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Annual Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 6 p.m.

Holiday Inn University, Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg

Hollins University Professor Emeritus Wayne Reilly

The Middle East: What Next?

Wayne Reilly, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Hollins University, holds a bachelors degree from Middlebury College, a Master of Arts from Trinity College (Conn.) and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Pittsburgh where he was an Andrew Mellon Fellow. He has published numerous articles and books with many of them focusing on the topics of political integration, the contemporary Middle East and terrorism. He taught courses on Terrorism and Revolution and Middle Eastern Politics and was a Scholar Diplomat at the U.S. State department.

Please come and bring a guest! Make reservations before May 8.

Diners have three choices of entrees:

Red Hen (chicken breast stuffed with spinach with a roasted pepper sauce)	\$18
Salmon Tennessee (salmon with a bourbon glaze)	\$20
Stuffed Peppers (stuffed with couscous accompanied by roasted vegetables)	\$18

Prices are for a complete dinner with side dishes, a salad and a selection of desserts. Guests may independently order alcoholic beverages from the servers. Wilderness Road Chorus, Sweet Adelines International will present a "Barbershop Interlude" at 5:45 p.m. while league members and guests are enjoying a reception time prior to the 6 p.m. dinner.

Use the reservation form (page 3) and send a check along with your dinner selections to Mary Houska before May 8. Make your check to LWVMC and mail it to Mary Houska, 2301 Spring Hollow Lane, Blacksburg 24060. If you have any questions about the dinners contact Mary at 552-2717 or email mfdh@aol.com.

The League of Women voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Annual Meeting Agenda Includes Election, Budget, Bylaws, Action Information

At the membership business meeting that will follow Professor Reilly's talk, the following items will be on the Agenda for your consideration: 1) Election of officers for either 2007-2008 or 2007-2009 (depending upon the office); 2) Consideration of the LWVMC Budget for 2007-2008; 3) Consideration of the proposed Bylaw changes; and 4) Consideration of proposed changes in the LWVMC Positions for Action. Information on nominations to the Board, the Budget and proposed Bylaw changes are all in this Bulletin.

The proposed changes in the LWVMC Positions for Action were in the March Bulletin. Connie Anderson has put the proposal on our web page with the Annual Meeting announcement: <http://civic.bev.net/lwvmc>. There is an additional piece of information to add to the March article. The Board of Supervisors told us at our March 20 breakfast that they have asked staff to do an analysis of the cost/benefits of changing the frequency of the County-wide professional real estate reassessment from every four years to every two years, or even every year.

The complete Bylaws with proposed changes have also been posted on our web page with the Annual Meeting announcement.

Nominations for 2007 – 2008

The Nominating Committee (Bobbie Littlefield, Chair, Isabel Berney, Harriett Cooper, Amy Mauldon, Margot Sebba, Millie Wiggert and Alison Wilson) presents the following slate for 2007 – 2008. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Please verify that any nominee would be willing to serve.

Board Members

President (2007–2009): Mary Houska
1st Vice President-Program (2007–2009): Amy Mauldon
2nd Vice Presidents-Voter Service (2007–2008): Karen Cronin and Nancy Warren
Secretary (2007–2008): Sheila Reyna
Treasurer (2007–2009): June Schmidt
Action (2007–2009): Judy Snoko
Bulletin (2007–2009): Mary Ann Johnson
Publicity (2007–2009): David Scheim
Finance (2007–2008): Harriett Cooper

Continuing

Membership (2006-2008): Betty Williams

The 2007-2008 Board will consider program objectives for the coming year and may make up to six additional one-year Board appointments.

Nominating Committee: Bobbie Littlefield (chair), Carl McDaniels, Margot Sebba (Two members of the Board will be nominated by the 2007-2008 Board.)

Off-Board appointments

Budget and Audit: Susan Morikawa
Caring: Josie Shotts
Office Manager: Millie Wiggert
NRCA Board: TBA

Facts for Voters: Beverly Fleming
Handbook: Connie Anderson
Webmaster & Listserv: Connie Anderson

DRAFT MINUTES
2006 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Tuesday, May 9 , 2006,

6 pm, at the Blacksburg Holiday Inn University

After a well-attended dinner with speaker Karen Hult, the agenda prepared by local League president Mary Houska was addressed. Dr. Hult's topic, followed by a brief question and answer exchange, was ADVISING GEORGE W. BUSH, Historical Continuities & Neo-Conservatives. A quorum of more than 20 percent of League membership was present, as confirmed by Joan Zajac.

