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Above Sherry Gainer and Bob Howe answer questions for a visitor at the League's booth at the Arlington County Fair.

We Were There -- At the Fair

Thanks to all who helped at the Arlington County Fair booth: Beth Cogswell, Bonnie Franklin, Sherry Gainer, Ann Garrison, Madi Green, Nancy Head, Marjorie Hobart, Joan & Bob Howe, Mary Hynes, Joan McDermott, Patricia McGrady, Benny & Mary Kay Parker, Barbara Sherrill, and Betsey Wildhack. The Arlington County Office of Voter Registration did not have a booth this year so LWV-Arlington registered voters as well as telling folks about the League.

Thirty-seven people filled out voter applications. Among them were new voters, address changes and name changes, plus one absentee application request. Our first applicant was an 18-year-old registering on her birthday. What a birthday treat. We registered three new citizens.

An Ethiopian woman told us that in 6 months she would be a citizen. After passing the test the first thing she will do is register to vote. She said, "Americans should know about their government and know it is a blessing to be able to vote." It was great fun passing out Future Voter stickers to children. Many of them told us that they helped their Mom and Dad vote.

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Letter from the President Nancy Tate

I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer, because we have a lot of activities planned for the coming year!

In the short term, there are a number of important voter service efforts underway. We helped the Arlington Office of Voter Registration by providing registration at the League's booth during this year's County Fair, and we will be doing more of that during the month of September. Voter Service chair Ann Garrison is arranging for us to provide that service in several different locations in the county, and is looking for volunteers. Learn more details on page 3.

Another new development involves our Voters' Guides. Due to a lack of financial resources by the Connection Newspapers we will have to pay to have them included. We hope to do that. And we are developing new ways to promote this resource. Please contact Ann Garrison or Vice President Kristin Goss to help reach out to new audiences with this trusted League resource.

We are also in the planning stages to co-host a candidates' forum with AAUW and NOW on October 4, and to host a "debate watching party" for the gubernatorial debate that the Virginia League will be moderating on October 12. You will be hearing more about these on page 4.

We are not having a September general meeting but October features a fun and informative event with County Manager Ron Carlee. See the details on page 5. Then in November we'll hear from the new Arlington Public Schools Superintendent Patrick Murphy.

Plans for later in the year involve assisting the County with the US Census to try and minimize an undercount of the population and a celebration of the League's 90th anniversary in February. As always, your suggestions for other programs and activities are welcome. I look forward to seeing you this year!



League Mourns Loss of Holly Williams

League board member Holly Williams passed away on August 23rd after a courageous battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma and pancreatic cancer. For several years Holly chaired the Environmental Committee and planned many interesting programs for our League. She also had a keen interest in voters service and served as an Election Official for Arlington County. For 35 years Holly worked for the Smithsonian Institution's Department of Entomology. An athletic person, she stayed fit by biking to work and meetings. Most of all her warm, friendly countenance, inquisitive mind and "can do" attitude will be missed.



Voter Service Activity

Thanks to Dorothy Nieweg for getting the candidate letters out for our Voters Guide, to Susan Trice for agreeing to collect and format them again and for the great effort by Joan and Bob Howe and the rest of the Arlington County Fair volunteers! At least 8 members who worked there have signed up to help with the registration efforts listed below. Calls will be made to confirm times when folks can help. We are also investigating Farmers' Markets and local universities.

CONFIRMED VOTER REGISTRATION (Selected as busiest times for these locations.)

Saturdays - Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3 – Shirlington Library - 1 to 3 PM

Sundays - Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4 – Central Library - 4 to 6 PM

If you haven't received a call, feel free to contact Ann Garrison (garrison.ann@gmail.com).

Open House Wine and Cheese Reception at Arlington Independent Media

When: September 27, 2009

Doors open at 3 p.m., Community Visioning Project at 4:15 p.m.

Where: 2701-C Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

After a year of construction, take a tour of the newly renovated facility for Arlington Independent Media. Learn more about media production classes, equipment rentals and producing your own program. Stay for a community visioning project in our studio, to include representatives from more than 10 Arlington businesses and nonprofits.

