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What a Team!

In this issue of the *Voter*, you will find reports of many of our exciting accomplishments as well as opportunities to share your voice and join in ways both big and small. We truly have something for everyone! The entire LWVFA leadership team is grateful for all the effort, time and amazing talents and ideas our members bring every day to the important work we all do. Well done!

Calendar

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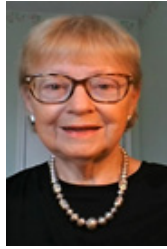
- 3 LWVNCA Board Meetings, Virtual
- 8 -13 LWVFA Unit Meetings
- 15 LWVFA Board Meetings, Virtual
- 18 Juneteenth Voter Registration Events at Gum Springs and Vienna

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Presidents' Message



Dear Leaguers,

The LWVFA Annual Meeting was a success. Our technology skills are getting better and better! We hold out hope that in-person meetings will happen next year. Attendees enjoyed the keynote presentation about *Strong Women* by Linda Sittig. If you are interested in purchasing her books or signing up for her blog, visit the Annual Meeting page under the Events tab on our website for information or use this link <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/2022am>.

We elected new officers during the Annual Meeting. Many people on the Board are leaving their current positions and taking on new challenges. After four years of wonderful leadership, Anu Sahai is leaving the Co-President position. She led with grace and good humor even when the going was difficult. Mary Valder, Unit Director, Jessica Storrs, Program Director, and Jill Follows, Action/Advocacy Co-Director, are leaving these positions. These women provided organizational skills, knowledge, persistence, and much patience. Mary organized and communicated with the Unit chairs. Jessica developed and worked with committees to create interesting and insightful programs. Jill promoted CEDAW with the result that it was supported by our County Board of Supervisors. Katherine Ingmason is leaving as editor of the *Fairfax VOTER*. She used her technology and editorial skills to create newsletters that we want to read. Lynn Stewart was re-elected as Treasurer, and we appreciate her financial expertise. Barbara Boardman was re-elected as Action/Advocacy Co-Director, and she will continue her good work.

Who will take over the vacated positions? The names are familiar. Katherine Ingmason will be the new Co-President, Judy Smith will be the Unit Director, Judy Helein and Julie Jones, will be Program Co-Directors, and Anu Sahai, will be Action/Advocacy Co-Director. Mary Valder and Jessica Storrs will be At-Large mem-

bers of the Board. We are still looking for someone to be the editor of the *Fairfax VOTER*.

The Executive Board and LWVFA volunteers have worked tirelessly this year. If you want to see an overview of this year's accomplishments, click on the blue button on the right-hand side of our website's home page (<https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/>).

April and May have been very busy months for Voter Registration, and we will be busy this month too. As you all know, the LWV national convention will be held in Denver this year from June 24-26. It will be in a hybrid format. The deadline to register for this is June 6th. We hope some of you will be able to attend. Please check the website (<https://convention.lwv.org/>)

What's NEXT? Volunteer! We need Volunteers! Go to the Volunteer tab on the website and select the

Fairfax County 24-hr.
Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline:
703-360-7273; 711 TTY

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Volunteer Opportunities Calendar (<https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/volunteer-opportunities-calendar>). This page will be continually updated. Find a day you are available and something that interests you. Then VOLUNTEER!

While this is the last issue of the *Fairfax VOTER* until September, read the announcements in the ENews that will be sent to your inbox periodically throughout the summer.

Thank you for being part of the LWVFA and supporting its important work through your time and donations.

Pat

Help Update Fairfax League Positions!

At the April 30, 2022 Annual Meeting the membership voted to review and update two of the Fairfax League positions. A League position is a statement of the League's point of view on an issue. We act only when we have a position on an issue. The positions to be reviewed are:

NATURAL RESOURCES/Land Use: Update the position to address the latest Fairfax County & City comprehensive plans and zoning guidelines.

SOCIAL POLICY/Schools: Update the position to address health & safety, mental health and violence prevention in Fairfax County Public Schools.

