

# Fairfax VOTER

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As we go into summer and prepare for a busy election season, our Units will gather for discussions and excursions of their own choosing. Whatever you are doing, we are sure you will enjoy the camaraderie of our League. When we re-gather in August and September, our schedules will be full, and we will need all your ideas, energy and efforts to accomplish our mission. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer!

## Calendar

### June 2023

Note: LWVFA Unit Meetings will meet in June

- 1-30 LGBTQ+ Pride Month
- 2 LWVNCA Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 2 LWV-VA Board Meeting
- 3-4 LWV-VA Convention
- 8-20 LWVFA Unit Meetings at various locations around Fairfax City and County
- 21 LWVFA Board Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 30 End of the LWVFA Fiscal Year

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## Presidents' Message

Dear League Friends,

June brings us to the end of our fiscal and Board years. It has been incredibly busy, but we are just getting started. Before we finish, we will participate in the State League Convention at the beginning of June in Williamsburg, and we encourage everyone to vote in the Primary election. We encourage you all to take some deep breaths, go to the beach or the mountains, or just your favorite garden over the summer. Once we come back in September, we will put all of our energy into getting out the vote for the extremely important elections in November.

Our May Unit discussions were focussed on the primaries, and we hope you are energized not just to vote yourselves if you have a primary in your area, but to share the message with everyone you know.

As always, we want to thank each of you for everything you do to support the mission of the League!

Pat and Katherine

### LWVFA Board

A huge THANK YOU to Board members, Lois Page, Nancy Roodberg, Katharina Gollner-Sweet, and Don Craig, whose term of service has ended. We are grateful for their service and will call on them for advice and assistance. We know that they will continue to work for the League in many ways.

Congratulations and welcome to the new Board members, Alison Rivard, Kristen Farrand, and Rona Ackerman.

Following is a list of 2023-2024 Board Members:

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**LWVFA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!****By Donna Blake**

Welcome to June, the beginning of summer and the end of the LWVFA FY23 year. Have you renewed your membership for FY24? If not, you can use the form on the back of the *VOTER* or go online at <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/lwvfa-join>. Scroll down to find instructions on how to renew online (left side) or by mail (right side). Even if you are renewing, please take the time to fill out the Membership Submission Form as your data on this form is used to update and verify your contact data in the LWVFA Active Member Rosters. These rosters are used to send you the latest information about the LWVFA activities. This step is especially important if you use PayPal for an automatic renewal. Contact data on the PayPal receipt often is incomplete or in conflict with your data in the LWVUS database. Tracking down the contact data you prefer can cause both delays and errors.

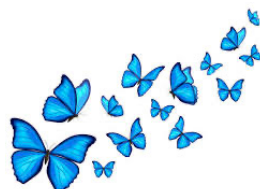
Renew today so you don't miss any of the excitement of Virginia's elections this year. The national, state, and local news sources are calling Virginia's elections as among the most important in the country for determining our future. The LWVFA is working hard to ensure that Virginia residents are registered to vote and have the vital information they need to vote in the Virginia elections.

Membership statistics as of April 29, 2023:

1. Active members are 383, slightly down from last year's figure of 396
2. Distribution of Active Members: 300 Primary, 43 Household, 23 Life, 17 Student
3. And, as always, a big thank you to all members who have already renewed for FY24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

If you have comments or questions, please contact Donna Blake at [membership@lwv-fairfax.org](mailto:membership@lwv-fairfax.org). In the subject line of your email, please put: LWVFA Membership Question.

Thank you!

**RGGI - What Is It?****By Julie Jones**

During the discussion of the Virginia League of Women Voters' study of Environmental Justice, there were several questions about RGGI. What is it? What does it do? Will it continue in Virginia? The following article was presented at a LWV-VA Women's Roundtable session, February 1, 2023, by Joan N. Curry.

**Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative**

Background:

In April 2020, Virginia legislature passed the Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act that set the guidelines for joining and implementing the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). RGGI is a carbon cap and trade market involving 10 other New England and Mid-Atlantic states (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont). RGGI requires power producers to purchase carbon allowances at quarterly auctions for each ton of carbon they emit. The proceeds of auctions are then returned to participating states. In Virginia, utilities are allowed to recover from ratepayers the "necessary" costs of buying allowances at auction. (Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, Dominion Electric customers began paying for the first year of RGGI participation, with the average residential customer's monthly bill increasing by \$2.39). The number of allowances available to producers declines annually. The system is designed to incentivize power generators to switch from forms of energy that produce greenhouse gases that are driving climate change to non-carbon emitting sources. In over a decade of program implementation, power sector emissions in the RGGI states have declined by more than 50% relative to 2005 and provided net benefits to their economies on the order of \$4 billion.

