



*Charlottesville/Albemarle*  
**League of Women Voters**  
Newsletter  
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## *2012 LWV C/A Summer Dinner and Theater Party*

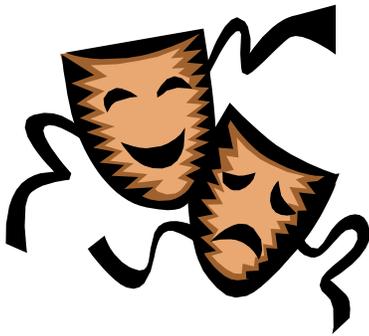
**Thursday, June 28, 2012**

**5:30 - Social; 6 PM - Dinner at**

**"Common Grounds" - 214 Rugby Rd. (corner of Rugby and Gordon Ave.)**

*followed by*

***Heritage Theater Production of "1776"  
at UVA's Culbreth Auditorium - 7:30 pm***



**Attention All Leaguers and Families!** Join us for the annual summer fund-raising theater event. The evening begins at 5:30 pm with a social followed by 6 pm dinner at **Common Grounds**, the first floor of the white house (214 Rugby) at the corner of Rugby Road and Gordon Avenue next to **Westminster Presbyterian Church**.

Then off we go to the **Heritage Theater Festival (at UVA's Culbreth Hall)** to see "1776," the Tony Award-winning musical that has delighted audiences from around the world for more than 40 years. **The cost is \$45 per person for dinner and theater ticket.** There's easy parking in the church parking lot, and you can walk to the theater or re-park in the parking garage directly across from Culbreth.

Email [lwv@avenue.org](mailto:lwv@avenue.org) or call 970-1707 on June 15 to make reservations. Make your check out to the LWV C/A and mail it to the office:

League of Women Voters  
1932 Arlington Blvd., Suite 111  
Charlottesville, VA 22903.

**We have a limited number of tickets for this event, so get your reservations in early.** (For members who normally get season reserve seats to the Heritage Festival, please note that this is the only production that will be offered this summer, and therefore, there will be no season tickets.)

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*President's Message:* Looking Back and Looking Forward ...

The **May Annual Meeting** was a great success and it was wonderful seeing so many members. We had a great turnout at almost 50 attendees and our agenda items covered a broad array of topics. Our speakers, **Sheri Iachetta Owen** and **Jake Washburne**, brought us up to date on our election laws. This was much appreciated as we are fast approaching our national, state, and local elections in the fall.

A key item on our agenda was the membership vote approving the merger of our league with the LWV of Fluvanna. Several members of the Fluvanna league were present to witness the unanimous "Yes" vote of our members present. That is our way of extending a warm welcome to the Fluvanna members who will be joining our league. The Board has created a special liaison Board position for the first year of our newly merged league to be filled by a current Fluvanna member. With our merger comes an expansion of our boundaries to encompass all areas defined by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District, which includes the city of Charlottesville and the five surrounding counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson. Our new name beginning July 1 will be the LWV of the Charlottesville Area, or simply LWV CVA.

Another highlight of our meeting was to recognize our five Life Members, those who have been a member of the LWV for 50 years or more. **Flora Patterson**, a past President and long-time member herself, expressed our appreciation and presented a lovely cloisonné "50 year member" pin with the league logo to **Lulu Meese** and **Sandy Snook**. Unable to attend, but in our thoughts, were **Francis Charlie**, **Ali-Rie Miller**, and **Barbara Yalden-Thomson**. We applaud their commitment and service over the years.

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Flora Patterson (in center) with Life Members Sandy Snook (left) and Lulu Meese (right)

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Board member Michele Kellermann made a surprise presentation to me as outgoing President. Her kind words warmed my heart and I will treasure the lovely print given to me of the painting "Spring in Albemarle" by local artist Mark Collins. I want to say it has been a pleasure working with the Board and representing our league as President.

As the end of our current year approaches, we look forward to our new Board of Directors and new Committee members beginning their service on July 1. At the Annual Meeting, the membership elected several who will serve in various capacities for the coming year. The Board will have two new members: Kerin Yates will serve as President and Susan Roberts will be Director of Membership. Welcome to these new Board members and others elected to serve on our Board and committees. I want to also thank those who served this past year.

We have much to look forward to next year. Our league will be energized through new members coming to us through the merger. We hope to also attract new members that live in counties that now are within our expanded borders. The fall will present opportunities to be active in the upcoming national, state, and local elections. Voter registration, candidate forums, and the Voter Guide are a few of our favorite things. I wish the best to you over the summer.

*Pat Hurst*

President. LWV CA

**International Relations/Federal Government News** by Gerry Kruger

On April 25 **Marge Cox** once again welcomed our members as **Pat Hurst** described the sentiments of Moshe Dayan's 95-year-old widow Ruth as "furious about the Israel of the future." Because the government has moved so far right, she thinks the current Israel is not able to make peace with its neighbors. Her husband was devoted to bringing diverse people together and treated Arabs with respect, but she says Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's philosophy is a recipe for disaster.

**Kerin Yates** explained the dilemma that feeding the people of the world presents in regard to using pesticides such as Roundup. On the one hand they make growing food much faster and easier, but the effects of using herbicides that can affect the water supply, the plants we eat, as well as animal and human life are still not fully understood. Studies show that animals in the lower food chain such as mice and fish are impacted by herbicides, and our ability to detect problems has improved. It has never been proven that herbicides harm human beings.

Join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 A.M. as we meet in members' homes and explore world issues that affect all who live in our global community. See the back of the newsletter for dates and places and join us.

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Sadly, we report the passing of League member **Jean "Bunny" Murray** at age 91. The wife of former Del. James B. Murray, she was a member of our League since 1967, and served as well on numerous community boards, devotedly working to protect the environment. Our condolences to the family.



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**Meetings and Events for June/July/August 2012: *Mark Your Calendars Now!***

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Thurs., June 7, 4:30-6 pm	Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Virginia Foundation for the Humanities: Boar's Head Inn complex, Ivy Rd.	For more information, contact Linda Goodling, 296-9865
Fri., June 8 to Tues., June 12	<b>LWV US 2012 Convention</b>	The Washington Hilton, Dupont Circle, Washington, DC	For further information, contact Pat Hurst, 978-4532
Tues., June 12, 4-6 pm - <b>CANCELLED</b>	LWV CA Board Meeting	Virginia Nat'l Bank Bldg., Arlington Blvd.	For further information, contact Pat Hurst, 978-4532
Wed., June 13, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Lois Sandy, 1666 Franklin Dr., 296-8737	For further information, contact Marge Cox, 245-5528
Wed., June 27, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Marie Krizek, 230 Carrsbrook Dr., 973-0324	For further information, contact Marge Cox, 245-5528
Thurs., June 28, 5:30 - Social; 6 pm Dinner; 7:30 Theater	<b>LWV C/A Annual Dinner and Theater Party: "1776"</b>	Dinner at Common Grounds (214 Rugby Rd.) and Theater at Culbreth	<b>Reservations due by June 15 - call office, 970-1707.</b> For more information, contact Gerry Kruger, 977-7617
Wed., July 4	Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello -- registration of new voters	League Table at Montalto	For further information, contact Mimi Bender, email: mbender@juno.com
Wed., July 11, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Natalie Testa, 70 Palmyra Dr., Lake Monticello, 589-4067	For further information, contact Marge Cox, 245-5528