We will form both a Land Use Committee and a Schools Committee to review the current language, study the issue and suggest updates. This process provides a great way to do a deep-dive into an important issue at the local level and meet new people. Contact Jessica Storrs if you would like more information: jessica.storrs@lwv-fairfax.org.

Additional resources:

Current Fairfax League Positions: <https://bit.ly/LWV-FAPositions>

How we form a position: <https://lwv-va.org/lwv-va-positioned-for-action/forming-positions/>

Who Keeps the History of LWVFA?

by Julia Jones

Bernice Colvard wrote a *Fairfax VOTER* article in 2014 about how LWVFA became involved with the Special Collections and Archives (SC&A) of George Mason University. As her dentist husband discussed his wife's League activities, one of his patients commented that the League sounded like a group that should have a special collection at GMU. It was the start of a great collaboration.

Recently, Bernice's daughter donated 15 boxes of her files to the League. Her personal items will complement much of what is in the GMU Collection. Among the items in the archives are General Fund and Education Fund Board agendas, minutes, annual meeting kits, Board lists, membership directories, budgets, and action testimony. Voter Service publications and flyers make up a substantial portion of the collection. GMU has a complete set of *Facts for Voters* from its inception in the early 1970s. Oral histories include those of numerous Leaguers as well as some elected officials. Artifacts, such as buttons, banners, ribbons, posters, and bookmarks add color and variety to displays. Perhaps the most appreciated items are properly identified photographs.

A "Finding Guide" to the SC&A Collection is provided online or in person at the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University in the Fenwick Library (<http://sca.gmu.edu>) On the Home Page, click on Collections; scroll down to Local History and to an alphabetical listing that includes the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. We currently have 39 linear feet of space in 88 boxes.

We are pleased to have GMU's Special Collection and Archives as a partner to safeguard LWVFA materials of all kinds that tell the story of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. We are indebted to Bernice who served as the League historian for many years and are delighted to share her own "special collection."

Are you interested in being the next Bernice?

Women's Suffrage Book Discussions at the Fairfax Public Library

By Pat Fege

Dr. Jennifer Ritterhouse, George Mason University, will lead group discussions on the following books about the dramatic fight to win women's voting rights. The books are available from the public library. All sessions are on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Rd., Burke, VA 22015 (703-644-7333)

- June 7, *Women Making History: The 19th Amendment*
- June 28, *Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All*
- July 19, *Ida B. the Queen: The Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B. Wells*
- August 16, *The Once and Future Witches*

This is a great opportunity to learn more about women's suffrage and discuss it with others.

For details and registration information click on the Events tab on our website and select Women's Suffrage 2022 or use this link <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/womens-suffrage-2022>.

Anne Andrews Memorial Service

Saturday June 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Greenspring Village

Hunters Crossing Conference Center

7430 Spring Village Drive

Springfield, VA 22150

High School Voter Registration Team Completes Another Successful Year!

By Arina Van Breda

Doing voter registration events at high schools has always had its challenges, but during the last several years of COVID, intermittent school closures, and an increase in demand by area high schools, it has been particularly difficult.

Despite these challenges, the LWVFA High School voter registration team has completed another successful year. From September through April (with several events still being scheduled into May), our undaunted volunteers registered nearly 1900 students throughout Fairfax County. Under the dedicated leadership of Alice Reilly, Pat Fege, Camille Milks, and Nancy Roodberg an ingenious combination of presentation techniques was developed, including in-classroom sessions, virtual zoom presentations, and "do-it-yourself" programs which provided materials and other support to teachers to register students themselves. These varying techniques allowed the flexibility needed during the pandemic and successfully served 16 different schools while deploying an army of 22 volunteers, with many working at multiple schools or events. In addition, the high school voter registration team, under the direction of Camille Milks and Anne Moriarty, sponsored a student intern/ambassador program with 11 students from several FCPS high schools who learned about voting and promoted it via social media.

