, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Leslie Wilcox, 491 Ednam Circle, 984-3133	For more information, contact Molly O'Brien, 245-9806
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm	LWV C/A Community Dialogue: "Water, Water...2011"	New County Office Bldg., 1600 Fifth St.	For lunch reservations (by Thurs. Sept. 29) and more information, contact the office, 970-1707
Wed., Oct. 5, 6-8 pm	Charlottesville City Council Forum with "Speaking with Andrea"	City Hall Council Chambers	For additional info, email Debora Hoard, at debora02420@yahoo.com
Tues., Oct. 11, 7:30 - 9:30 pm	Scottsville District Board of Supervisors Candidates Forum	Scottsville Community Town Hall	For additional info, email Debora Hoard, at debora02420@yahoo.com
Wed., Oct. 12, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Dena Imlay, 2014 Meadowbrook Rd., 296-6651	For more information, contact Molly O'Brien, 245-9806
Thursday, Oct. 13, 4:30 pm	Natural Resources Committee Meeting - Guest Speaker: Morgan Butler, SELC	Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, 145 Ednam Dr. (Boar's Head Inn Complex)	For more information, contact Linda Goodling, 296-9865
Thurs., Oct. 13, 7-9 pm	Greene County Candidates Forum	William Monroe High School	For additional info, email Debora Hoard, at debora02420@yahoo.com
Tuesday, Oct. 25	Voters Guide published in The Daily Progress as an insert	<i>The Daily Progress</i>	For additional copies, email Debora Hoard, at debora02420@yahoo.com
Wednesday, Oct. 26. 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Natalie Testa, 70 Wildwood Dr., Palmyra (Lake Monticello), 589-4067	For more information, contact Molly O'Brien, 245-9806
Tuesday, Nov. 8	Election Day	To check your voter registration status and polling place, go to the the State Board of Elections website, www.sbe.virginia.gov	For more information, go to lwv.avenue.org and click on Voter and Election Information