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2015 Finance Drive to Launch on Saturday, January 24, 2015, 9:00 am

It's time once again to spend an enjoyable morning of camaraderie as we write notes and stuff the 2015 Finance Drive letters. Please join us at the home of **Carol Hogg, 270 Ipswich Place**, on Saturday morning, January 24, beginning at 9 am. There will be lots of tasty goodies to sweeten the deal!

Directions to Carol's house:

From the intersection of Hydraulic Road and Lambs Road (at Albemarle High School), turn onto Lambs Road, and continue for approximately one mile. You will pass radio towers on your right, and just after you pass them, take a right on Ipswich Place. 270 Ipswich Place is the fourth house on the left side of the street. Phone: 974-7592.

LWV CVA February Community Dialogue

Have Trash? Will Travel

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Meet and Greet: 11:30 am

Program begins at Noon to 1:30 pm

New County Office Bldg., Room A

1600 5th St. (extended)

For Lunch Reservations at the meeting, box lunch \$8.

Contact the office, 970-1707, or email:

lww@lww.avenue.org by Monday, February 2

Our community's goal is to find the most responsible way to treat waste for the good of the planet and the quality of life of its people. Last February, 2014, the LWV CVA *Community Dialogue* on solid waste ("Let's Talk Trash!") raised new questions. How do we formulate a solid waste program to do that? Why not just bury waste or ship it out and forget it? How economical is that? How much is it worth to do something else?



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February Community Dialogue Announcement: Have Trash? Will Travel!

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The focus of our February 2015 Community Dialogue will be the complex issues, especially financial ones, around waste reduction, challenges with collection, and sustainable final disposition of waste.

Our guest speakers will address these issues: A representative from UVa will deal with the "final disposition of waste" or what is the process that is used to determine what gets recycled and where (and how it is transported). Randy Layman has been in the trash hauling business for all of his life. He will cover the "house to transfer or recycling center" portion of the trash distribution problem. Rose Brown is founder of "The Zero Garbage Challenge." In 2008, she started her campaign to reduce the amount of garbage she creates. She will be giving us the "how to reduce your trash" lesson.

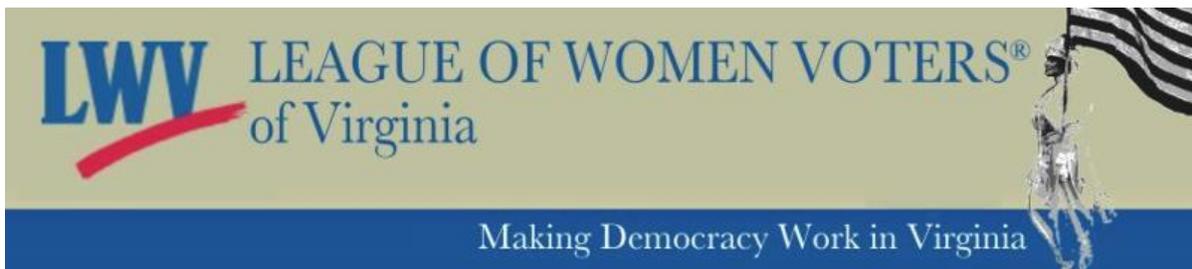


Join us on Tuesday, February 3, for a discussion of the problems with and some possible solutions for "throwing it away."

The public is invited--program begins at noon.

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League Lobby Day - February 4 - Richmond

League Lobby Day is February 4 with the opening session from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The location is the General Assembly Building, Senate Conference Room, 3rd Floor West. Legislators join the group and talk about their priorities for the session.

At 9:30 members are encouraged to seek out their representatives, perhaps make an appointment for later in the morning if a legislator is tied up, and talk to as many as you can about issues of concern to you. Often those issues will have come up at the earlier forum. AAUW will be joining us for this forum, along with NOW, Women Matter, and others. LWV-VA has moderated this WLRT session for years.

The legislative sessions will start at noon and you are invited to attend as the League will be recognized. (There is a cafeteria on the 6th floor, a great place to gather for coffee and breakfast before the session.) Participants are invited to join other attendees and members of other organizations for lunch. This is a good time to get to learn more about these organizations who have similar values as the League.

For a complete schedule of events, go to the LWV VA website: <http://www.lwv-va.org>

Women's Legislative Roundtable (WLRT) on Wednesdays

This informational forum is where legislators and other non-profit organizations talk about pending legislation and issues of concern. Sessions are sponsored and moderated by the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA). To learn more about the roundtable, read LWV-VA's brochure, which is found on the League website: click on [Women's Legislative Roundtable](#) and then on [brochure](#).

Women's Legislative Roundtable (WLRT) meetings are held at 8:30 AM every Wednesday during the Virginia General Assembly Session, starting the Wednesday after the General Assembly convenes in January. This year we begin on Wednesday, January 21, and continue every Wednesday through February 18.

Meetings traditionally have been held on Capitol Square at the General Assembly Building. See the LWV-VA Calendar Tab for location. Leaguers are encouraged to attend at least one session, followed by meetings with their legislators.

