



**League of Women Voters  
of Falls Church**

*A Voice for Citizens and  
A Force for Change in the United States*

**The League of Women Voters of Falls Church is a nonpartisan organization that serves the citizens of Falls Church City through encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, go to [www.lwvfallschurch.org](http://www.lwvfallschurch.org).**

Dear League Members,

In the next few weeks, we will embark on an ambitious project: the LWV- US Study on Privatization. Our Lunch and Learn informational meeting on March 13th will feature a panel discussion on what Privatization means on all levels of government. We will have our consensus meeting on March 27th. Study Committee Chair Linda Garvelink, Wendy Frieman, a consultant who is an expert in privatization procedures for the Federal Government, and Joan Lewis, former president of our League have compiled the most pertinent materials from the voluminous background information in the LWV- US Study. Details will be coming in a separate email shortly.

Voter Service Chair, Edie Snyder is preparing for election season. The Republican Primary is March 6th, with our local School Board and City Council elections in May, the last time we'll have May local elections. Many volunteers are needed, especially for voter information events and our April 18th City Council Candidates Forum co-sponsored with VPIS. This is a great way to get involved with the League.

Three very important committees are working at this time. The Budget Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the By-Laws Revision Committee have their work cut out for them. Each committee is composed of both veteran and new League members. Reports will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Don't forget that the national LWV convention will be held in Washington June 8-12. There are many volunteer opportunities, and this is a wonderful chance for us to see the LWV-US in action and to meet LWV members from all over the country.

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As part of Women's History Month in March we're joining the Arlington and Alexandria Leagues to honor retiring Senators Patsy Ticer and Mary Margaret Whipple at a reception on Sunday, March 25th. Jane Scully is the lead person on this project. The invite is included in the bulletin.

Details on the activities mentioned above are elsewhere in the bulletin. Mark your calendars, RSVP, volunteer, and be a part of our vibrant League! We've had a busy year, and it's not over yet. None of these important activities happen without the work of your dedicated Board Members, but they can't do it all. Don't be shy about volunteering.

Remember, Democracy is not a spectator sport.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Salisbury  
President

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***League of Women Voters of Falls Church  
Lunch and Learn  
Tuesday, March 13, 2012  
Topic: Privatization***

***11:30 am -1:30 pm  
Falls Church Community Center  
Art Room***

Privatization is a hot topic in this time of exceptionally tight budgets and talks of reducing the number of government employees at the local, State and Federal levels. From trash and recycling pick-ups to ABC Stores and toll road construction & management to Medicare & Social Security, privatization may be a needed or workable solution.

We have invited representatives of Falls Church City and Falls Church Schools as well as experts on Privatization in Virginia and on the Federal government level.

A Box Lunch is available for \$15.00.

The Box Lunch will include your choice of sandwich on whole wheat bread, carrots, chips, chocolate chip cookie, fruit, and lemonade or bottled water.

Sandwich selections are:

1. Cosi Club - turkey, bacon, tomatoes, shredded romaine with low fat mayonnaise  
or
2. Cosi TBM -tomatoes, basil, fresh mozzarella with fat free balsamic vinaigrette

Payment will be collected for all reservations at the door (checks

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payable to LWVFC or cash)

Please respond with your selection by March 11, 2012 to Pam Spofford at [paspoifford@yahoo.com](mailto:paspoifford@yahoo.com) or by phone at (703) 237 8328.

Reservations will be reconfirmed prior to placing the delivery order. Once your reservation is confirmed, you will be responsible for the cost of the box lunch, if you are unable to attend.



The Leagues of Women Voters  
of  
Alexandria, Arlington, and Falls Church  
Cordially invite you to a  
Reception in Tribute to

Senator Patsy Ticer  
Senator Mary Margaret Whipple

Sunday, March 25, 2012  
3:00 to 5:00 pm  
The Fairlington Villages Community Center  
3005 South Abingdon Street, Arlington, VA

r.s.v.p. [LWVarlington@aol.com](mailto:LWVarlington@aol.com)  
(703) 344-3246

If you should have any further questions, please contact Jane Scully at [janescully321@verizon.net](mailto:janescully321@verizon.net).