The six agenda items had been both published in the Bulletin immediately prior as well as in printouts available at the meeting. Additional documents available were the annual League Activities Summary and the 2006-2007 Budget. Action on agenda items follows:

- I. Minutes of the annual meeting of May 12, 2005 were approved as submitted.
- II. Mary Houska reviewed the listed 2005-2006 League activities.
- III. Mary Houska explained the budget for 2006-2007. Some discussion ensued and the budget was approved.
- IV. League members elected the following nominating committee nominees to the Board: secretary 06-07: E. Maria Roth. Membership chair 06-08: Betty Williams. Finance chair 06-07: Harriett Cooper. The non-Board members nominated to serve on the nominating committee were: Isabel Berney, Amy Mauldon, Millie Wiggert and Alison Wilson. The Board positions of First Vice president (programs), Publicity and Action Chair remained unfilled. All above nominees were voted into office.
- V. Proposed study and retention of local action positions:
 - a. The Structure and Performance of Town Financial Decision Making: After a short discussion of the contents and scope of this proposed study, intended to compare the financial administration patterns of the towns of Christiansburg and Blacksburg. Karen Novak moved that the League undertake this study. The league members present voted in favor.
 - b. Regarding current action positions, members voted that all of these should be continued as listed in the meeting agenda.
- VI. Proposed bylaw change: Regarding the statement on the length and expiration date of service for Directors, after a motion by Karen Novak, seconded by Phyllis Albritton, the membership adopted the following statement: "The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire *on June 30, at the conclusion of the fiscal year.*"

Respectfully submitted: E. Maria Roth, secretary

Make reservations for Annual Meeting

Deadline for paid reservations will be May 8. There will be no refunds after the deadline.

Make checks payable to LWVMC and mail to: Mary Houska, 2301 Spring Hollow Lane, Blacksburg 24060.

Name _____ Dinner selection _____

Guest's name _____ Dinner selection _____

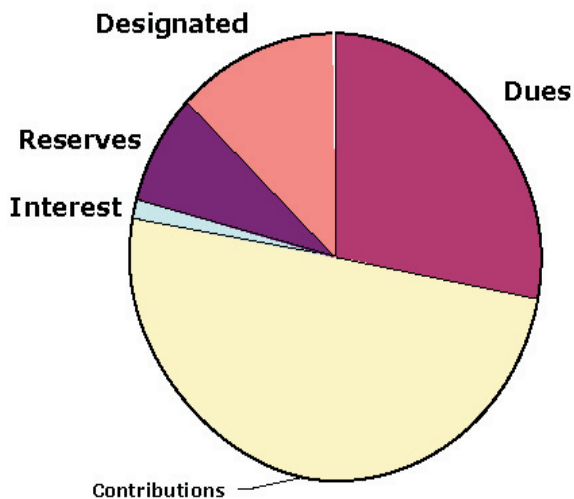
Number of reservations _____ Total enclosed _____

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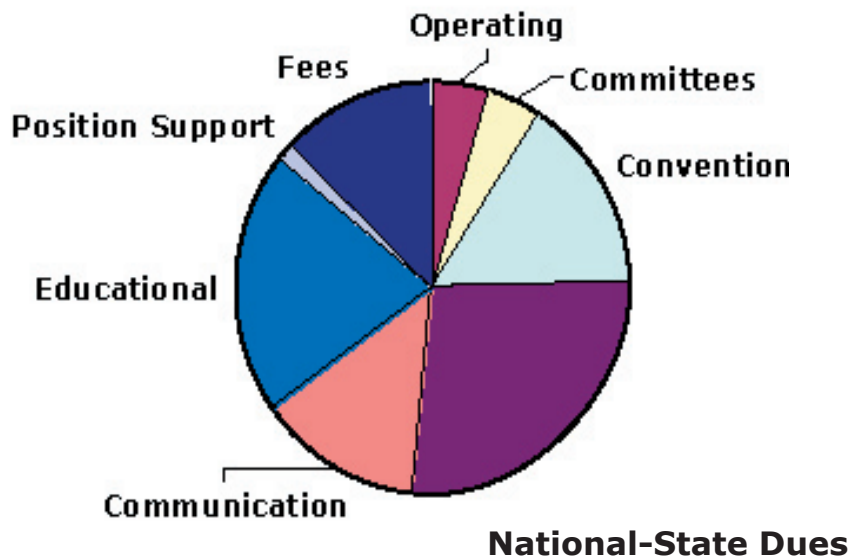
League of Women Voters Montgomery County Budget for 2007-2008

