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## Annual Meeting

Monday, May 9, 6 to 9 p.m.

### Unitarian-Universalist Meeting House Elarth Room

1301 Gladewood Drive in Blacksburg.

With an Annual Meeting just nine days after our League plays host to the Virginia League Convention, our Board decided to have an informal “family” dinner and meeting. At least 28 of our members will have participated in some way in the preparation and functioning of that Convention---that is an impressive number for a small League.

#### Directions:

Unitarian-Universalist Meeting House, 1301 Gladewood Drive in Blacksburg.

From the University Mall, take the Glade Road which starts between Kroger and Volume II. Cross over the Bypass and turn left onto Lark Lane and then take the first right onto Gladewood Drive. The Meeting House will be on the left about two-thirds down a long block.

### CELEBRITY CHEFS

#### Carol Lindstrom, Bobbie Littlefield, and Mary Houska

As guests gather: White and Red Wines, Beer, and Juice will be served.

Buffet Dinner: three entrees – Baked Ham, Baked Salmon, and Beans Breton, served with salads, and homemade cornbread. Desserts in great variety will be made by our members. Coffee and Tea

Cost: \$10/person. Paid reservations for members and their guests must be received by May 5 (see the form on page 4).

After dinner: Will Rogers (Steve Huppert) will comments on politics and current events. Steve, who is a Christiansburg Town Councilman, started researching Will Rogers when he retired from a 32-year career as an educator in the Montgomery County Schools.

A short business meeting will follow Will Rogers’ one-man show.

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### First Tuesday Lunches May 3

Join your League friends for lunch at 622 North Main, in downtown Blacksburg. There will be much to talk about with the Convention the previous weekend and Redistricting still up-in-the-air. Come by 11:45 a.m, to allow time for the group to gather and orders to be taken.

The First Tuesday Lunches will continue throughout the summer at 622 North Main in Blacksburg, beginning about 11:45 AM. Notices of each lunch will be sent to members on our Listserv and they will be posted on our web site ([www.lwvmcva.org](http://www.lwvmcva.org)) calendar.

### Health Policy Forum broadcast

Our April 11 Health Policy Forum will be broadcast on WTOB in May, watch the weekly calendar for times. It is on our web site ([www.lwvmcva.org](http://www.lwvmcva.org)) to watch at any time.

*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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## From president Mary Houska

# What 'hosting' convention means to us

## *We Are Special!*

As hosts of the Virginia League Convention April 30 – May 1, we have the opportunity to introduce delegates from throughout Virginia and LWV US President Elisabeth MacNamara to our League and to our area. Along with the Members-at-Large Washington County League, we are the only Leagues west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The willingness of our members to offer their help to make this convention special is impressive. The host League provides decorations (flowers) for the head table at plenary sessions and for tables at the banquet. We supply welcome packets for delegates with local tourist information, maps, and a treat. We provide non-delegate volunteers to register attendees, be doorkeepers, ushers, timekeepers, and microphone attendants. Furthermore, we respond to special requests from the LWV-VA leaders.

Karen Cronin, who died suddenly in February, had been Local Arrangements Chair. She started the work. After Karen's death, Nancy Warren graciously took over that role and thanks to her expertise in planning events, we are ready.

### Convention Schedule and Local Speakers

Blacksburg Mayor, Ron Rordam, will welcome delegates to the Convention as it starts on Saturday morning. The convention will have two plenary (business) sessions in the mornings. Between noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday, delegates are encouraged to order box lunches and walk or drive to one or two local attractions such as the downtown farmers' market, Smithfield, the Hahn Garden, and the Virginia Tech campus. There will be a Membership Recruitment Workshop at 2 p.m. A panel discussion on Virginia Redistricting will begin at 2:30 p.m. Panelists will include Judge Samuel Johnston, a member of the Governor's Bi-Partisan Redistricting Committee; two Roanoke College students who participated in the 13-college competition to design non-partisan General Assembly and Congressional Districts for Virginia; and Christian Trejbal, editorial writer for The Roanoke Times.

### Members Helping

Eighteen members offered to help with the volunteer duties. Jane Sprague will do the flower arrangements. (We may be asking you for flowers from your gardens.) Our other volunteers are: Darlene Allen, Meghan Dorsett, Beverly Fleming, Janet Hahn, Anna Hawthorne, Elaine Head, Ann Hess, Mary Ann Johnson, Julia Lewis, Roberta Littlefield, Cecile Newcomb, Tacy Newell-Foutz, Judy Snoke, Mary Swiger, Betty Williams and Joan Zajac. Bobbie, Judy, Nancy and I are on our local ad hoc convention planning committee. Our delegates to the convention are Janet Hahn, Amy Mauldon, June Schmidt, and Mary Houska.

Catherine Sutton, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, arranged for the Chamber to lend us the extra microphones needed for delegates to address the convention from the floor.

Lucy Goldberg and David Scheim will provide music at the pre-banquet reception and at the convention banquet Saturday evening.

Meghan Dorsett created the e-poster that was sent to all Virginia League members to advertise the Convention. Carol Lindstrom used her creative talents to merge five short videos on the LWV US web site into a program highlighting the mission of the League to be shown on a hotel television screen outside our meeting rooms. She also designed a convention logo. At Olga Hernandez' request, Meghan and Carol will video tape the convention and put it on YouTube.

