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League Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

gather at 5:30 p.m. buffet dinner, 6 p.m.

Tall Oaks Hall, Village Center, Warm Hearth Village

Business Meeting Election of Officers
2017-18 Budget
ByLaws

Guest Speakers Karen Hult and Charles Walcott

LIKE NOTHING WE'VE SEEN BEFORE: TRUMP'S FIRST MONTHS IN OFFICE

Karen Hult, professor of political science at Virginia Tech also is core faculty member in the Center for Public Administration and Policy. Her primary research interests are U.S. executive institutions, organization theory, and institutional design and dynamics.

She is the author of "Agency Merger and Bureaucratic Redesign" and the co-author, with Charles E. Walcott, of "Empowering the White House: Governance under Nixon, Ford and Carter;" "Governing the White House: From Hoover through LBJ;" and "Governing Public." She has received many awards for her work. She has been a member of the League for many years.



Walcott



Hult

Charles Walcott is professor emeritus of political science at Virginia Tech. His central research interests focus upon the U.S. Presidency, especially as it can be understood through organization theory and on organizational governance generally. His work during the past two decades has focused principally upon understanding the structural evolution and workings of the White House Office.

He has written books and articles on the use of simulation-gaming techniques in the classroom. His current research includes a study of the role of the chief of staff in the contemporary White House and an analysis of the politics of Title IX and its impact on intercollegiate athletics.

The League of Women Voters, a community-based 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.

The League of Women Voters is a non partisan political organization that does not support or endorse any political party or candidate, and any use of the League of Women Voters name in campaign advertising or literature has not been authorized by the League.

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Year in Review

The Presidential Election and Nonpartisan Redistricting were the primary focus of the League's election activities. In addition, we co-sponsored Great Decisions again and learned much about Fracking. Most exciting for us, we changed the format of our important Facts for Voters publication. We continued our First Tuesday Lunches with 16 or more members lunching together every month. Here are our League's more important events of the year in review.

July – October:

About 20 of our members were involved in our election activities. We distributed about 1600 posters and cards in both Montgomery County and Radford City, especially at Virginia Tech and Radford University, informing potential voters how to register to vote in Virginia and how to vote absentee. We registered voters at NAACP, AARP, and Meadowbrook Library events and at Hollins University. Congressman Morgan Griffith (R) declined our invitation to participate in a Candidate Forum with his opponents Derek Kitts (D) and Janice Boyd (I).

September 17:

Four Board members went to the Virginia League Workshop to learn the results of the LWV-VA study of Fracking in Virginia.

October 4:

"Anger, Frustration and the 2016 Presidential Election," a program with four political scientists, Professors Karen Hult, Caitlin Jewitt, Daniel Reed, and Charles Walcott, discussing the Presidential election, was sponsored by the League and by the Tech Lifelong Learning Institute.

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Thank you for Contributions

SUPPORT YOUR LEAGUE

Our 2017 Fund Drive has made a great beginning, but the stream of donations has slowed sharply. I'm challenging those of you who have not not done so yet, to take out your checkbooks and contribute NOW! We need your help so that the LWVMC can continue providing the leadership our community, state, and nation needs.

Send contributions to Harriett Cooper, 618 Woodland Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Members

Susan Anderson
Carol Linker in honor of Christine and Alexa Linker
Carolyn Rude
Isabel Berney
Margaret Ray in memory of Thomas Ray
Mary Houska in memory of Mary Swiger
Josephine Shotts
Patricia Carnite
Joan Zajac
Shelley Gelbert in memory of Judy E. Coughlin
Jeannie Baker
Jim Shuler
Leslie Hager Smith in memory of Gertrude Squires Hager
Karen Novak
Dorothy Domermuth
For a total of \$1700

Non-members

Ellen Glover
Pauletta & Jim Copenheaver
Joan Shorter in memory of Leslie Blythe
Ann Goette in memory of Mary Ellen Lloyd and Mary Britt
William & Rebecca Brown in memory of Ulysses T. Brown
Annette Burr
Debbie Nuss in honor of Mary Houska
Janice Litschert
June & Don Mullins
Mike & Jennie Reilly in memory of Kitty Brennan
For a total of \$840

Year in Review

December To Today

December – February:

Terry Ellen Carter, Mary Ann Johnson, and Carolyn Rude worked on the redesign and reformatting of our long-term publication, Facts for Voters. We renamed it FACTS, placed more emphasis on voting information, removed some tax and fee information and just made it much more attractive and, we think, easier to use. In the last decade, we have lost some business sponsors; we thank the members who became sponsors or contributed towards our printing costs. We printed and are distributing 7,500 FACTS for 2017.

January 21:

Members were invited to Lunch, followed by a discussion about the LWV-VA Fracking Study PowerPoint presentation, and then they participated in a Consensus vote on the Study's policy questions.