Category	Adopted 2006-2007	As of April 6, 2007	Proposed 2007-2008	
INCOME				
A. Dues*	3,487.50	3,240.00	3,300.00	
B. Contributions				
B.1 Members	2,500.00	2,010.00	3,000.00	finance drive in progress for 06 - 07
B.2 Non-Members	950.00	800.00	1,000.00	
B.3 Business & Organizations				
B.3.a. Bulletins (6)**	400.00	100.00	250.00	
B.3.b. Handbook**				
B.3.c. Facts for Voters	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,500.00	
B.3.d. Project Support				
B.3.e. Non-Designated Gifts		300.00	150.00	
C. Interest				
C.1. Certificate of Deposit	150.00	152.09	150.00	
C.2. Checking	10.00	10.36	15.00	
D. From Reserves	656.25	0.00	950.00	
E. Designated Income				
E.1 Video Taping				
E.2 Specific Events***	1,000.00	1,042.30	1,500.00	
F. Other				
TOTAL INCOME	10,653.75	9,054.75	11,815.00	

2007-08 Proposed Income



2007-08 Proposed Expenditures



Category	Adopted 2006-2007	As of April 6, 2007	Proposed 2007-2008	
EXPENDITURES				
A. Operating				
A.1. General Supplies (stationery)				
A.2. General Postal Expenses*	250.00	234.00	250.00	
A.3. Telephone (League Office)	350.00	238.43	300.00	
B. Board & Administrative Committees**				
B.1. President	100.00		25.00	
B.2. Secretary	25.00	17.59	25.00	
B.3. Treasurer	25.00	7.80	25.00	
B.4. Administrative Committees				
B.4.a. Finance	100.00	53.23	100.00	
B.4.b. Membership	100.00		100.00	membership drive in June
B.4.c. Annual Meeting***	100.00		100.00	annual meeting in May
B.4.d. Public Relations/Publicity	25.00		25.00	
B.4.e. Board	25.00		25.00	
B.5. Benevolence				
B.5.a. Sickness, Death, etc.	75.00		75.00	
B.5.b. Babysitting	0.00			
B.5.c. Scholarship	40.00		40.00	
B.6. Contingencies	0.00			
C. Delegate Expenses				
C.1. National Convention****			1,500.00	
C.2. State Convention****	1,500.00			
C.3. Workshops	300.00	25.00	300.00	if moved to DC or Richmond will have overnight expenses
D. Assessments				
D.1. National Dues (\$26.00)	1,976.25	1,960.65	2,000.00	
D.2. State Dues (\$15.00)	1,162.50	1,132.50	1,200.00	
E. Communications				
E.1. Bulletin Production (6)	450.00	379.20	600.00	
E.2. Bulletin Postage	300.00	105.31	250.00	
E.3. Video Taping	250.00	499.5	750.00	expect to tape at least 4 candi- date forums + at least 1 program
F. Educational Activities				
F.1. Publications				
F.1.a. For Members (handbook)	50.00		150.00	
F.1.b. Office Literature	0.00			
F.1.c. Facts for Voters	1,350.00	1,281.00	1,300.00	
F.2. Programs				
F.2.a. National				
F.2.b. State				
F.2.c. Local	500.00	480.59	600.00	
F.3. Voters Service	400.00	73.12	400.00	
G. Position Support/Lobbying				
G.1. National	0.00			
G.2. State (including Lobby Day)	150.00	110.00	150.00	
G.3. Local	25.00			
H. Designated Fees (meals)	1,000.00	1,163.09	1,500.00	
I. Other	25.00		25.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,653.75	7,761.01	11,815.00	

Income Notes

*total members on January 31, 2007: 68 full, 5 half, and 5 national

**Combined bulletins and handbok amount

***meals, other specific events

Expenditure Notes

*Includes bulk mailing permit

**Materials (postage/printing) included with each activity

***Non-food expenses connected with annual meeting

****National Convention expenses incurred even years: State Convention expenses incurred old years

Proposed Bylaw Revisions

The Board asked Joan Zajac, who has had many years of League experience, to examine the LWVMC Bylaws and revise them so that they conform with the LWVUS Bylaws. Also, the Board asked Joan to align the LWVMC officers' terms with the LWVMC fiscal year. In addition Joan made our Bylaws gender neutral and did some minor corrections in the grammar. These changes were approved by the Board at its March 14, 2007 meeting and need to be approved by the membership at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Connie Anderson has posted the full LWVMC Bylaws with proposed revisions in complete detail on our web site, <http://civic.bev.net/lwvmc>. The LWVMC Bylaws are also published in our Handbook, but they do not reflect the latest changes.

Changes required to conform with the LWVUS Bylaws:

Removed "of citizens" from Article II, Section I, Purpose.

Define Voting Members (Article III, Section 2 a) as follows: *Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.*

Changes to align officers' terms with our fiscal year:

In 2006 members voted to have Board members terms start on July 1 and end on June 30 (rather than starting and ending immediately after the Annual Meeting). However, we missed making that change in Article IV, Section 1. It should read: The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Virginia shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office *on July 1 following the Annual Meeting*.

