



**2015 Elections: Tuesday, November 3**



**Voting Deadlines**

**Last day to register to vote or update registration: October 13 by 5 pm.**

**Absentee Voting at your Voter Registration Office is available September 18 to October 30 during office hours—contact your local registrar’s office. Do you need an Absentee Ballot mailed to you? Your absentee application may be submitted NOW, and must be received no later than Tuesday, October 27 (5 pm). But don’t delay—your voted ballot must be received by the registrar’s office by election day or it cannot be counted.**

**Want to talk to a real live person about any voter questions?** Here are the LWV CVA area Voter Registrar Office phone numbers:

- City of Charlottesville – 434 970 3250
- Albemarle County – 434 972 4173
- Fluvanna County - 434 589 3593
- Greene County - 434 985 5213
- Louisa County – 540 967 3427
- Nelson County – 434 263 4068

**Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport! See next page of this newsletter for a complete list of local forums for candidates in area races.**

**Don’t forget: Our LWV CVA Website will link you to all important area Voter and Election information on your computer or mobile phone. Go to: [lww.avenue.org](http://lww.avenue.org) and click on Voter and Election Information.**

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## **Democracy is not a spectator sport!**

Our League has been active in providing and supporting numerous local **Candidate Forums for the 2015 elections**. This is one of the most important contributions the League of Women Voters makes in helping to educate voters in preparation for voting. Take advantage of the many opportunities to meet and question the candidates who will appear on the ballot in your precinct. A number of League members have contributed their time and helped make our forums successful this year. We would like to thank our timekeepers **Diana Mead, Susan Roberts, Frances Schutz, Gerry Kruger, and Deborah Brooks**. Our moderators are **Marge Cox, Michele Kellermann**, and two new members **Bill Sypher and Ron Krauss**.

Wednesday, 30 September: **At-Large Albemarle School Board Forum** - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm. Greer Elementary School Cafeteria

Tuesday, 6 October: **Samuel Miller Albemarle School Board Forum** - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm. Murray Elementary School Cafeteria

Wednesday, 7 October: **White Hall Albemarle School Board Forum** - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6:00 pm. Henley Middle School Cafeteria

**Greene County Forums:** All forums at 7 pm.

Wednesday, 23 September: **Board of Supervisors Forum** - William Monroe High School

Wednesday, 30 September: **Clerk of Court** - Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, Stanardsville

Wednesday, 7 October: **Sheriff/School Board** - Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, Stanardsville

**Albemarle School Board Candidate forums:** All forums at 7 pm.

Wednesday, October 14: **White Hall** candidates - Western Albemarle High School Library

Thursday, October 29: **At-Large** candidates and **Samuel Miller, Rivanna** and **Scottsville** candidates - Monticello High School Forum (turn right after entering building)

**Fluvanna County Chamber of Commerce forums (three in one night):**

Thursday, 22 October: **Board of Supervisors, Clerk of Court, School Board** at 6:30 pm. West Central Primary School

See next page for podcasts and audio links for earlier forums sponsored by the Senior Statesmen or *Charlottesville Tomorrow*.

**Earlysville Area Residents' League  
Candidate Forum**  
**Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7 - 9 pm**  
**Broadus Wood Elementary School**  
**185 Buck Mountain Rd.**  
**Earlysville, VA**

The Earlysville Area Residents' League will host a candidate forum for the candidates running in Albemarle County for Clerk of Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Supervisor (White Hall seat) and School Board (At-Large and White Hall seats).

**Other sources of nonpartisan candidate information:**

1. Senior Statesmen Sept 13 Candidates Forum: **Podcast:** <http://www.seniorstatesmen.org/2015/08/12/local-candidates-forum/>
2. Sept 10 Albemarle Board of Supervisors Rivanna District. **Podcast** available at <http://bit.ly/1OZFeKQ>
3. Sept 17 Charlottesville City Council. **Audio** available at <http://bit.ly/1Vi7hVo>
4. Sept 21 Albemarle County Scottsville Supervisor Forum. **Audio** available at <http://bit.ly/1VgUVCr>
5. Sept 22 Charlottesville City Council. **Podcast** available at <http://bit.ly/1KGD9xb>

*In Memoriam*

A Celebration of Life: Long-time League Member

**Clarence M. McClymonds**  
October 16, 1925 - July 26, 2015

The honor of your presence is requested on  
**October 11, 2015, 6:30 pm**  
Jefferson School African American Heritage Center  
233 4th St. NW, 2nd Floor, Charlottesville, VA

If you would like to be a part of the program of speakers and musicians or have your memories read to the gathering, please contact Marita McClymonds at 434 977-2919. RSVP 434 977-2919.