February 8 – April 5:

We and Tech's Lifelong Learning Institute sponsored eight sessions of the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program. We thank our Resource People who led each session: Professors Yannis Stivachtis, Bill Ochsenwald, Paul Avey, Ilya Luciak, Paige Tan, Phil Jordan, and Mary Houska.

February 20:

GerryRigged, the documentary film about partisan redistricting in Virginia was shown at the Lyric Theatre with the Honorable Jim Shuler and Blake Wheelock, Associate Director of OneVirginia 2021, presenting background information. The film presentation was co-sponsored by the League, OneVirginia 2021, Tech's Lifelong Learning Institute, and the Lyric. Jane Sprague did most of the arranging.

March 2:

We co-sponsored a panel of former Delegates Shannon Valentine and Jim Shuler along with journalist Bob Gibson who is also past director of the Sorensen Institute for Political Action at the University of Virginia discussed *Gerrymandering in Virginia: How We Can Fix It*. This program has been placed on YouTube and may be accessed from our website, www.lwvmcva.org. The other co-sponsors were OneVirginia 2021 and the Lifelong Learning Institute at Virginia Tech.

May 10:

Professors Karen Hult and Charles Walcott will speak about "Like Nothing We've Seen Before: Trump's First Months in Office," at the League's annual dinner meeting.

Nominating Committee

Nominees and Previously Elected or Appointed*

Board of Directors
Calendar Year June 1 – May 31

Officers

President: Carolyn Rude - 2017-2019
Vice Presidents: Mary Houska** - 2017-2018 and Nancy Warren - 2017-2019
Voter Service
Secretary(s): Susan Gurley** and Jane Wills** - 2017-2018
Treasurer(s): Alison Wilson and Susan Morikawa - 2017-2019

Elected Directors

Mary Ann Johnson,**
Communications (publicity, bulletin) - 2017-2018
Terry Ellen Carter, Facts - 2017-2019
Tamara Hodsdon, Membership - 2017-2019
Julia Lewis, Events - 2017-2019

Shelley Gelbert - 2017-2019
Carol Linker - 2017-2019
Debbie Travis - 2017-2019
Dempsey Worner - 2017-2019

Nominating Committee Members to be Elected

Elaine Head, Chair, - 2017-2018
Jane Sprague - 2017-2018
Bev Fleming - 2017-2018

* Report Predicated on Recent Board-Approved, Bylaws Revisions—Subject to Membership Approval

**Previously elected or appointed

Members may make nominations from the floor. Please first get permission from the nominee to do so.

Bylaws changes

These are the sections of the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County bylaws that need to be changed. It is not the complete bylaws. The sections with lines through the words are to be deleted and the sections in italic are the replacements.

The changes in Section 2a were made at the 2016 LWV-US Convention. All Leagues are required to adjust the bylaws to conform with the LWV-US bylaws

Section 2. Types of Membership.

a. ~~Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League~~
Anyone 16 years of age who has a current paid membership in the League shall be a voting Member 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.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 3. ~~The Vice Presidents-, President.~~ *The Vice Presidents-, President(s) in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of the absence, disability, resignation, or death of the President, possess all the powers; and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents-, President (s) shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.*

Section 6. Executive Committee. ~~The President, Vice Presidents-, President(s), the Secretary, and the Treasurer shall constitute an Executive Committee that may consider and, if necessary, take action between regular meetings of the Board of Directors. Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the entire Board at its next meeting following such action. The Executive Committee shall comprise of an odd-number of officers to avoid the possibility of a decision tie.~~

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. ~~Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office.~~ *The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, four elected Directors, and not more than six appointed Directors. 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. The elected Board members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall expire annually on June 30.*

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ARTICLE VI - FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year. ~~The fiscal year of the LWVMC shall be from July 1 through June 30 of each year.~~

Section 2. ~~Dues.~~ *Annual dues, the amount to be determined at the Annual Meeting, shall be payable by July 1 for membership until the following June 30. Half of the annual dues shall be paid by those who join between Jan 1 and June 30. Dues payable for two members residing at the same address in a common household shall be equal to one and one-half times single member annual dues. Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.*

Section 2. Dues. Annual dues, the amount to be determined at the Annual Meeting, shall be payable by September 1 for membership until the following August 31. Members joining after January 31 shall pay full dues, and their membership will be valid until August 31 of the following year. Dues payable for two Members residing at

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the same address in a common household shall be equal to one and one-half times single member annual dues. Any Member who fails to pay dues within three months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

~~Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chair and two members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected at the annual meeting. These two members shall not be members of the Board. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at its next meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.~~

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~~Section 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.~~

Section 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The Nomination Committee offers nominations for all positions to be filled. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to all Members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report at the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting Member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

~~Section 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.~~

Section 3. Elections. The slate shall be presented for vote to the general membership at the annual meeting. The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the ballot for every candidate. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Send your reservations and check

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, Tall Oaks Room, Warm Hearth Village.