**45% of all RGGI revenue goes to projects to protect Virginians from flooding caused by rising seas and more intense storms:**

1) The law authorizing Virginia's participation in RGGI requires 45% of all proceeds from the auctions go toward the Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF). Further provisions require that at least 25% of the flood preparedness funds go to projects in low income areas. As of December 2022, RGGI had raised \$524 million with allocations going to the CFPF of \$235 million. Flooding from sea level rise and more frequent intense rain-

storms from climate change are set to accelerate in the coming decades. Since 1927 alone, the sea level has risen by about 1 1/2 feet in Sewells Point at the Naval Station Norfolk in the Hampton Roads area (and an additional foot is predicted by 2050). “Between 2020 and 2080, the number of residents living in homes exposed to extreme coastal flooding will triple to about a million; roadways flooded will increase from 55 to 340 miles and 170,000 acres of tidal wetlands will be permanently inundated.” [Virginia Mercury; 12-8-21]. In addition, the Hampton Roads area, the Middle Peninsula, the Northern Neck, the Eastern Shore and cities such as Alexandria will also experience more frequent flooding due to high tide events.

**50% of RGGI proceeds go to low income households to upgrade energy efficiency for cost-savings, health and safety:**

2) Another 50% of RGGI proceeds (\$250 million as of December) provide capital for low income energy efficiency upgrades to both new and existing housing. The program administered by Housing Innovation Energy Efficiency (HIEE) and Affordable and Special Needs Housing (ASNH) works in tandem with the federal weatherization program to provide funds for major health and safety repairs. Low income households face a disproportionately higher energy burden (as a % of gross income) due to energy inefficient housing. Since its inception, HIEE funding from RGGI has financed nearly \$31M in energy-efficient upgrades for new and renovated affordable housing. According to the Piedmont Housing Alliance, “lower income families will spend hundreds of dollars less a year on energy costs on average – hundreds of dollars that translates to stable, safe, warm home environments.” RGGI dollars are being used in every region of Virginia and are creating high-paying jobs that cannot be outsourced.

**Environmental and faith-based groups, Virginia localities and many legislators oppose Gov. Youngkin’s efforts to withdraw from RGGI.**

3) In September of 2022, Gov. Youngkin outlined a plan to withdraw Virginia from RGGI, a move critics say is not allowed by law, would drain important state programs of funding, and would hurt the fight against climate change. The plan involves regulatory changes that govern the state’s participation in the market. Regulatory process typically takes 18 to 24 months start to finish. Virginia’s three-year contract with RGGI, Inc., the body that coordinates the market, ends this year. In addition to many environmental, faith-based and regional groups such as Appalachian Voices, 17 Hampton Roads cities and counties sent a letter opposing Gov. Youngkin’s proposal to withdraw from the initiative. Recently 61 Virginia legislators signed onto a letter in support of remaining in RGGI.

RGGI.