Additional members are helping with small arrangement tasks. More than 30 percent of our members are helping us host this convention! We are special!

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Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting  
League of Women Voters of Montgomery County  
May 11, 2010, 6-9 PM  
University Holiday Inn, Blacksburg,

- I. Departing League members Barbara Boyd, Dee Pourchot, and Maria Roth were presented vases from Mary Houska and Ann Hess (with symbolic flowers).
- II. Speaker, Forrest "Frosty" Landon, The League Needs FOIA; FOIA Needs the League
- III. Business Meeting, chaired by President Mary Houska. Betty Williams verified a quorum.
  - A. The Montgomery County League in 2009 – 2010 (attached) was presented by President Houska.
  - B. Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting (attached) were presented. Moved by Bev Fleming and seconded by Daisy Stewart that the minutes be approved. After assuring that a quorum was present, motion carried.
  - C. A proposed budget for the 2010 – 2011 year as proposed by Treasurer, June Schmidt, was presented by President Mary Houska. After discussion, Barbara Boyd moved adoption of the budget (attached); Julia Lewis Seconded the motion. Approved.
  - D. Nominating Committee Chair, Bev Fleming presented the nominations made by the Nominating Committee:
    1. Off Board: Beverly Fleming, Chair, Jane Sprague and Joan Zajac
    2. On Board: Barbara Boyd and Amy Mauldon, Mary Houska (advisory)Chair Bev Fleming thanked the Nominating Committee and presented nominations:
    1. Secretary 2010 – 2011: Janet Hahn
    2. Membership Chair 2010 – 2011: Betty Williams
    3. Webmaster 2010 – 2011: Carol Lindstrom
    4. Bulletin Editor 2010 – 2011: Mary Ann Johnson
    5. Finance Chair 2010 – 2011: Harriett Cooper
    6. Facts for Voters Chair 2010-2011: Darlene Allen
    7. Nominating Committee Chair: Beverly Fleming
    8. Nominating Committee Members (off Board) 2010 – 2011: Jane Sprague and Joan Zajac
    9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Voter Service) 2010 – 2012: The proposed nominee recently declined the nomination, so the Nominating Committee and Board will select a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for 2010 – 2011.Mary Houska asked for additional nominations, but received none. Daisy Stewart moved and Judy Snoko seconded that the slate be approved by acclamation. Membership Chair, Betty Williams, verified the presence of a quorum. The motion carried. (Nominating Committee Report attached)
- E. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM  
Janet M. Hahn, recording

### By Law Change on Annual Meeting Agenda

To conform to a change in its By Laws made by the LWVUS at its June 2010 Convention, the LWV MC must change the wording of its By Laws specifically, Article III Membership, Section 2 Types of Membership, a (3). Section a lists who is eligible to be a voting member of our League. Part (3) now reads, "those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues." The LWVUS has deleted the word "honorary" and we must do so also. With this correction, Section a. (3) will read, "those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues."

## THANK YOU for Support of League Work

These members and friends made contributions since the last Bulletin was printed:

Members

Harriett Cooper

Elaine Head

Mary Houska in memory of Karen Cronin

Bobbie Littlefield

Susan Morikawa

Cecile Newcomb

Deloris Pourchot

David Scheim in memory of Karen Cronin

Eddie Schumacher

Mary Swiger in honor of Mary Houska

Alison Wilson

Debbie Nuss in honor of the LWVMC for its work to correct the problems in Montgomery County elections

Virginia Reilly in memory of Kitty Brennan

Jim Shuler

Well, April 15th (and 18th ) have come and gone, so now that we don't have to think about taxes for a while we can consider other destinations for our money. Those of us who haven't yet made an annual contribution to the League can start looking for that Fund Drive letter, which may be under a pile of other missives on our desks. If you can't find it, we'll be just as glad to accept your contribution anyway. Just mail it to:

Harriett Cooper, 618 Woodland Drive, Blacksburg VA 24060.

Friends

Anonymous (1)

John & Elizabeth Bush in honor of Barbara Bauer

Ellen Glover in honor of Mary Ann H. Johnson

Marilyn Klemperer

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## Calendar

April 30 – May 1	LWV-VA 2011 Convention, Hilton Garden Inn, Blacksburg
May 3, 11:45 a.m.	First Tuesday Lunch, 622 North Main, Blacksburg
May 9, 6 p.m.	Annual Meeting, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1301 Gladewood Drive, Blacksburg. Will Rogers (Steve Huppert) will entertain us.
May 24, 10 a.m.	LWV MC Board Meeting, Community Room, Public Library, Blacksburg

### Reservations for annual meeting

I (we) will attend the League Annual Meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is a check for \_\_\_ for \$10 per meal.

Checks should be made out to LWV MC and mailed to:

Mary Houska,  
2301 Spring Hollow Lane,  
Blacksburg 24060.

If you are concerned that the reservation will arrive after May 5, please email Mary at [mfdh@aol.com](mailto:mfdh@aol.com).

### 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](mailto:mfdh@aol.com).