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### **News from LWV-VA**

#### **Update on Voting Bills**

It's crossover time at General Assembly  
We have been sending a lot of action alerts  
about voting bills and wanted to give you an update

14 February 2012

Rundown on Status of Voting Bills in Virginia General Assembly

1. PHOTO ID or Proof of Citizenship bill HB569 has apparently died in the House Appropriations Committee.

2. All bills to register by Party have failed.

3. Expanding use of provisional ballots if no identification presented at the poll - SB1 and HB 9

SB1 and HB9 - These are not Photo ID bills.

Each has passed in its respective chamber and will need to be assigned to committees during crossover so they are not final.

Below is a comparison of SB1 and HB9. The differences between these two will need to be reconciled and passed by both houses before it can be signed into law by the Governor.

#### SB1

If a voter who comes to the poll with no identification, he/she must vote with a provisional ballot, never with a regular ballot. No affirmation of identity form will be used.

Acceptable forms of ID have been extended and now include the following:

Voter registration card:

- Social Security card
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- ID card issued by government agency of the Commonwealth
- ID card issued by one of Commonwealth's political subdivisions
- ID card issued by a government agency of the United States
- Valid student identification issued by 4-year institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter
- Copy of a current utility bill that shows the name and address of the voter
- Copy of a bank statement that shows the name and address of the voter
- Copy of a government check that shows the name and address of the voter
- A voter recognized and acknowledged by an officer of election at the precinct.
- (Concealed handgun permit - provided for in another bill.)

The provisional ballot will be placed in an ID-ONLY provisional ballot envelope and will only require the voter to submit the acceptable identification the following day to the electoral board meeting or submit it by facsimile, electronic mail, in-person submission, or timely United States Postal Service or commercial mail delivery.

#### HB9

If a voter who comes to the poll with no identification, he/she must vote with a provisional ballot.

Acceptable forms of identification have NOT been extended.

Acceptable forms currently include:

- Voter registration card
- Social Security card
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- ID card issued by government agency of the Commonwealth
- ID card issued by one of Commonwealth's political subdivisions
- ID card issued by a government agency of the United States
- Valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter

The voter without identification will be offered a provisional ballot, never a regular ballot, after signing a statement that he is the named registered voter who he claims to be. Other provisions include how the provisional ballot will be handled by the local Board of Elections the day after the election.

### **News from LWV-US**

Would You like to See 🎵 The Capitol Steps 🎵 Musical Political Satire For Free??

Saturday, June 9th, at the Hilton Washington Hotel

Be a LWVUS National Convention Volunteer, June 8th-12th  
And you will have a ticket to the fundraiser for the LWVNCA

We are looking for volunteers for at the 2012 convention to be held at the Hilton Washington Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C. Volunteers are needed for many different types of jobs, some behind the scenes and some on the floor of the convention. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of an exciting League function. It's work, but it's a lot of fun too.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

Every day (June 8 - 12)

Registration-staff registration desk; distribute badges and materials  
Credentials-certify voting eligibility of delegates; prepare official daily attendance report

Information- staff information desk; provide local tourist information to delegates and visitors

Personnel-staff volunteer room; assist with assignments; provide back-up to other volunteer areas

Teller/Elections-process vote cards; count and record results  
Friday through Sunday (June 8-10)

Hospitality-greet delegates and guests; host hospitality suite; assist with information

Dine Around-staff dine around desk-sign-ups, reservations, information

Saturday through Tuesday (June 9-12)

Floor Committee: Doorkeeper-check badges for eligibility to enter; distribute official materials;

monitor doors. Usher-distribute, collect, deliver motion slips; collect vote cards; usher guests. Microphone monitor-monitor floor mikes; keep order in lines; assist with vote counts.