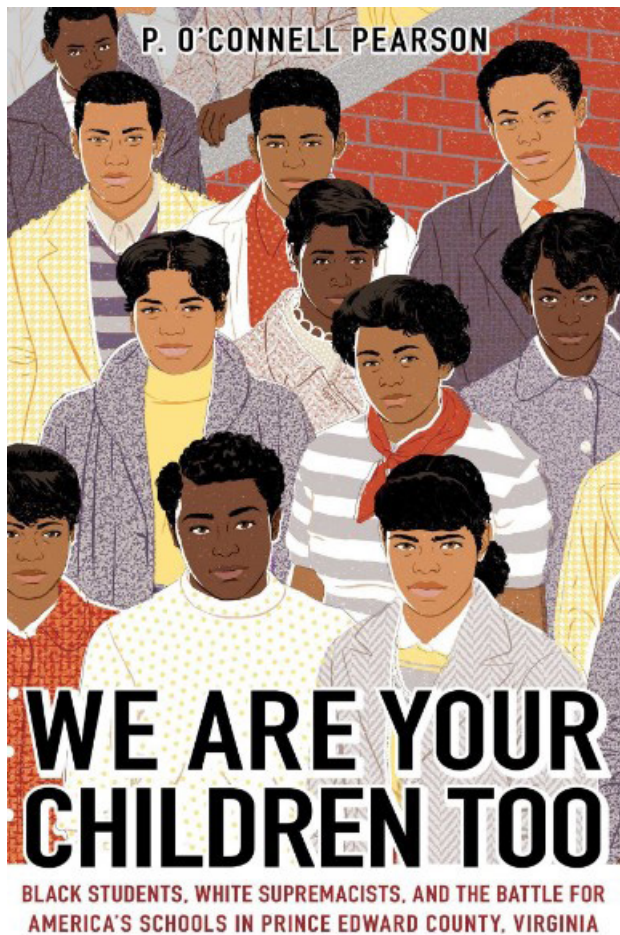
**Update:** On January 24th, the lone Republican attempt of the 2023 General Assembly session to repeal the law was killed in a Senate Committee. Advocates for RGGI are pushing back against efforts from the governor and the air board to leave the multi-state compact without an act of the General Assembly, which means that this debate may be headed to court. Because of that law, it’s legally ambiguous if Virginia can leave RGGI without new legislation and not solely by regulatory action. Despite this, the Youngkin administration pressed forward with the regulation and argued the law authorizes but doesn’t require the state to participate in the program. The next step will be for state leaders to review those comments. Virginia’s current contract with RGGI ends at the end of this year. According to the RGGI website, emissions have reduced by more than 50% since the program’s inception, and so far raised nearly \$6 billion to invest into local communities.

A 60-day public comment period opened on the Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) website for RGGI. A public hearing happened in Richmond and the online/written comment period closed on March 31st. Over 6000 comments were posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website. Most were in favor of staying in RGGI. The next step will be for state leaders to review those comments. Virginia’s current contract with RGGI ends at the end of this year.

Resources: [vcnva.orgRGGIgrants](http://vcnva.orgRGGIgrants); [vaeec.orgRG-GIrevenue](http://vaeec.orgRG-GIrevenue); [lcv.org](http://lcv.org); [RVAgreen2050.com](http://RVAgreen2050.com); [vaejc.com](http://vaejc.com); [appvoices.org](http://appvoices.org); [wetlandswatch.org](http://wetlandswatch.org); [vaipf.org](http://vaipf.org); [vims.edu](http://vims.edu); [adaptva.com](http://adaptva.com); [sealevelrise.org](http://sealevelrise.org); [chesapeakeclimate.org](http://chesapeakeclimate.org); [rggi.org](http://rggi.org); [dcr.virginia.gov](http://dcr.virginia.gov); [climatecentral.org](http://climatecentral.org); [virginiaplaces.org](http://virginiaplaces.org); [climateinteractive.org](http://climateinteractive.org); [cbf.org](http://cbf.org); [deq.virginia.gov](http://deq.virginia.gov); [law.wm.edu](http://law.wm.edu); [virginiamercury.com](http://virginiamercury.com); [lcv.org](http://lcv.org); [richmond.com](http://richmond.com); [interfaithpowerandlight.org](http://interfaithpowerandlight.org); [riverfriends.org](http://riverfriends.org); [climatecabinetaction.org](http://climatecabinetaction.org); [southernenironment.org](http://southernenironment.org) [October2022lettertoDEQ](http://October2022lettertoDEQ); [naacpvva.org](http://naacpvva.org) [January2023pressrelease](http://January2023pressrelease); [wvtf.org](http://wvtf.org) [September2022RGGI](http://September2022RGGI); [swvatoday.com](http://swvatoday.com) [RGGIrrally](http://RGGIrrally) [January2023](http://January2023); Sarah Hammond [13newsnow.com](http://13newsnow.com); Joan N. Curry [jncurry513@gmail.com](mailto:jncurry513@gmail.com).