Send checks for \$25, made out to LWVMC to Julia Lewis, 1173 Oakland Square, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Deadline to make reservation: May 1

I (We) plan to attend, Wednesday, May 10

Name (s) _____

League of Women Voters of Montgomery County Budget

Budget for 2017-2018

Category	Adopted 2016-2017	As of "April 6, 2017	Proposed 2017-2018
INCOME			
A. Dues*	3,800.00	3,850.00	4,625.00
B. Contributions			
B.1 Members	2,500.00	2,106.32	2,500.00
B.2 Non-Members	1,200.00	800.00	1,200.00
B.3 Business & Organizations			
B.3.a. Bulletins (6)**	200.00	200.00	200.00
B.3.b. Handbook**			
B.3.c. Facts	1,500.00	950.00	1,700.00
B.3.d. Project/Grant Support		1,450.00	
C. Interest			
C.1. Certificate of Deposit	25.00	0.00	25.00
C.2. Checking	2.00	1.02	2.00
D. From Reserves	1,092.00		1,448.00
E. Designated Income			
E.2 Specific Events	1,000.00		1,400.00
F. Other		42.99	
TOTAL INCOME	11,319.00	9,400.33	13,100.00

* Jan.31,2017; 85 full 13 half 2 student

**combined bulletins & handbook amount

***meals and other events

EXPENDITURES				
A. Operating				
A.1. General Supplies (stationery)			100.00	
A.2. General Postal Expenses*	360.00	134.00	360.00	*Includes bulk mailing permit & PO Box
B. Board & Administrative Committees**				**Materials(postage,printing)for each
B.1. President	25.00		15.00	
B.2. Secretary	25.00		15.00	
B.3. Treasurer	25.00	9.40	15.00	
B.4. Administrative Committees				
B.4.a. Finance	75.00		100.00	
B.4.b. Membership	75.00		100.00	
B.4.c. Annual Meeting***	150.00	125.00	50.00	***Non-food expenses for annual meeting
B.4.d. Public Relations/Publicity	150.00	275.01	50.00	
B.4.e. Board	64.00	67.00	67.00	
B.5. Benevolence				
B.5.a. Sickness, Death, etc.	150.00		50.00	
B.5.b. Scholarship	100.00		100.00	
C. Delegate Expenses				
C.1. National Convention****			1,200.00	****National expenses even years
C.2. State Convention****	1,000.00		0.00	****State expenses - odd years
C.3. State Council			150.00	*****\$75.00 per person
C.4. Workshops	300.00	237.81	375.00	*****\$75.00 per person
D. Assessments				
D.1. National Dues (\$32.00)	2,640.00	2,480.00	2,752.00	
D.2. State Dues (\$16.00)	1,320.00	1,240.00	1,376.00	
E. Communications				
E.1. Bulletin Postage	300.00	200.00	300.00	
E.2. Bulletin Production (6)	400.00	258.80	400.00	
E.3. Video Taping	150.00	120.00	250.00	
F. Educational Activities				
F.1. Publications support			250.00	*****supplies, software
F.1.a. For Members (handbook)				
F.1.b. Facts	2,000.00	1,773.25	2,100.00	
F.1.c. Great Decisions				
F.1.d. Website	400.00	237.99	400.00	
F.2. Programs				
F.2.a. National				
F.2.b. State				
F.2.c. Local	150.00		250.00	
F.3. Voters Service	250.00	409.71	350.00	
G. Position Support/Lobbying				
G.1. National				
G.2. State (including Lobby Day)	210.00	1351.45	525.00	*****\$75 per person
G.3. Local				
H. Designated Fees*****	1,000.00	78.75	1,400.00	*****Meals and other special events
I. Other		500.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,319.00	\$9,498.17	\$13,100.00	

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**League Annual Meeting
May 10
Warm Hearth Village**

Calendar

May 2, 11:45 a.m. – First Tuesday Lunch, 622 North Main, Blacksburg
May 9, 11 a.m. – Board Meeting, Community Room, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, Blacksburg branch
May 10, 6 p.m. – Annual Meeting, Tall Oaks Hall at the Village Center, Warm Hearth Village
June 6, 11:45 a.m. – First Tuesday Lunch, 622 North Main, Blacksburg
June 10 - 11 - League of Women Voters of Virginia Convention, The Clarion Historic Inn, Leesburg, VA
June 13, 11 a.m. – Board Meeting, Community Room, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, Blacksburg branch

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Become a member of the League of Women Voters. The annual membership fee is \$50. This payment includes local, state, and national membership dues. Members receive The National Voter, The Virginia Voter, and The Montgomery County Bulletin.
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