**LWV CVA Presence at  
Naturalization Ceremonies**

In addition to our presence at the 4th of July Monticello Naturalization Ceremony, we have learned that we may be allowed to have a presence at the ceremonies listed on the dates below. Contact Kerin Yates, 964-1840, if you would like to represent the League. Or just go and experience one!

October 23, 2015 - United States District Court  
November 6, 2015 - United States District Court  
December 11, 2015 - United States District Court

**Welcome New LWV Members!**

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

by **Gerry Kruger**

On [August 26](#) members of the International Relations/Federal Government Committee sat on **Natalie Testa's** delightful screen porch and learned some cold hard facts about our world's use of energy.

First **Rosalie Simari** addressed the issue of humans affecting climate change in Shanghai, China. According to a journalist in Shanghai, China's use of coal is multiplying. Although they claim to have low emission controls, this is not the reality. Car sales have grown by 900% and they are using ten million barrels of oil a day.

Still the writer is optimistic about China's commitment to tackle the problem because:

- They gave citizens a five-day vacation to cut down pollution when world leaders met there.
- They agreed to cap their total emissions by 2030.
- People are leaving China because of the pollution.
- The effects on business may force them to do more.
- If their economy improves, they will have the resources necessary to do more to protect the environment.

Fracking, another controversial source of energy, was the subject of **Susan Roberts'** article written by a *Wall Street Journal*. Fracking is the use of water pressure and chemicals to release the oil in layers of rock. Ten years ago there was a big breakthrough in the method used for extraction. By 2012 the United States had the largest production of oil in our history and ended our 50-year addiction to OPEC.

As a result, our energy bonanza has become the biggest phenomenon since the tech boom. The U.S. is now the largest producer of natural gas. This has reduced the trade deficit, created jobs, and brought about American economic dominance.

On the downside, it could cause environmental damage. Nobody knows for sure exactly what this is. Methane pollutes water and seeps into water and springs. It is a bigger contributor to pollution than carbon dioxide. To counteract this possibility it is necessary to drill miles deep.

The reporter thinks earthquake worries seem overblown, but harmful components of the fracking process create noise, air pollution, dust, and engine exhaust. Silica, finely ground sand used in fracking, can settle in the lungs. Most studies don't track long-term effects of fracking, and we need pressure on legislators to prevent leakage.

Globally the views on fracking vary. Europe is not generally a gas importer. Due to a denser population they have a powerful anti-fracking lobby. Although Poland hoped to make use of the process, it proved too difficult. The United Kingdom has been importing gas since 2004. David Cameron is in favor of fracking, but because of the UK's dense population, unease among the people is high. Mexico has similar geology to that of the United States, but does not have enough water and is forced to import.

Both Russia and Argentina have no need for more oil, and 90% of China's energy comes from coal. Greenhouse emissions in China are twice that of the United States, and China has the largest supply of shale in the world, but their water system is already strained.

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A final factor that must be considered is the effect on global policies:

- The U.S. invaded Iraq for Kuwait because of their oil supplies.
- In 2013 eight per cent of U.S. oil came from Mexico.
- Canada is a friendly supplier of oil.
- A conflict could arise with Russia, China, and Venezuela if they lose dominance.
- China uses a million barrels a day more than we do.
- OPEC has constrained its output to hurt its competitors.
- Iran has promised to produce more oil than anyone else.

All in all, our involvement in fracking leaves unanswered questions that cannot be taken lightly.

**Molly O'Brien** was our hostess for the [September 9th](#) meeting. Molly used her technical prowess to show a captivating documentary about workers from India who turn donated clothes from the United States and other industrialized nations into spools of thread that can be used to make blankets, more clothing, and other articles.

The film followed a woman who provided insight into perceptions and misconceptions that people from other countries have about Americans and how we live. She exhibited a child-like wonder as she tried to imagine the people who once wore the clothes she gathered. Some of the donations that we make to Good Will Industries could end up in her hands.