The entire LWVFA has good reason to be immensely proud of this amazing work! As Co-President Pat Fege said at the Annual Meeting in April, voter registration is the heart and soul of what the LWVFA stands for and this is never more true than in registering young people as soon as they are eligible. The program begins again in September, so please let Alice Reilly or Pat Fege know if you are interested in joining the High School Voter Registration team effort for next year's campaign.

Voter Registration Update: LWV Fairfax Helping to Welcome Our Newest Citizens!

By Arina Van Breda

After several years of being unable to participate in voter registration events at US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) ceremonies, the LWVFA was finally granted permission to once again offer voter registration at these truly American celebrations.

Since April, we have been able to attend several events each month, successfully registering over 500 of our newest citizens in the first month alone! These are busy but incredibly rewarding days, requiring at least 4 volunteers per shift, with several shifts each day, but the effort is repaid by the profound gratitude of those who, through our assistance, are able to register to vote as their very first act as new US citizens. Smiles and tears abound, on the part of both the newly sworn-in citizens and our volunteers. We are truly fortunate that a number of our local sister League chapters have stepped up and volunteered to help with this regional effort, since many of the new citizens are from surrounding jurisdictions. Participating LWVVA chapters include: Arlington-Alexandria City, Falls Church, Prince William County and Loudoun County.

At present, all ceremonies are being held in the USCIS district office in Fairfax (Merrifield Area). We hope to be able to take part in ceremonies at other venues once these are offered, including possibly at the historic Mount Vernon estate on the 4th of July.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the LWVUS for registering new citizens, as well as by our members and donors. At present, our ability to register voters at these ceremonies is only limited by the number of active volunteers we have. Please consider volunteering for one of these ceremonies— you will find your faith in the promise of America restored!



Photos by Arina Van Breda



LWVFA Member Survey Results

By Jessica Storrs, Program Director

The March survey garnered responses from 30% of our membership and provided valuable insights into what we do well and what can be improved. The top reasons for League membership are voter education & registration and to keep current on local issues. The *VOTER* newsletter remains our most popular method of communication with over 90% of members reading it regularly. Over 50% prefer it in print.

What's on the Ballot is our most useful publication, with *Facts for Voters* coming in a close second. Unit meetings remain a very popular part of our activities with 66% of respondents attending 4 or more meetings in the past year and over 90% calling them very or moderately valuable. Top issues our members are concerned about are voting rights, campaign finance/ lobby reform, redistricting and the environment (in that order).

The demographic data noted:

- 90% are 55 & older (25% of Fairfax County residents are 55+)
- 90% are White (49% of Fairfax County residents are White)
- 95% are female (50% of Fairfax County residents are female)
- 74% are retired

Thank you to everyone who participated. Below you will find the results from the multiple choice questions. The full survey results, including answers to the open-ended questions and the notes from the March Unit Discussions, will be reviewed by the survey committee and recommendations made to the League's Board in the coming months. Please join us! Contact Jessica Storrs (jessica.storrs@lwv-fairfax.org) for more information. All are welcome! New members are especially desirable to provide a fresh perspective.

Membership Survey Summary

Why are you a member of the League?

- support voter education 88%
- register citizens to vote 67%
- be informed on local issues 75%
- influence and lobby on public policy 55%
- meet new people 45%
- Other (specify) 18%

What is your preferred method of communication from the League?

- *Fairfax VOTER* 84%
- ENews email 76%
- single-topic emails 53%
- announcements at unit meetings 26%
- LWVFA website: lwv-fairfax.org 21%
- Facebook 0%
- Twitter 1%

Do you read the Fairfax VOTER?

- always 54%
- most of the time 37%
- rarely 7%
- never 2%

Would you prefer to receive the Fairfax VOTER in an electronic format instead of a print copy?

- Yes 24%
- No 52%
- No preference 24%

For each League publication below, please select if it's: very useful, moderately useful, not useful, I'm not familiar with this publication.