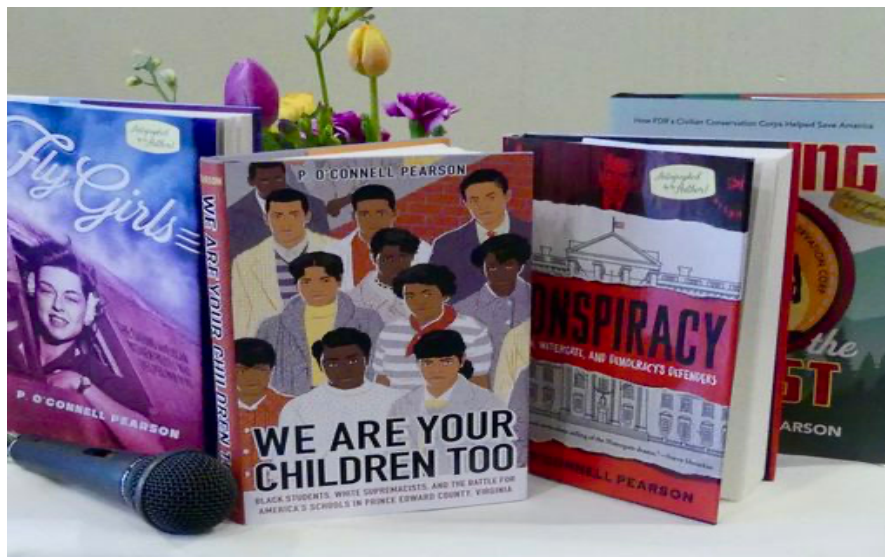


### Free and Equal Public Education

All children in the United States must have access to free public education and equal educational opportunity without discrimination based on race, ethnic background, gender, or whether they are rich, poor, citizen, or non-citizen. But this wasn't always true.

Segregation in the public schools was common in Southern states, such as Virginia. In Farmville, Virginia, the impetus for change in the public schools was orchestrated by Barbara Johns, who was only 16 years old at the time, 1951. To learn more about Barbara Johns, other activists, and the fight for integrated schools, read *We Are Your Children Too*, *Black Students, White Supremacists, and the Battle for America's Schools in Prince Edward County, Virginia*. This book, written by Patty Pearson, LWV-FA member and former FCPS teacher, recounts how high school students led by Barbara Johns staged a walk-out and started an effort that resulted in the landmark Supreme Court case, *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954. This decision was defied by the Farmville School Board, and the public schools were closed for five years rather than allowing integration. White children whose families could afford it attended private school, but there were no public schools open for Black children. The book details the events that followed and the stories of the students who worked for this change in education. It ends with the decision to place a statue of Barbara Johns in the U.S. capitol next to George Washington to represent the current values and ideals of Virginia.

Patty Pearson, who writes under the pen name P. O'Connell Pearson, discussed her book with Catherine Read, Fairfax City mayor and LWVFA member, at our Anniversary Tea on April 30. The audience sat absorbed and many commented that Patty's remarks made history come alive and relevant as challenges to equality continue. This book can be purchased online and at many local book stores. It is also available in the Fairfax County Public Library. It was written for middle school students, but it is definitely a book that adult readers will find interesting and important.



Other books by Patty Pearson: Fly Girls, Conspiracy, and Fighting for the Forest.

## Domestic Violence: What Do You Know? Why Should You Care?

By Adarsh Trehan  
Chair, Domestic Violence Committee

The Spring meeting of the Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) was held on April 20, 2023. CEDV is comprised of elected officials, leaders of county public safety, public schools, judiciary, and human-service agencies, and community members representing the faith community, non-profit organizations, and local universities.

The highlights of the meeting were the Meet and Greet and presentation on Rylynn, a Labrador Golden Retriever mix, who joined the staff of the Fairfax County Department of Family Services (DFS) Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Division, as its first facility dog, in May 2021. It was a special experience to meet her. The presentation was made by Samantha “Sam” Carrico, LCSW, who is currently the supervisor of the CYF Volunteer & Partner Services Program. Sam and Rylynn are part of a certified facility dog team.

Both Sam and Rylynn were trained for such service and know 40 commands to such work. Rylynn was bred and trained by Canine Companions, a non-profit organization that has been providing highly-trained facility dogs for 45 years. She cost \$50,00.00 and received two years of training for her current job. She is required to be properly identified, at all times, as a working facility dog with a vest.

