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## *LWV CVA October Community Dialogue*

### **Wanted: More Women in Politics!**

*Guest Speaker: Bob Gibson, Executive Director,  
Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership  
at the University of Virginia*

**Tuesday, October 1, 2013**

**Noon - 1:30 pm**

**New County Office Building, 1600 Fifth St., Room A**

For Lunch Reservations at the noon meeting, box lunch \$8,  
contact the office, 970-1707, or email: [lww@lww.avenue.org](mailto:lww@lww.avenue.org)  
by Monday, Sept. 30.

Women make up only 18 percent of the membership of the Virginia General Assembly and 17 percent of the nation's mayors of cities with populations larger than 30,000 residents, yet comprise more than 50 percent of the population. Let's endeavor to encourage more women to run for elective office! You are invited to explore this issue at our fall 2013 kick-off *Community Dialogue* on Tuesday, October 1, with Bob Gibson, as our guest speaker. The public is invited.

Before coming to the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia as executive director in the spring of 2008, **Bob Gibson** was a political writer, columnist and editor at the Charlottesville Daily Progress for 32 years. He specialized in covering local, state, and national politics. He is the winner of several Virginia Press Association awards, the 1993 Virginia Bar Association Award in the Field of Law and Justice and the 1993 Southern Journalism Award for investigative reporting about racial disparities in sentencing. He is also familiar to many Virginians as a guest on public radio WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi Show in Washington and as a host of Evening Edition and Assembly Conversations on public radio station WVTF and Radio IQ.



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# Voter Service Report

by Dena Imlay, LWV CVA Voter Service Director

**2013 Voter's Guide to Local Elections:** As part of the partnership by our League with *Charlottesville Tomorrow* to produce a 2013 Voter's Guide to Local Elections, we have obtained and submitted bios and photos of all candidates running for Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and Charlottesville City Council, along with the three candidates running for Commissioner of the Revenue. All candidates will be interviewed by *Charlottesville Tomorrow* during the period of September 16 to October 2. Final City Council/Supervisor Voter's Guide content will be sent to *The Daily Progress* for layout the first week of October; printing in second week of October; mailing to all registered city and county voters during last two weeks of October, and publication on our League website ([lww.avenue.org](http://lww.avenue.org).) Final school board Voter's Guide content sent to *C-VILLE Weekly* on October 18.

**2013 Local Candidates Forums: (Check our website for updates - [lww.avenue.org](http://lww.avenue.org))**

**Albemarle Supervisor Rio District** – Tues Sept 17, Woodbrook Elementary School, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm <http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/calendar/15744-rio-candidate-forum/>

**Albemarle County Board of Supervisors Candidates Forum on Environmental Issues co-sponsored with the Sierra Club Piedmont Group** - Mon Sept 23, Lane Auditorium, Albemarle County Office Building, McIntire Rd., 7 pm.

**Albemarle Supervisor Scottsville District** – Tues Sept 24, Cale Elementary School, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm <http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/calendar/15695-scottsville-candidate-forum>

**Louisa County Board of Supervisors** -- September date to be determined--check our website calendar for update ([lww.avenue.org](http://lww.avenue.org))

**Albemarle Supervisor Samuel Miller District** – Tues Oct 1, Murray Elementary School, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm <http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/calendar/15743-samuel-miller-candidate-forum/>

**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors** -- Wed Oct 9

**Charlottesville City Council** –Thurs Oct 17, Jefferson School African American Heritage Center auditorium, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm <http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/calendar/15694-city-council-candidate-forum/>

**Greene County Board of Supervisors** -- Sat Oct 19, 6 pm, William Monroe High School Performing Arts Center, with LWV CVA moderator, Tara Boyd, and timekeeper, Susan Roberts

**Albemarle Supervisor Jack Jouett District** –Tues Oct 22, Jack Jouett Middle School, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm <http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/calendar/15723-jack-jouett-candidate-forum/>

**Charlottesville School Board** -- Wed Oct 23, Location TBD, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm; co-sponsored with *Charlottesville Tomorrow*

**Albemarle School Board** – Wed Oct 30, Location TBD, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm; co-sponsored with *Charlottesville Tomorrow*

**2013 Voter Registration Drives:** LWV CVA volunteers will be registering voters at these venues in September and October. National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 24.