Timekeeper-notify speakers when time has expired

Questions? Contact Diane Hibino trihib@verizon.net 301-263-9876 or Anne Kanter akanter@cox.net 703-448-6626

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Detach and return form to Diane Hibino, 5051 Waukesha Rd.,  
Bethesda MD 20816

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

League \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of Interest: (please mark in order of your preferences - 1, 2, 3, etc.)

Floor Committee: Doorkeepers\_\_\_\_ Ushers\_\_\_\_ Timekeepers\_\_\_\_  
Microphone Monitors\_\_\_\_

Other: Registration\_\_\_\_ Credentials\_\_\_\_ Information\_\_\_\_

Personnel\_\_\_\_ Teller/Elections\_\_\_\_ Dine Around\_\_\_\_

Hospitality\_\_\_\_ Whatever else you need\_\_\_\_\_

Dates: Please choose times and days you are available to work and indicate AM, PM or all day. The number of hours you will be asked to work will depend on the number of volunteers and their areas of interest.

Friday, June 8 (PM and/or Eve)\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, June  
9\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, June 10\_\_\_\_\_

Monday, June 11\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, June 12 (AM  
only)\_\_\_\_\_

If you are willing to work more than one day, please indicate here\_\_\_\_\_.

### ***LEAGUE LEADERSHIP*** ***by Ellen Salsbury***

For over 60 years the League of Women Voters of Falls Church has been a highly regarded organization., not just locally but throughout LWV-VA. The high regard is something that we strive to maintain for the future.

In the next few weeks, our nominating committee, Renee Andrews, Ellie Karro, and Jinny Long, with Jinny as the chair, will be contacting members asking for volunteers to take on positions of leadership. This year, the positions of President/Co-Presidents and Secretary need to be filled. These positions, in addition to the offices of Vice President(s) and Treasurer are considered officers. Other positions on the board are considered directors. Directors include voter service, membership, local action, fundraising, newsletter, and the administrative team. Other directors may be

elected as needed. Off board, non-voting positions, are the webmaster and a special projects team.

The by-laws revision committee, Madalyn Cafruny and Genie Flahie, presented a draft of revisions at the February board meeting. Much discussion ensued, particularly regarding the sections dealing with officers and directors. The revisions are to give us more flexibility in the leadership structure of our League. Other changes will be made to conform to LWVUS By-Laws.

The nominating committee and the By-Laws revision committee are tasked with the continuing excellence of LWV of Falls Church. This is not solely their responsibility; it is yours as well.

As your President for the last three years, I strongly urge each of you to consider positions of leadership. There is much to be said to being part of the leadership of such a respected organization in Falls Church. Because of the continuing membership of many of you, there is much valuable experience available to newer members. Personally, I could never have done my job without the helpful advice I sought from former League Presidents and other longtime members.

Being a new or newer member should not be a deterrent when considering taking a board position. This term, Secretary, Genie Flahie, Treasurer, Cindy Donaldson, and Voter Service Chair, Edie Snyder are all new members who have performed exceptionally well. They each had guidance from more experienced members. No one takes a board position and is left to figure it out on his or her own!

Please think about what you've just read and be ready to volunteer or accept when you are asked. Jinny can be reached at [vfl@verizon.net](mailto:vfl@verizon.net).

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***Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!***

Thanks to Cathy Kaye for setting up our current website and to Edie Snyder for her help in managing information on the site.

Thanks to Bob Donaldson for agreeing to be our new webmaster.

Thanks to Lou Olom for his very generous recent donation to the League.

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**2011-2012 Calendar**

Please click on the following [link](#), for the complete calendar.

Here are a few of the upcoming events:

**March 6, 2012**

## Presidential Primary Election

### **March 13, 2012**

Lunch & Learn, Privatization of Government Services

### **March 25, 2012**

Reception honoring Senators Patsy Ticer and Mary Margaret Whipple

### **March 27, 2012**

Privatization Study Consensus Meeting

### **April 9, 2012**

Last Day to Register for City Election \_

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### **April 18, 2012**

City Council Candidates' Forum

### **May 1, 2012**

Election Day: General Election for the City of Falls Church

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