- What's on the Ballot* very useful: 80%
- Facts for Voters* very useful: 70%
- Fairfax VOTER* very useful: 61%
- Know Before You Go* very useful: 44% (30% unfamiliar with the publication)

Join our Survey Committee!

Looking for a way to contribute? We are seeking volunteers to join a committee to review the results from the membership survey and make recommendations to the board. Our goal is to review our current practices, better engage our members, and make improvements. New members are especially welcome so we get some fresh perspectives! Please contact Jessica Storrs if interested: jessica.storrs@lwv-fairfax.org.

Regarding the communications you receive from the League, do you feel you are receiving:

- Too much information 14%
- Just enough information 75%
- Not enough information 3%

How many monthly unit meetings have you attended in the last 12 months? (check one)

- 0 20%
- 1-3 24%
- 4-6 16%
- 7+ 40%

How valuable do you find unit meetings?

- Very valuable 51%
- Moderately valuable 43%
- Not valuable 6%

If you do not attend unit meetings, please describe why: (check one)

- meeting times/dates are not convenient 20%
- discussion topics are not of interest 0%
- unit meetings are not a priority 15%
- n/a - I attend meetings 36%
- Responses Other (please specify) 29%

What issues are you most interested in? (please rank top 3 in order of priority)

- voting rights 83%
- campaign finance/lobby reform 40%
- redistricting 39%
- environment 31%
- school/education 26%
- criminal justice/judicial reform 18%
- housing 18%
- firearm safety 14%
- transportation 11%
- behavioral health 10%
- land use planning 10%
- domestic violence 7%
- human trafficking 4%
- Other (specify) 16%

How long have you been a member of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area?

- > 1 year 12% (14)
- 1-4 years 27% (30)
- 5-9 years 6% (18)

- 10-49 years 35% (39)
- 50+ years 11% (12)

What is your age?

- Under 18 0%
- 18-24 0%
- 25-34 1%
- 35-44 2%
- 45-54 6%
- 55-64 14%
- 65+ 76%
- No answer 2%

What is your gender?

- female 95%
- male 4%
- Nonbinary 0%
- no answer 1%

What is your employment status?

- full-time 8%
- part-time 8%
- not employed 4%
- stay-at-home partner/spouse 3%
- retired 74%
- student 0%
- prefer not to answer 3%
- Other (specify) 1%

What is your race/ethnicity? (check all that apply)

- White 90%
- Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin 3%
- Black or African American 3%
- Asian 2%
- South Asian/Indian Subcontinent 1%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native 0%
- Middle Eastern/North African 0%
- prefer not to answer 4%

What is your annual household income?

- <\$50,000 3%
- \$50,000-\$99,999 14%
- \$100,000-\$199,999 30%
- \$200,000 and above 19%
- Prefer not to answer 34%

What Books Should LWVFA Discuss?

Your voices are being heard! During a review of the member interest surveys, many LWVFA members indicated a preference for a book discussion during a monthly unit meeting.

Do you have a book to recommend? It should be: timely, provide background for great discussions, a thoughtful page turner, and easy to obtain online or at the library.

All book suggestions are welcome.

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Julia Jones julie.jones@lww-fairfax.org

LWVFA Membership Report

By Donna Blake, Membership Director

Welcome to June, the month to renew your LWVFA membership! Remember that the grace period for FY23 payment of dues ends 30 September 2022, so set your automatic payment schedule appropriately. Also, if you use another name, email address, or phone number with your renewal, please provide the information that you want with your membership records. Tracking down that John Doe with email address of johndoenot@gmail.com is Sally Smith with email address of sallysmithnot@hotmail.com causes both delays and errors.

Now is a good time to confirm that your addresses are up to date and consistent with the Active Member Rosters that are distributed monthly to Unit Leaders. As of 25 April 2022, the Active Membership for LWVFA stands at 396.

Three new members have been added this month. We note that two of the three are members of the Greenspring Unit. Way to go! And a warm welcome to all!

