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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting, to elect officers, act on the budget, (see pages 3-4) and take care of other business as necessary, will be held

Tuesday, May 11, 6 – 9 p.m.,

Holiday Inn University, 900 Prices Fork Rd. Blacksburg.

Guest Speaker Forrest “Frosty” Landon will talk about

The League Needs FOIA; FOIA Needs the League



Forrest “Frosty” Landon

Landon is a graduate of the University of Missouri Journalism program, a program long regarded as the best journalism program in the nation. After serving as Executive Editor and Vice President of The Roanoke Times for many years, he retired in 1995.

Among the honors he received was being inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame in 1997.

He was a founder of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government (VCOG) in 1996 and served as the VCOG Executive Director until 2007.

He is the former chair of the Freedom of Information Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

In 2007 the National Freedom of Information Coalition and the Society of Professional Journalists named him one of the Heroes of the Fifty States in the Open Government Hall of Fame. In 2000 he served as President of the National Freedom of Information Coalition.

Deadline for reservations: Friday, May 7

Reservation form with information about menu selection and cost for dinner is on page 5.

First Tuesday Lunch May 4

Join your League friends for lunch, noon, at Bull and Bones restaurant, First and Main Shopping Center. Talk about hot public policy issues, League activities, or ourselves.

Our First Tuesday lunches will continue throughout the summer at the Bull and Bones restaurant. See the calendar in this Bulletin for the dates. We gather at noon.

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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President's Message from Mary Houska

League website features Christiansburg and Radford Candidate Information

Christiansburg and Radford voters can find election information on the League website, www.lwvmcva.org. There is candidate information for the Mayor and Town Council elections in Christiansburg and the Mayor and City Council and School Board elections in Radford.

The video of the Christiansburg April 15 Candidate Forum is available for viewing there and we hope to soon have the videos of the Radford April 8 and April 15 Candidate Forums on line as well. Candidate Voter Guides and responses to questions we were unable to ask because of time constraints will be there too. Radford candidate written responses to the questions asked at their forums will be posted as well.

Paper copies of the Christiansburg Voter Guides are available in the Library, Recreation Building, and Coffee Depot. Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 4!

Congratulations, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Hinshelwood, a League member and attorney from Christiansburg, was awarded the Jim and Lenna Moore Community Service and Citizenship Award for her local volunteer work at the "Leading Lights: Neighbors Honoring Neighbors" program. The Jim and Lenna Moore Community Service and Citizenship Award is presented by the YMCA at Virginia Tech, the American Red Cross, and AARP.

Finance chair, Harriett Cooper

Thank you for supporting League

When Carol Lindstrom said, "It couldn't have happened without you," she was acknowledging the support she received from our League. But none of the League's accomplishments could have happened without the help of our loyal supporters, who, despite the difficult economic times, continue to support us with their donations.

So a heartfelt thank you to all who have already sent us your contribution. For those of you who have just forgotten to do it, there is still time to ensure that the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County will have the wherewithal to continue its work in our community. Please pick up your checkbook and

pen now. Each and every contribution is important.

*Harriett Cooper,
Finance Chair*

If you want to make a contribution to the League, make your check out to LWV MC and mail it to Harriett Cooper, Finance Chair, 618 Woodland Drive, Blacksburg 24060.

The League thanks the following members:

Gifts in Memory:

Bea Ake in memory of
Eloise Woods
Susan Anderson in memory of
Pansy Franklin
Anderson
Millie Wiggert in memory of
Nadine Newcomb

Gifts in Honor:

Bev Fleming in honor of
Mary Houska for all her
hard work
Mary Houska in honor of
Dee Pourchot, Barb Boyd

and Maria Roth. We will miss you all.

Mary Ann H. Johnson in honor of Mary Houska
Julia Lewis in honor of Dee Pourchot
Karen Novak in honor of Margot Sebba

Other Gifts

Darlene Allen
L. Jeannie Baker
Barbara Boyd
Jacqueline DesLauriers
Karen Hult
Bobbie Littlefield
Sally Mackie
Susan Morikawa
Dee Pourchot
Sheila Reyna
David Scheim
Judy Snoke
Daisy Stewart
Shirley Strother
Mary Swiger
Jo Ann Underwood
Lindsay West
Betty Williams

Alison Wilson
Wayne Worner
Esther Youngs

Gifts from friends in Honor:

Ann Goette in honor of health care passage
Debbie Nuss in honor of Mary Houska
Jay Price in honor of LWVMC for its good work
Other Gifts from friends:
Anonymous (1)
Companion Animal Clinic
Ellen Glover
Bruce Grimes
Robert & Doris Hendrickson
Marilyn Klemperer
Rita Carolyn Lange
Janice Litschert
Lillian Moore
June Mullins
Joe and Linda Powers
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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

May 7, 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County was held on May 7, 2009. Professor Juergen Fleck of the Economics Department of Hollins University spoke on the topic "The Economic Crisis."