She can help in a court, health, and/or educational settings. She sits beside a witness in the witness box in a court. She helps the witness, a child or family member, build self-esteem and feel calm during interviews, court testimony, or training. She gives her unconditional love and comfort to help reduce trauma and decrease the re-victimization of these vulnerable children and their families. She can help people with emotional or intellectual disabilities. She has helped the following offices in court: Child Protective Services, Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, Victim Services, and the County Attorney’s Office.

The Coordinated Community Response Committee and the Accountability, Court Process, Firearm Surrender Workgroups, the Step Up 4 Kids, and the Equity Workgroup/Committee presented their reports on their achievements since CEDV’s January 2023 meeting. The Accountability Workgroup wants to solicit proposals from the CEDV members for how to help survivors outside the legal system and to get survivors to express their ideas on how to achieve these

ends. The revised Bylaws were adopted.

For information on CEDV members, goal, and objectives, go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/boards-authorities-commissions/council-to-end-domestic-violence>



### Fairfax Facts in the Library

When you visit a branch of the Fairfax County Public Library, check to see that at least 10 copies of Fairfax Facts are on display. If more copies are needed, please let us know. Call (703) 658-9150 and leave a message, or email [league@lwv-fairfax.org](mailto:league@lwv-fairfax.org). Remember to tell us which library needs more copies, and we’ll take more copies to that library.



Joyous Celebration

LWVFA members, both long-time and new, gathered to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. It was wonderful to gather in person after so many Zoom meetings. Attendees viewed a video of our past and current history. This video is posted on the LWVFA home page, <http://www.lwv-fairfax.org>. Patty Pearson and Catherine Reed discussed Patty’s latest book. (see article on page 5). There were delicious tea treats and interesting table conversations. Susan B. Anthony was also in attendance! Enjoy the pictures and see many more on LWVFA’s Facebook page.



Smiles at the Afternoon Tea

**Highlighting LWVFA Life Member  
Therese Ann (Bruneau) Martin  
(In her own words with minimal editing)**

I was born in Los Angeles, CA (as were my mother and grandmother), prior to WWII, which I still remember vividly. Their heritage was Portuguese from the Azores. My father was born to a French Canadian family in Montreal and then they moved to the western US seeking a better climate. I lived in San Pedro and then the east Hollywood area until the end of WWII. Due to the housing situation in Los Angeles at the end of the war, a large part of the population began moving to either the San Fernando Valley or East towards Orange County. My family moved east to the Whittier area when I was 12 years old. I missed the big city and Hollywood “vibes.” I was the oldest child in the new neighborhood and had many babysitting jobs -- @ 25 cents an hour.

I enjoyed my childhood. I attended a Catholic elementary school in an interesting area in LA. The school I transferred to in Whittier was quite different, but was changing as its population base was changing. I went

to a Catholic girls high school in Montebello and then to Marymount College. I lived in Whittier (when not living in a college dorm) until 1958 when I came east to attend graduate school at Catholic University of America. I had planned to attend UCLA but the excellent scholarship I got from CUA was too good to turn down. I stayed in the area working until 1963 when I moved to NYC for two years. I was married when I lived in NYC, and Bernie and I moved back to DC in 1965 – both working for the Government and living in upper Georgetown until we moved to North Springfield in 1967. We’ve lived in Northern Virginia ever since (56 years).

I think that I was very much aware that the US was at war while I was a child – not afraid, but aware. I recall that we had several black-outs on Easter Sunday and that my mother had to be ready with her first aid box if there were any sirens in our neighborhood. My parents helped out in both our church and school. They chaired a school fund-raising campaign for the school even though we were planning to move before it would be built. I think that I learned from them to be a responsible person. And to be on time!

We moved from DC to North Springfield in 1967 – choosing Virginia over Maryland because we heard that it had a better higher education system. I returned to work (at the US Office of Education) for several months after our son was born so that I would have US Gov't career status. But once I was home all day, I found the need to keep my mind occupied with things other than hearth and home. After reading in the local newspaper that a LWVFA member received an award for leading a local housing campaign, I decided that I should call and see about joining the LWVFA.

I joined the West Springfield unit, volunteered to help in the office (in Fairfax City), and did voters service things (which were different than today's voters service things because of Virginia laws at that time.) I also helped with a LWV-VA election laws study and joined the LWVFA representative government committee.