Adesuwa Adetosoye

Ruth Herman

Patricia Rensch

Two members have been reinstated. Welcome back!

Viveka Fuenzalida

Joan Hackleroad

And, as always, a big thank you to all members who renewed for FY23: 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.

The LWVFA has approved a new Membership Policy for New Members, Active Members, Inactive Members, and Reinstated Members to be more equitable and consistent with other Leagues in the State. The policy was distributed through the Unit letters, including the Unaffiliated Active Members in early March.

If you have comments relating to any issues raised here, please contact Donna Blake (membership@lww-fairfax.org).

Environment: Reduced Food Waste Can Lower Methane

By Elizabeth Lonoff

Our best chance to limit global warming is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Methane is the second leading driver of climate disruption, but only stays in the atmosphere for 10-12 years, making quick benefits possible from cutting emissions. Sixty percent of methane emissions are estimated to come from human activities. We have many solutions but require the political will.

Fossil fuels account for over one-third of human-caused methane emissions, which you can explore in NASA's *Mapping Methane Emissions from Fossil Fuel Exploitation*. Data suggest that 50-75% of the global increase in methane over the last 15 years comes from shale gas development, primarily in the U.S..

Data from a European Space Agency satellite show large methane-emitting events from 2019-2020 occurred primarily from oil and gas operations in Iran, Russia, Turkmenistan, the U.S., and parts of the Middle East. Such super-emitting events can be detected from space but usually aren't included in data kept by individual countries. Arizona State University's Gaslit project further found that oil and gas operations in 13 states vastly under-reported those volumes from 2012-2020. Flaring alone released the GHG emissions equivalent of nearly 42 million cars driving for a year. Curtailing these events could be relatively

inexpensive but significantly decrease methane totals.

Agriculture accounts for about another 40% of human-caused methane emissions; reduction strategies include not burning fields after harvests, adjusting livestock feed, and regularly draining rice paddies. Decomposition of organic material in landfills and wastewater accounts for 20% of emissions; mitigation strategies include reducing waste going to landfills, such as by composting, and capturing methane gas for use in fuel cells.

Food systems are a key component of climate change even as crops become less productive. Professor Cynthia Rosenzweig, who leads NASA's Climate Impact Group, was awarded the 2022 World Food Prize in May. This "Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture" recognizes her research on the relationship between climate and food systems and forecast how both will change in the future, providing a foundation for decision-makers to create strategies to mitigate climate change and adapt food systems.

Food waste is significant at each step in the process. Focus on freshness to reduce your food waste:

- Make a shopping list/plan recipes to freeze meals and use leftovers or join a meal delivery service;
- Buy local and in season, following <https://snapped.fns.usda.gov/seasonal-produce-guide> or <https://www.seasonalfoodguide.org/virginia/early-june> plus [SeafoodWatch.org](https://www.seafoodwatch.org);
- Store food correctly and at the right temperature, as detailed at [SaveTheFood.com](https://www.savethefood.com);
- As you replace storage containers, consider glass jars and reusable silicone bags;
- Follow your nose: package expiration dates often are written only for stores.

A head of lettuce can take 25 years to decompose in a landfill. Instead, you can improve your soil by composting. Find advice at https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/HORT/HORT-49/HORT-49-PDF.pdf and <https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food>. If you have less space, consider filling a five-gallon bucket with an air-tight lid with your kitchen scraps, fermenting for 2-3 weeks, and burying the results under at least six inches of soil. Within a month, the vast majority of scraps will have incorporated into the soil.

In 2021, Fairfax County's pilot composting program eliminated GHG emissions equivalent to taking 50 cars off the road thanks to residents diverting 22 tons of food scraps from the trash stream. This year, the program has expanded to five farmers markets. Food scraps also can be dropped off at the I-66 Transfer Station in Fairfax and the I-95 Land-

fill complex in Lorton daily. For locations and acceptable waste, visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/food-scraps-composting-drop>.