PVCC voter registration -- Tues Sept 17

James Madison University voter registration -- Wed Sept 25

"Old Farm Day" Pleasant Grove, Fluvanna County -- Sat Oct 5

## Important 2013 Election Dates for All Registered Voters:

**Are You Election Ready?** The Virginia State Board of Elections website has all the answers! Go to [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) for the latest information about upcoming elections. This website provides information about candidates and elections in your area.

You can check your voter registration status and polling place at the State Board of Elections website, [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) or call (804) 864-8901 or (800) 552-9745, 8 am to 5 pm weekdays.

You can also click on [City of Charlottesville](#) or [Albemarle County](#) or [Fluvanna County](#) for information about voter registration and elections in your area.

You can access election information across the nation by going to the LWV US website: [Vote 411](#).

Important 2013 dates:

**Voter registration deadline: October 15**

**Absentee ballots: date by which applications for ballots to be mailed must be received by the Registrar is October 29, 5 pm**

**First date to vote by Absentee ballot in person at the Office of Voter Registration: Friday, Sept 20.**

**Last date to vote by Absentee ballot in person at the Office of Voter Registration: Sat Nov 2, 5 pm**

**Sign up to receive *Charlottesville Tomorrow* by email--it's the only way you can receive it!** *Charlottesville Tomorrow* is an electronic news platform delivered by email. Its non-partisan format covers community news on the topics of growth, development, public education, and local politics. You can read its articles daily in *The Daily Progress* and its new Education Review column in *C'ville Weekly*. Our League has supported this outstanding reporting effort by helping to fund the newly created position of Education Reporter as well as joining with *Charlottesville Tomorrow* to publish a 2013 Voter's Guide for the city and county, and presenting forums for the local candidates in the 2013 elections.

**Become an email subscriber--it's free!** Go to the *Charlottesville Tomorrow* website, <http://www.cvilletomorrow.org/> and click on "Subscribe to our Email" at the top of the homepage. We highly recommend becoming an email subscriber for the most up-to-the-minute news on many of the local issues that we as Leaguers are concerned about through our Local Positions.

## ***International Relations /Federal Government Committee News***

by Gerry Kruger

**Molly O'Brien** treated the International Relations committee to a scenic view of downtown Charlottesville from her lofty windows on September 11, as **Pat Hurst** and **Lois Sandy** gave their reports. **Pat's was a continuation of her prior report on health care costs.** She focused primarily on the profits of hospitals. Even non-profit hospitals make enormous profits, but they are considered non-profits because they don't have shareholders with whom they're required to share profits.

Hospital charges have nothing to do with the actual cost of care and medicine. The internal price list hospitals use, called "Charge Master" set extraordinarily high prices long ago so they could be bargained down by insurance companies and Medicare, and they increase these prices each year. There is no regulation for the prices they charge. The uninsured must pay the Charge Master prices, which are exorbitant. Another reason for unreasonable hospital costs is the salaries that CEO's command. They make millions of dollars. All hospitals make a profit although they may not always make as much as they'd like.

Because of the extensive lobbying by pharmaceutical companies, prescription drug costs are higher in the US than any other countries. If we were more in line with what other countries charge, we could save \$94 billion a year.

Although the US spends more per person than any other developed country, we do not have the best health care system in the world. Medicare patients have the best access to health care of any group of people in our country.