At the 2006 Annual Meeting we corrected the last sentence (see the minutes in this Bulletin) in Article V, Section 1, but need to correct the second sentence. That sentence should now read, "Two shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting. *The elected directors shall take office on July 1 following the Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years.*"

Making our Bylaws gender neutral:

In Article IV Officers, Sections 2 – 5 which define the rolls of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, the word "she" has been dropped. For example, for Section 2 The President, the changes in the first couple clauses will read, "The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors; ~~she~~ may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes;..."

How to Recycle Household Heavy Metals

The Montgomery County League is a community partner in Sustainable Blacksburg, which is an effort to reduce the toxic heavy metals that find their way into waterways and soil when products with heavy metal components are discarded into trashcans or dumpsters. Although part of this EPA grant-initiated program is focused toward helping commercial and industrial organizations safely dispose of these products, it has become very easy for households to safely dispose of products containing heavy metals, thanks to cooperating local businesses and the YMCA.

Here is a short guide to how you can safely discard some of these products.

1. Household batteries (alkaline or rechargeable) can be brought to any member of the Downtown Merchants of Blacksburg. They will recycle them at no cost.
2. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) can be recycled at no cost at either Heavener's Hardware store or any member of the Downtown Merchants of Blacksburg. By the way, switching to CFLs from incandescent bulbs saves you money because they use much less electricity and, therefore, CFLs also reduce emissions from power plants.
3. Electronic products such as computers, computer peripherals, television sets, and cell phones can be brought to the YMCA. The "Y" will sell products that are still useable and will safely recycle the rest. The EPA grant pays for this recycling.

Thank You

Your gifts to the Montgomery County League makes it possible for us to video tape our Candidate Forums and some of our programs for replaying on local access television stations. Next year is a big local election year for us. We anticipate holding four Forums this Fall and two this Spring. We will be registering voters in Montgomery County and the surrounding Counties. We thank you for helping us encourage the informed and active participation in government of the people of the New River Valley.

These members have dedicated their gift to the memory of Nadine Newcomb

Connie Anderson	Beverly Fleming "To honor Nadine Newcomb with many
Mary Houska	fond memories---a great lady and my friend."
Julia Lewis	Deloris Pourchot
Mary Swiger	Jane Wentworth
Millie Wiggert	Alison Wilson "With gratitude to Nadine who shared and taught me much."

Other contributing members:

Susan Anderson	Anonymous	Isabel Berney
Mary Ann Johnson	Bobbie Littlefield	Sally Mackie
Betty Mercier	Karen Novak	Debbie Nuss
Beth Obenshain	Mary Powe "In honor of my daughters."	
Sheila Reyna	Maria Roth	June Schmidt
Margot Sebba	Josie Shotts	Judy Snoke
Shirley Strother	Lindsay West	Betty Williams
Yvette Wise	Wayne Worner	Mary Jane Zody

Contributions from friends of the LWVMC

Darlene Allen	Anonymous (3)	Jeanne R. Boyd
Bruce Grimes "In honor of Marian Sanzenbach"		Robert Hendrickson
Lesley Howard	Janice Litschert	Susan Magliaro
Lelia Meyton	Glen Mitchell	Leanne Mitchell
James & Mary Moore	Lillian Moore	June & Don Mullins
Jay Price "In honor of LWVMC members"		Nancy Slocum
Dorothea Torgersen	Jean Van Krey	Janice Woodard.

Finance Director, Harriett Cooper, hopes to receive more gifts to the 2007 LWVMC Fund Drive. Make your check out to "LWVMC" and mail it to Harriett at 618 Woodland Drive, Blacksburg 24060.

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Calendar

- April 28–29 LWV VA Convention in Richmond. The LWVMC delegates will be Amy Mauldon and Mary Houska. Mary Houska is chair of the LWV VA Budget Committee.
- May 15 AARP program in which House of Delegates members David Nutter (R, 7th House District) and James Shuler (D, 12th House District) will review the 2007 session of the General Assembly. Blacksburg Recreation Center at noon. Bring your lunch at 11:30 a.m..
- May 15 LWVMC Annual Meeting, Professor Wayne Reilly will talk about “The Middle East: What Next”, 6 p.m., Holiday Inn University, Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg. Wilderness Road Chorus, Sweet Adelines will entertain at 5:45 p.m. as guests are gathering.

JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TODAY

Become a member of the League of Women Voters. The annual membership fee is \$40 for new members (half year dues from January 1 to May 31 are \$20). This payment includes local, state, and national membership dues. Members receive The National Voter, The Virginia Voter, and The Montgomery County Bulletin. Annual dues for renewing LWVMC members are \$45.

Send a check payable to The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC).

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