After the talk, a short business meeting, chaired by President Mary Houska, was held. The activities of the League during the past year were reviewed by President Houska.

After assuring a quorum was present, the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting were presented and approved.

A proposed budget for the 2009-2010 year was proposed by Treasurer B. June Schmidt.

After discussion, it was moved that the budget be adopted. Motion carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Bobbie Littlefield, Committee Chair.

Nominations were as follows:

President: Mary Houska

First Vice Presidents and Program Chair: Amy Mauldon and Karen Cronin

Second Vice President and Voters Service Chair: Meghan Dorset (normally elected even years)

Treasurer: B. June Schmidt

Elected Board Members

Action Co-Chairs: Judy Snoke and Carol Lindstrom

Publicity Co-Chairs: David Scheim and Tacy Newell-Foutz

(Four remaining Board Members will be appointed for one year terms by the Incoming Board)

The following activities usually have Board appointed chairs: Facts for Voters, Finance Drive, Bulletin, and Observer Corps (Christiansburg)

Nominating Committee: Three off-board members, two Board Members, appointed by the Board

Chair: Bev Fleming, Jane Sprague-off board, To be announced-off board, and Board members will be named at a later date.

Off-Board appointments to be considered by the new Board:

Budget and Audit, Office Manager, Memorial Gifts, New River Community Action, Chairs for Local, State, and National Study topics

Proposed League Activities for the 2009-2010 were discussed.

a. LWV VA has approved a two year study: That the current position on Election Laws be updated.

Study will be chaired by Betsy Mayr.

b. Completion of local Town Finances Study.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Barbara Boyd, Secretary

Montgomery County League Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 11

To make a reservation for the annual meeting dinner, send this form and your check made out to the LWVMC to Mary Houska, 2301 Spring Hollow Lane, Blacksburg Va. 24060, or contact her at email: mfdh@aol.com or telephone: 552-2717. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 7

I (We) _____ will be at the meeting at the Holiday Inn Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg.

Circle your meal choice

Mushroom Ravioli – Mushrooms and Spinach topped with Alfredo and Marinara Sauce and Parmesan Cheese - \$20

Champagne Chicken - Boneless Chicken breast topped with Champagne sauce, served with long grain and wild rice and sugar snap peas - \$21

Salmon Tennessee – Salmon filet with Bourbon glaze, served with risotto alla Milanese and sugar snap peas. (may be served without the bourbon glaze, specify whether you want the glaze) - \$22

All meals are served with a salad, dessert and beverage.

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Bulletin sponsor: Companion Animal Clinic (540) 552-6800
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Calendar

May 1, 9 a.m – 3 p.m.	LWV-VA Council , Lynchburg. Nancy Warren and Mary Houska are delegates.
May 4, noon	First Tuesday Lunch, Bull & Bones restaurant at First & Main, Blacksburg
May 11, 6 – 9 p.m.	Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn University, Blacksburg. Frosty Landon, Speaker
May 24, 1 – 3 p.m.	LWV-MC Board meets, Children's Reading Room, Public Library, Blacksburg
June 1, noon	First Tuesday Lunch, Bull & Bones restaurant at First & Main, Blacksburg
June 11 – 15	LWV-US convention, Atlanta
July 6, noon	First Tuesday Lunch, Bull & Bones restaurant at First & Main, Blacksburg
August 3, noon	First Tuesday Lunch, Bull & Bones restaurant at First & Main, Blacksburg
September 7, noon	First Tuesday Lunch, Bull & Bones restaurant at First & Main, Blacksburg

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. Mail to: Betty Williams, Membership Chair, 607 Progress St., Blacksburg, VA 24060, or call 552-2357, or email Mary Houska at mfdh@aol.com