The state League will pay for two rooms, double occupancy (or half the cost if you do not want to share), for each of these sessions at the Hilton Garden Inn for the first people to ask. If you would like one of these, email: Brenda Carswell, bcarsy@verizon.net

International Relations /Federal Government Committee News

by Gerry Kruger

January has indeed delivered January-like weather! As a result the January 14th meeting of the International Relations/Federal Government Committee Meeting was cancelled. **Rosalie Simari** recently sent our committee members an article that I believe will be of interest to the League of Women Voters, so in place of the usual reports, I suggest you read "The Secret History of Women in the Senate" by Liza Mundy from *Politico Magazine* by pasting the following address on your address bar: <http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/01/senate-women-secret-history-113908.html>

The author Liza Mundy cites examples of gender discrimination in the US Senate. They include a women's two-stall bathroom, which was shared by 20 senators, and a "males-only" Senate swimming pool.

But the discrimination and indignities go much deeper than differences in accommodations for male and female senators. The article reminds us that "in the entire history of the United States Senate, a mere 44 women have served. Ever." Female senators complain of "corrosive sexism" and a "sense of not belonging." Some of them are outraged at the sexual innuendos and inappropriate touching. Others like retired Republican Kay Bailey Hutchinson say, "...there are some things you just ought to brush off."

Despite the inequities, Mundy points out that some progress has been made over the years. Among the 20 senators are "committee chairs (six of the panels under the outgoing Democratic Senate were led by women); and legislative leaders who get things like December's giant omnibus spending bill done."

Yet, as recently as 2007, Missouri Democrat Claire McCaskill was barred by a doorman when she tried to go to the Senate floor. He told her that staffers couldn't get floor passes.

Following are some comments from IR/FG members who found this article well worth their time.

"Rosalie, thanks so much...fantastic article...Also read the Senate now has 2 African American, 3 Hispanics and 1 Asian American...The house does a little better with 44 African Americans, 10 Asians and 2 Native Americans. BUT even the freshman class is disproportionately male 81 %...white 86.5% and Christian 96.6%...We've come a long way, baby...but we have a long way to go!" **Natalie Testa**

"It's almost unbelievable yet we know it's not." **Susan Roberts**

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"So interesting. We have come a long way. If we were younger I think some of us would want to run. The thought never entered my head when I was of the age when I could have. Some of you are still young enough. Why not try?"

Flora Patterson

At least I'm alive to see the very slow tide move toward inclusion and equality, as courageous and younger women "move on up" and demand it." **Lois Sandy**

See the back of the newsletter to see when and where our next IR/FG Committee meeting will take place, if weather permits of course.

In Memoriam: Jessie Hook

Sadly, we report that long-time LWV CVA member Jessie Hook passed away peacefully at the age of 89 at her home on December 19, 2014. Her obituary in *The Daily Progress* states, that she was "a brilliant and determined woman ahead of her time," and lists the League of Women Voters of which she had been a member since 1969 as one of the many local organizations that she gave her talented support. A memorial service for Jessie is being planned.

2015 Legislative Luncheon Date/Venue Set

PLEASE NOTE, the annual LWV CVA **Legislative Luncheon** this year will be **Thursday, March 12, 2015, at the Boar's Head Inn. Complete reservation information in the March Newsletter.**

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Editor's Error: In last month's article on **Pre-session Women's Legislative Roundtable** by Pat Hurst, the editor should have listed the LWV CVA attendees at the annual Pre-session Women's Legislative Roundtable on December 3 at the Capitol in Richmond, as **Pat Hurst, Anne Linden, Lois Sandy, and Frances Schutz.** Apologies to Frances who went instead of Flo Marks, and to Pat Hurst whose report was correct as submitted!

LWV CVA Office Notes: Left at the Redistricting Community Dialogue on January 6: Aluminum white water bottle and a "Rubbermaid" container with mint candies and nuts. Available at the office on Mondays (call first) between 9 and 1 or at the Community Dialogue on February 3 at 5th Street extended.



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**Meetings and Events for January/February 2015:
 Mark Your Calendars Now!**

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Wed., Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18,	LWV VA Women's Roundtable: Wednesdays through General Assembly Session	Richmond - General Assembly Bldg.	For further information, go to LWV VA website: http://lwv-va.org/wlrt.html
Sat. Jan. 24, 9 am to 12 noon	LWV CVA Annual Finance Drive "Letter-Stuffing Party"	Home of Carol Hogg, 270 Ipswich Pl., 974-7592	For further information, contact Frances Schutz, 979-5413
Wed., Jan. 28, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Susan Roberts, 595 Glengarry Ct., Earlsville, 964-9644	For further information, contact Natalie Testa, 589-4067
Tues. Feb. 3, 11:30 am - Meet and Greet; Program begins at noon	LWV CVA Community Dialogue: Have Waste? Will Travel	New County Office Bldg., 1600 5th Street, Extended, Room A	For further information, contact Kerin Yates, 964-1840
Wed., Feb. 4 8:30 - 9:30 am;	LWV VA Women's Roundtable: League Lobby Day	Richmond - General Assembly Bldg., Senate Conference Room, 3rd Floor West	For further information, go to LWV VA website: http://lwv-va.org/wlrt.html
Tues., Feb. 10, 4 to 6 pm	LWV CVA Board Meeting	Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (Boar's Head Inn Complex)	For further information, contact Kerin Yates, 964-1840
Wed., Feb. 11, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Lydia Peale, 250 Pantops Mtn. Rd., #407, 996-5710	For further information, contact Natalie Testa, 589-4067
Wed., Feb. 18, 4:30 pm	Natural Resources Committee Meeting	[to be decided]	For further information, contact Linda Goodling, 296-9865
Wed., Feb. 25	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Molly O'Brien, 250 West Main St., #602, 245- 9806	For further information, contact Natalie Testa, 589-4067