My first LWVFA position was the off-board voters service assistant, which meant that that I provided materials to all of the units and helped out with whatever the voters service director needed help with. I then became the on-board voters service director, followed by action director, and then program director – until I resigned to manage Vivian Watts' campaign for Fairfax BOS Chair before I returned to work at the US Office of Education in late 1979. I will just note that the positions were somewhat different at that time, e.g. as action chair, I observed the admin portion of BOS meetings (in person). And as program chair, I visited program committee meetings.

During the same period (1970s) I was also active with LWWNCA voters service, which included developing and running the congressional seminars, which we held for several years. I chaired the one for over 500 people the year we lost our venue on the Hill. I also was a member of the LWVVA election laws committee – and then a member of the LWVUS study committee of the executive, since I had recommended the study at the San Francisco convention. This involved development of the study, consensus, study materials, etc. I worked on the LWVFA executive study (chaired by Leslie Byrne) at the same time.

At the end of the 1970s, my going back to “work” was like a paid vacation! Although my MA degree was in politics, I was never successful in obtaining a job in that area! Instead, I spent all vacations working in the revenue accounting section of Pacific Telephone, where I learned the importance of good processes and procedures. While in graduate school, I worked in a campus library. After I got my degree, I took a job as Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Catholic Students (NFCCS)-- in DC.

I left the NFCCS to work in the Research section of the Democratic National Committee. I was employee of the day when the word got out that I had talked (telephone) to JFK at his breakfast table to give him 1962 election results. (Teddy had won; Nixon had lost (CA Gov).

Leaving DC to work in NYC, I worked to further integration in print advertisements and find jobs in the private sector for minorities as part of the NYC Mayor's Committee on job advancement in the NYC Department of Labor. Returning to DC and beginning my job hunt after being married in NYC, I was fortunate to visit the of Department of Education, which was hiring to implement the new elementary and secondary education and higher education assistance legislation. I had a very interesting position and worked pretty much independently in a “head office.” I left the job when my son was born, but managed to obtain career status before doing so.

After spending the next decade involved in being a wife, mother and LWV member, I returned to the job pretty much as I left it. But I decided to get a position in the Office/Department's budget office. I worked my way up in the budget office, where I was until I retired in 2000. I spent the next four years working part time as a consultant for the ED budget and finance offices and the Treasury financial management office on a special project for the Office of Management and Budget. I then retired in 2004 and the LWV caught me.

After becoming active again, I got involved in both local and state activities. Locally, I was talked into doing some PR. My chief function was serving as Treasurer for eight years. Including the beginning of the Suffragist memorial, I had three organizations to handle. I was the first one to use the computer to develop “the books” and prepare reports. At the same time, I became active in LWVVA matters, and served as treasurer for four years – as well as working on the redistricting and elections laws update studies – co-chairing the latter one. When the LWVVA board decided it wanted to get some pass-thru money from the LWVUS, they decided to apply for Public Advocacy for Voter Protection grants. I ended up deciding what we should do, prepare the grant proposals and then ended up doing most of the work. I won't describe any of the topics of the projects, but it was very time-consuming. I recall that the second grant was for \$10,000, I managed to come up with a project that enabled me to pass thru some of the money to local leagues (though most did not respond very well. I really appreciated Olga Hernandez's help and support—both for the projects and for accompanying me to MANY State Board of Elections meetings. For some reason, I ended up being asked to review and



propose by-laws revisions for both the state and local LWV – more than once.

I had attended three national conventions in the 1970s and then attended several more in the 2000s. In addition, since local NCA LWVs staffed the national conventions held in DC, I handled registration for two or three and had begun serving as treasurer for the one in 2020 – before it became virtual. The last studies that I worked on were LWVNCA and LWVFA transportation updates.

Bernard Martin and I were married in 1964. Although we lived in NYC at the time, we were married in DC. It was a very small wedding, since my (California) family was not able to attend. You will be interested to learn that Mary Valder’s former in-laws had a reception for us at their Vienna home. Bernie and I had met at the NFCCS convention in Louisville, KY in 1960. He was the outgoing president, and I was the incoming executive secretary. We have two children: David who designs computer chips in Portland, Oregon and is married with a 16-year-old son, and Anne, who is an attorney, is married with two young sons and lives in Potomac, MD.