For more than 25 years Arlington Independent Media, a nonprofit membership organization, has been providing the community with television production training, professional production facilities and the Arlington County public access cable television channel. You can find them on Comcast 69 or Verizon 38 (Arlington). For more information, visit www.arlingtonmedia.org or call 703-524-2388.

AAUW ~ LWV ~ NOW Candidates' Forum

Sunday October 4, 2009
2:00 ~ 4:00 PM

Arlington County Central Library Auditorium
1015 North Quincy Street
Arlington, VA

VA House of Delegates, Districts 45,47,48,49
Arlington County Board Candidates
Arlington School Board Candidate

For more information contact:
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AARP Virginia and League of Women Voters of Virginia
Announce Panelists for 2009 Race for Virginia's Governor
"The People's Debate"

The League of Women Voters of Virginia and AARP Virginia are planning a statewide broadcast gubernatorial debate, slated for 8:00 p.m., October 12. CBS 6 anchor Stephanie Rochon, WCVE's "Virginia Currents" host May-Lily Lee, AARP Virginia State President Warren Stewart, EdD, and League of Women Voters of Virginia President Olga Hernandez will serve as panelists. This unique debate will ask the candidates to go on record about issues important to the average Virginian. The debate will be moderated by Judy Woodruff, veteran political reporter and senior correspondent for *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

The People's Debate will be broadcast live across the state by all PBS television and radio stations and most commercial networks. Richmond television stations CBS 6 WTVR and WCVE are co-producing and distributing the debate to all Virginia broadcasters and a total of seven CBS and Public Television affiliates have agreed to broadcast the debate.

League of Women Voters of Virginia President Olga Hernandez said, "This debate will have an online component which will allow the people of Virginia to fully participate by submitting questions and blogging about issues online at the Battleground Virginia website. We will cover an array of subjects to inform the public on the candidates' positions."

The Arlington LWV will have a debate-watching party at the home of Marjorie Hobart on October 12. Marjorie lives at 239 N. Barton Street (off Pershing Drive). Come at 7 pm for refreshments and socializing before watching the debate at 8 pm.

League Calendar of Events

Thursday, **September 17, Board Meeting** 7:00-9:00 pm, Glebe School, 1770 N. Glebe Rd.

Sunday, **October 4, 2:00-4:00 pm, Candidates' Forum** Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy Street.
Hosted by AAUW, LWV of Arlington, NOW.

Tuesday, **October 6, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, County Manager Ron Carlee** will speak at the Domaso Trattoria Moderna, Hotel Palomar, Rosslyn, on the patio overlooking the Potomac and Georgetown. He will talk about Arlington's evolution during his tenure as County Manager and the challenges facing his successor going forward. The hotel has parking and is Metro accessible.

Monday, **October 12, 7:00-9:00 pm, Debate Watching** at the home of Marjorie Hobart, 239 N. Barton Street. The LWV-VA is sponsoring a gubernatorial debate (which begins at 8 pm). Come early for food and drink.

Thursday, **October 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, Board Meeting**, Glebe School, 1770 N. Glebe Rd.

Thursday, **November 12, 7:00-8:30 pm, APS Superintendent Patrick Murphy**, School Board Room, 1426 N. Quincy St. Dr. Murphy will address how he hopes to engage community groups and residents in his agenda for the schools.

Thursday, **November 19, 7:00-9:00 pm, Board Meeting**, Glebe School, 1770 N. Glebe Rd.

County Manager Ron Carlee

will speak about

The County during his tenure and the future challenges facing his successor

Tuesday, October 6. ~ 5:30-7:00 pm

At Domaso Trattoria Moderna Restaurant

An exciting opportunity to bring someone who wants to be more engaged in Arlington but doesn't know the lay of the land or opportunities for involvement.



The trendy new spot on the 4th Floor of
Hotel Palomar, Rosslyn
1121 N. 19th Street Phone 703-351-1211

We'll meet on the patio overlooking the Potomac and Georgetown
for a social-educational event open to the public.

Food and beverages will be available. Invite anyone you know who is civic-minded. Bring a friend!

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**The Dues Year is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
Do You Need to Renew?**

**If you're not sure, contact Joan Howe, Membership Chair
(see page 2)**