More Local Environmental Opportunities:

On Clean the Bay Day, June 4, thousands of Virginians will help restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay by removing litter and debris from waterways across the Commonwealth. Register at <https://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/>. If you aren't available that day, you can lead your own cleanup between May 30 and June 3.

Butterfly and dragonfly surveys are conducted on Friday mornings thru October at four sites around Occoquan Bay. To learn more and register, check <https://www.audubonva.org/calendar>.

If you see a lake with green scum or a lake turned into a green or blue-green paint spill, you are looking at a blue-green algal bloom. These microscopic organisms occur naturally in all types of water. They form blooms on or near the water's surface, which could produce dangerous toxins. Use the bloomWatch app to report blooms to the Cyanobacteria Monitoring Collective to help understand where and when a bloom may cause issues.

Environmental Policy Actions:

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management seeks public input on potential wind energy leasing in six areas, totaling 3.9 million acres, along the Atlantic coast. Comments close on June 28th. For a map of the areas and directions for commenting, see <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/central-atlantic-activities>.

Fairfax County's new ordinance prohibiting property owners from allowing running bamboo to spread to adjacent yards goes into effect on January 1, 2023. The County is developing material to help homeowners identify and contain this type of bamboo and explain the complaint process.

Fairfax County already feels the effects of climate change, in higher temperatures, stronger storms, and increased flooding. Responding to individual severe weather events can cost the County millions of dollars. *Resilient Fairfax* is a County office working to reduce climate-related risks to County services, residents, businesses, and infrastructure. Through June 15th, you're invited to comment on the draft *Resilient Fairfax Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan* to help the County become more resilient to a changing climate. The Kinveio online tool lets you make comments directly on the plan PDF at <https://engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/resilientfairfax>.

Domestic Violence: The CEDV Spring Quarterly Meeting

By Theresa M. Brion and Adarsh Trehan,
Domestic Violence Committee

The Fairfax County Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV) held its Spring meeting on April 21. The focus was on equity and accountability within the domestic violence (DV) prevention and response systems.

The Equity Subcommittee, which has goals of integrating equity and a racial justice lens into all areas of the CEDV's work, surveyed CEDV members on barriers to participation, succession planning, and perceptions of needed diversity among the CEDV membership. Suggestions for improving engagement with CEDV include: having opportunities for building one-on-one connections between members; returning to in-person meetings, and streamlining CEDV membership.

Brittany Davis and Rebecca Thomforde of the New York-based Center for Court Innovation (CCI) made a presentation on "Exploring Accountability in the Context of Sexual Intimate Partner and Family Violence." It covered CCI's insights on prevention, developing individual and community accountability, and increasing safety for victims.

Accountability is the foundation of CCI's work. CCI defines it as "a process to create pathways to responsibility, healing, hope, and transformation to people who cause harm, [as well as] to systems and communities." Accountability requires systems and communities to reduce barriers to change, to support people who cause harm, and to repair the harms caused by [or] through intimate partner violence. This "new" definition necessarily covers approaches to DV prevention efforts. It also aligns with the national movement toward reducing mass incarceration, centering voices from the margins, and shifting research and programming from a focus on recidivism to safety and autonomy.

Survivor voices must be at the crux of DV prevention efforts. Accountability must be personal, communal, and systemic, with a focus on fostering hope and offering dignity to both survivors and abusers. Therefore, programming and efforts must incorporate the impact of culture, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and the lack of systemic supports (such as affordable housing and other systems that increase the risk of violence) in their analysis. CCI analyses have concluded that factors helping individuals desist from crime include: individual maturity; healthy relationships; sobriety; employment; hope and motivation;

a sense of having something to give to others; a sense of being a part of a social group; lack of a criminal identity; and "being believed in."

As a result, CCI has adopted the following guiding principles for its abusive partner intervention efforts: survivor voices are value-centered; accountability is personal, communal and systemic; hope and dignity are restored; culture and community are reflected and valued; strategies are responsive to needs and strengths; racial justice is centered, and self-reflection is prioritized. CCI's program research also has noted the importance of offering support to survivors, abusers, and others impacted by DV.