During most of Bernie’s career, he worked at the Office of Management and Budget and retired about the same time as I did.

Currently I am trying to recover from some health problems of late 2020 with the help of my wonderful husband! I am continuing to say “no” to opportunities to get involved in the LWV and other organizations. I am grateful for living as long as I have and contributing my talents to my family and friends.

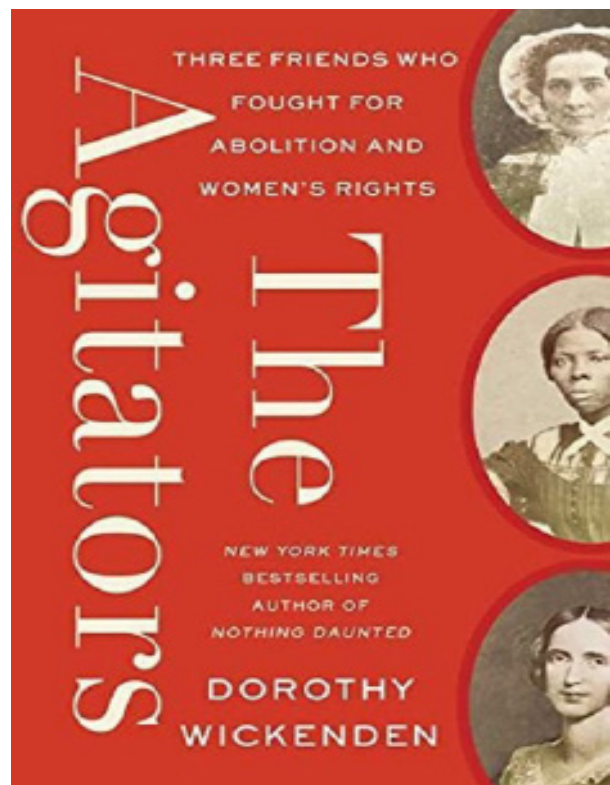
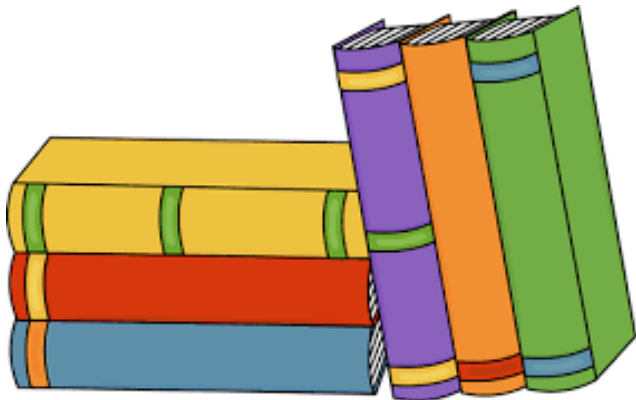
### Review of *The Agitators: Three Friends Who Fought for Abolition and Women’s Rights*

By Katherine Ingmanson

Are you looking for an engaging summer read beyond the usual beach fare? Look no further! In *The Agitators*, Dorothy Wickenden, a New Yorker writer and editor, weaves together the stories of three women at the center of events in the mid-1800’s. Harriet Tubman, Martha Wright (the sister of Lucretia Mott and collaborator of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton), and Frances Seward (the wife of Lincoln’s Secretary of State Henry Seward) seem unlikely friends, but their lives intertwined in surprising ways.

Their stories, drawn largely from contemporaneous letters, weaved together the most momentous events and figures of the era. Frederick Douglass, John Brown and President Lincoln all loom large. But this is a perspective on the personalities and events we rarely see and provides a fascinating insight on the importance of individual courage and how interconnected the abolitionist and women’s rights causes were.

Most of the characters were familiar to me from stove-piped political history lessons. *The Agitators* adds both human and political context by connecting these stories and showing us what drove our protagonists (who sometimes are actually more antagonist) to push for the policies they did. A must-read for all Leaguers!