Finally, **Jean Minehart** gave us disturbing examples of anti-semitism in Europe, especially France. 57% of all racist attacks in France are against Jews. As a result, Jews in France are leaving in large numbers, and many in other parts of Europe fear for their safety and that of their children. A well-known comedian in France routinely makes off-color remarks and has invented an obscene gesture meant to insult the Jewish population. The gesture is being used throughout France. Even subway graffiti targets Jews.

The Prime Minister of France runs the legislature and has been a defender of Jews. He was quoted as saying, "If 100,000 Jews leave France, France will no longer be France."

Angela Merkel of Germany and David Cameron of the United Kingdom are also huge supporters of the Jewish population. At the same time, the Israeli government wants the Jews to leave France and come to Israel. This would help to counter the rapid rise in the Palestinian population.

Other examples of anti-semitism in Europe:

- 60% of the Jews in Sweden fear being identified in public as Jews. In Malmö, Sweden wearing a Star of David can cause beatings. A rabbi there was spat upon and hit with bottles and stones.
- A synagogue in Copenhagen, Denmark was the site where a Danish Jew was murdered, and an Imam there also urged members of his congregation to kill Jews.
- At a holocaust museum in Holland Jews were told not to bother to apply for jobs, and also at Anne Frank's house in Holland which has been a target of anti-Jewish sentiment.

Our committee welcomes new members at every meeting. Please join us as we study the complex problems that our world is facing. As a League we are empowered to make a difference. See the end of this newsletter for meeting times and places.



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**Meetings and Events for September/October 2015: *Mark Your Calendars Now!***

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Wed., Sept. 30. 6:30 - 8:30 pm	At-Large <b>Albemarle</b> School Board Candidates - Forum	Greer Elementary School Cafeteria	For further information, go to <a href="#">Charlottesville Tomorrow</a>
Wed., Sept. 30, 7 pm	<b>Greene County</b> Forums: Clerk of Court candidates	William Monroe High School Library	For further information, go to <a href="#">Greene County website</a>
Thurs., Oct. 1	<b>LWV VA Fall Workshops: "Structures of Democracy"</b>	Richmond	For carpooling info, contact Maggie Hoover, 703 625 9219
Tues., Oct. 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>Samuel Miller Albemarle</b> School Board Candidates - Forum	Murray Elementary School Cafeteria	For further information, go to <a href="#">Charlottesville Tomorrow</a>
Wed., Oct. 7, 7 pm	<b>Greene County</b> Forums: Sheriff/School Board Candidates	William Monroe High School Library	For further information, go to <a href="#">Greene County website</a>
Wed., Oct. 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>White Hall Albemarle</b> School Board Forum	Henley Middle School Cafeteria	For further information, go to <a href="#">Charlottesville Tomorrow</a>
Wed., Oct. 14, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Susan Roberts, 595 Glengarry Ct., Earlysville, 964-9644	For further information, contact Natalie Testa, 589-4067
Wed., Oct. 14, 7 pm	<b>White Hall Albemarle School Board Candidates Forum</b>	Western Albemarle High School Library	For further information, contact Dena Imlay, 296-6651
Thurs., Oct. 15, 7 - 9 pm	<b>Earlysville Area Residents' League Forum:</b> Albemarle Clerk of Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Supervisor (White Hall seat) and School Board (At-Large and White Hall seats).	Broadus Wood Elementary School, 185 Buck Mountain Rd., Earlysville, VA	For further information, contact Kerin Yates, 964-1840
Wed., Oct. 21, 4:30 pm	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (Boar's Head Inn complex)	For further information, contact Linda Goodling, 296-9865
Thurs., Oct. 22, 6:30 pm	<b>Fluvanna County</b> Chamber of Commerce Forums: Board of Supervisors, Clerk of Court, School Board candidates	West Central Primary School	For further information, go to <a href="#">Fluvanna County website</a>
Wed., Oct. 28, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Marge Cox, 514 Rosemont Dr., 245-5228	For further information, contact Natalie Testa, 589-4067
Thurs., Oct. 29, 7 pm	<b>Albemarle At-Large, Samuel Miller, Rivanna, and Scottsville School Board Candidates Forum</b>	Monticello High School Forum	For further information, contact Dena Imlay, 296-6651