**Lois's report was on Jordan and King Abdullah II, the most pro-American Arab leader.** He ascended to the throne of Jordan after the death of his father King Hussein in 1999. As a young boy Abdullah attended Deerfield, a prep school in Massachusetts, and was so pleased with the experience that he started a prep school in his country patterned after his alma mater. This he considers one of his greatest accomplishments. He even hired the Deerfield headmaster as Headmaster of his school. He is also interested in schooling for girls, improving education in general, and creating jobs.

While Abdullah wants to move the country forward and modernize the economy, he faces a number of roadblocks. He is not in agreement with the Muslim Brotherhood, he does not have the support for his ideas that he would like, and there is little oil and a scarcity of water in his country. Although abdicating is out of the question, he would actually like to step away from political power.

After Lois spoke, **Pat Hurst reported on another topic: New Guinea and its cave dwellers, extremely primitive people whose numbers are dwindling.** New Guinea is home to one of the most heterogeneous populations. There are 820 indigenous languages, and cannibalism existed in some tribes until the 1970's. Their culture has attracted many anthropologists. Pat told us of a team from *National Geographic* that came to study the tribes and their cultures. They revealed their "creation" story to one of the team members and then feared that the spirit would be angry with them for doing this. Luckily there were no unfortunate repercussions.

Join us as we gather each month for fascinating stories and important information from around the world. See page 5 of this newsletter for times, dates, and venues.

## Remember Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport!

Our calendar is bursting with dates, times, and places of Fall 2013 election events. **This is the time of the year when you as a Leaguer want to support forums and meetings with your attendance, and voter drives with your active participation.** Be sure to read carefully what dates you need to post on your calendar and become an educated voter and volunteer! To volunteer, call Dena Imlay, 296-6651.

### Meetings and Events for September/October 2013: *Mark Your Calendars Now!*

Note: For a complete listing of **2013 Local Election Forums**, see page 2-3 of this newsletter

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Tues., Sept. 17	Voter Registration Drive	PVCC	For further information, contact Kerin Yates, 964-1840
Wed., Sept. 18, 4:30 to 6 pm	Natural Resources Committee meeting	Virginia National Bank Bldg., Arlington Blvd.	For further information, contact Linda Goodling, 296-9865
Mon. Sept. 23, 7 pm	Albemarle County Board of Supervisors Candidates Forum on Environmental Issues co-sponsored with the <i>Sierra Club Piedmont Group</i>	Albemarle County Office Building, Lane Auditorium, McIntire Rd.	For further information, contact Dena Imlay, 296-6651
Tues., Sept. 24	National Voter Registration Day!		For information, go to: <a href="http://www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org/">www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org/</a>
Wed., Sept. 25, 2 to 8 pm	Voter Registration Drive	James Madison University campus	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Contact Kerin Yates, 964-1840 or email: <a href="mailto:kerinyates@hotmail.com">kerinyates@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Tues., Oct. 1, Noon to 1:30 pm</b>	<b>LWV CVA Community Dialogue: "Wanted: More Women in Politics!"</b>	<b>New County Office Bldg., 1600 5th St., Room A</b>	<b>For further information, contact Kerin Yates, 964-1840</b>
Sat., Oct. 5 - Rain or Shine	18th Annual "Old Farm Day" - Voter registration drive	Pleasant Grove Fluvanna County (Rt. 53, Palmyra)	For further information, go to: <a href="http://www.oldfarmday.org/">http://www.oldfarmday.org/</a>
Tues., Oct. 8, 4 to 6 pm	LWV CVA Board Meeting	Virginia National Bank Bldg., Arlington Blvd.	For further information, contact Kerin Yates, 964-1840
Wed., Oct. 9, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Deborah Brooks, 3080 Branham Pl., 295-7696	For further information, contact Marge Cox, 245-5228
Wed., Oct. 16, 4:30 to 6 pm	Natural Resources Committee meeting	Virginia National Bank Bldg., Arlington Blvd.	For further information, contact Linda Goodling, 296-9865
Wed., Oct. 23, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Marge Cox, 514 Rosemont Dr., 245-5228	For further information, contact Marge Cox, 245-5228



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