In CCI's efforts to look beyond reducing recidivism, it also looked at Project Mirabal, University of Durham (United Kingdom) (projectmirabal.co.uk/), an award-winning six-year research project. It was led by Professors Liz Kelly and Nicole Westmarland. They conducted the project to answer the question, "Do domestic violence perpetrator programs actually work in reducing men's violence and abuse and increasing the freedom of women and children?" According to the project results, the six factors for successful partner abuse intervention are: relationship (respect and communication); expanded "space for action" (survivor/partner autonomy); safety and freedom from violence or abuse for partners and children; safe positive and shared parenting; an understanding of oneself and the impact of violence on their partners and children; and a safer environment for children where they feel heard and cared for.

It is useful to know that, with Office on Violence Against Women funding, the CCI also offers partner accountability and engagement training and technical assistance. This training includes web-based, onsite, as well as targeted training. CCI also conducts community assessments, provides listening sessions, and offers technical assistance in linking persons with peers and appropriate experts. CCI's website is www.courtinnovation.org.

For further information, you can email dvaccountability@courtinnovation.org or go to www.dvcourts.org. Copies of the presentation slides also will be available through our League representatives to the CEDV.

There was an open forum for further discussion by CEDV members, with the goal of exploring opportunities for offering the same type of forum for nonmembers and guests at future meetings.

Unit Discussion Meeting Locations

Topic: Do Your Own Thing

Members and visitors are encouraged to attend any meeting convenient for them, including the “At Large Meeting” and briefing on Saturdays when a briefing is listed. As of May 1, 2022, the following information was correct; please use phone numbers or email to indicate attendance, particularly as plans may change. You can also check our website for updates.

Saturday, June 4, 2022

No At-Large Unit or Briefing
Contact: Jessica, 301-704-7854 or
jessica.storrs@lww-fairfax.org

Wednesday, June 8

10 a.m. Fairfax Station (FXS)
– **In Person**
Suffragist Memorial with CCD
Lunch to follow
Contact: Sue, 703-266-0272,
sueoneill1@hotmail.com

10 a.m. Centreville-Chantilly (CCD) – In Person
Suffragist Memorial with FXS
Lunch to follow
Contact: Judy, 703-725-9401,
judithhelein@aol.com

Thursday, June 9

Time TBD Springfield (SPF)
– **In Person**
Field trip with OV
Contact: Jane, 703-256-7834,
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Oakton/Vienna (OV) – In Person
Field trip with SPF
Contact: Mary, 703-932-3665,
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7:30 p.m. Mount Vernon Evening (MVE) – Virtual
Discuss webinar series: *Democracy in the Balance*
Contact: Jane, 703-960-6820,
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scash5002@email.vccs.edu

Sunday June 12

11 a.m. Reston Day (RD) – In Person
Joint Potluck with RE
Contact: Barbara (703) 437-0795,
bseandlte@earthlink.net

11 a.m. Reston Evening (RE) – In Person
Joint Potluck with RD
Contact: Wendy, 703-319-4114,
wendy.foxgrage@gmail.com

Monday, June 13

1:30 p.m. Greenspring (GSP) – In Person
Speaker: Marion Plummer,
Recycling in Fairfax County
Village Square Theater
7410 Spring Village Drive,
Springfield
Contact: Judy,
jjsmith64@earthlink.net,
703-342-3353 or
Pat, pmcgrady308@gmail.com

Date and Time TBD

McLean Day (McL) – In Person
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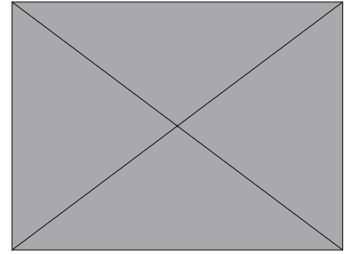
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Enjoy Your Summer

See you in September!



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