## **WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT 2023 FAIRFAX CITY**

- ✓ **Member of the Virginia House of Delegates - 2 Year Term**
- ✓ **Member of the Virginia Senate - 4 Year Term**
- ✓ **Commonwealth's Attorney - 4 Year Term**
- ✓ **Clerk of the Circuit Court- 8 Year Term**
- ✓ **Sheriff - 4 Year Term**



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- ✓ **Sheriff - 4 Year Term**
- ✓ **Chairman of the Board of Supervisors- 4 Year Term**
- ✓ **District Member, Board of Supervisors - 4 Year Term**
- ✓ **At-Large Members, School Board (vote for 3) - 4 Year Term**
- ✓ **District Member, School Board - 4 Year Term**
- ✓ **Directors (vote for 3) of Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District - 4 Year Term**



# Unit Discussion Meeting Locations

## Topic: Do Your Own Thing

Each unit made their own plan for June. Please check with your contact person. Let us know what your unit did, and we can include this information in a future *VOTER*.

### Fairfax Station (FXS) - Date / Time TBD – In Person

Visit Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, Occoquan;  
Lunch at Brickmakers Cafe  
Contact: Diana, 707-866-0796, [dianawhite@gmail.com](mailto:dianawhite@gmail.com)  
or Sue, 703-266-0272, [sueoneill1@hotmail.com](mailto:sueoneill1@hotmail.com)

### Mount Vernon Evening (MVE)

#### Date / Time TBA – In Person

Visit Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, Occoquan  
Contact: Jane, 703-960-6820, [jane@hilderwilliams.net](mailto:jane@hilderwilliams.net)  
or Susan, 703-587-4790, [scash5002@email.vccs.edu](mailto:scash5002@email.vccs.edu)  
or Jane, 703-380-3651; [jmbyers@att.net](mailto:jmbyers@att.net)

### Thursday, June 8

#### 10 a.m. Springfield (SPF) – In Person

Tour gardens with Master Naturalist Sarah Mayhew  
Green Spring Gardens Park  
4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria  
Contact: Jane, 703-256-7834, [patchwork1@verizon.net](mailto:patchwork1@verizon.net)

#### 11:30 a.m. Centreville-Chantilly (CCD) – In Person

Lunch at Food Court, Wegman's  
14361 Newbrook Drive, Chantilly  
Contact: Susan, 703-391-0666, [sadill@cox.net](mailto:sadill@cox.net)

#### 1 p.m. Oakton/Vienna (OV) – Virtual and In Person

Oakton Public Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Pl, Oakton  
Contact: Mary, 703-932-3665, [mmvalder@aol.com](mailto:mmvalder@aol.com)

#### 11:00 a.m. - Reston Day (RD) – In Person

Lunch: Summary of the Year  
Kalypso's, Sports Tavern,  
Lake Anne Plaza, Reston  
Contact: Charleen, 703-620-3593, [Charleen.deasy@verizon.net](mailto:Charleen.deasy@verizon.net)

### Monday, June 12

#### 1:30 p.m. Greenspring (GSP) – In Person

Speaker: Liz White,  
Executive Director  
Up Vote Virginia

#### Village Square Theater (NOTE NEW LOCATION)

7410 Spring Village Drive,  
Springfield  
Contact: Judy, 703-342-3353  
[jjsmith64@earthlink.net](mailto:jjsmith64@earthlink.net)

### Wednesday, June 14

#### 10 a.m. Mount Vernon Day (MVD) – In Person

Speaker: Liz White  
Executive Director  
Up Vote Virginia  
Sherwood Hall Regional Library,  
Conference Room 4  
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane,  
Alexandria

Contact: Diana, 703-704-5325, [jfdw1111@gmail.com](mailto:jfdw1111@gmail.com)

### Thursday, June 15

McLean  
Invitation-only meeting with  
Supervisor Foust  
Anne 703-448-6626

### Tuesday, June 20

#### 7 – 9 p.m. - Reston Evening (RE) and Reston Day (RD) – In Person

Honor Local Retiring State Legislators  
Reston Regional Library  
11925 Bowman Towne Drive,  
Reston  
Contact: Wendy, 703-319-4114, [wendy.foxgrage@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.foxgrage@gmail.com)

#### 7 – 9 p.m. Reston Day (RD) and Reston Evening (RE) – In Person

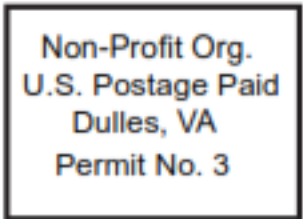
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**Get prepared for a busy fall where we will work to inform Voters and Get Out the Vote!**





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