



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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### League Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 2  
Warm Hearth  
Village Center  
5:30 p.m. - social  
6:30 p.m. - dinner  
Cost: \$25

Plan to attend the LWV-Montgomery County annual meeting and banquet at Warm Hearth Village Center Thursday, May 2, 5:30 p.m. To register, send a check, made out to LWVMC, for \$25, to Elva Miller, 205 Woods Edge, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Besides a great program, there will be the business meeting to consider nominations for several positions on the Board of Directors and the budget for the coming year. We will recognize members and highlight the year's activities.

Speaker: Brandy Faulkner,  
visiting faculty, Political Science Department  
Topic: ERA—Possibility of Passage, Likely Impacts.

### Local School Funding Study Continues

Montgomery County School Finance Study report will be completed next fall, said Dempsey Worner, who is leading the project. This is the status of the work, including what still is proposed. Worner added that there is a need for more League members to work on the study.

Part I—The component on State Funding is nearing completion. That section includes an historical 10-year review of funding provided by the State to the Montgomery County School system. That portion of the report includes a summary of operational, categorical, and capital funds received. The section also provides a review of the Constitutional

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### Report of Nominating Committee 2019

Elaine Head, Jane Sprague, Carol Linker, Linda Plaut, Nancy Warren

To serve on the Board of Directors for two-year term: June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2021

President	Beth Obenshain
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Treasurer(s)	Alison Wilson Susan Morikawa
Director	Elaine Powers
Director	Laurie Shea
Director	Necia Evans
Director	Carolyn Rude

To serve on the Nominating Committee for one-year term: June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020

Committee Chair	Dempsey Worner
Committee Member	Mae Hoover
Committee Member	Susan Terwilliger

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 Mary Houska, Memory of Joan Zajac

## President's Message – Carolyn Rude

# Looking Forward

The annual meeting is a time to summarize and celebrate accomplishments of the past year, and we will do that on May 2. But even more, it's a time to look forward to the coming year.

2019 will be significant for elections. All the seats in the General Assembly— delegates and senators—will be on the ballot. Locally, we have seats on the County Board of Supervisors, County Constitutional Officers, School Board, and the town councils of Blacksburg and Christiansburg. Look for the League to be active in voter registration and candidate forums.

2020 marks 100 years since the League of Women Voters was founded and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, enfranchising women, was passed. Look for several events celebrating these milestones and exploring how well the visions of enfranchisement are being realized in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Organizationally, you will see changes in the League. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Elaine Head and including Jane Sprague, Carol Linker, Linda Plaut, and Nancy Warren, has identified outstanding new officers and members of the Board of Directors. They have also identified members of various teams to carry out the work of the League including Voter Services, Events, Communications, the Facts directory, and Membership. If you have agreed to serve, thank you. You will make a difference in what the League can accomplish to empower voters and defend Democracy.

We welcome new members from Floyd County, who are interested in forming a unit of the Montgomery County League. They will provide League services in voter services and education in their county.

## In Remembrance of Members

**Darlene F. Allen**, formerly of Blacksburg, died February 15, 2019 of cancer. She was born in 1936 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Darlene received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University and taught in the public schools of Lansing, Mich., Park Forest, Ill., and, for most her career, Montgomery County. She has been active in several civic organizations as well as the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County.

**Joan Zajac**, 95, of Blacksburg, died February 14, 2019. She was born in Bermuda, October 27, 1923, and grew up in England, Scotland and Wales where she met her future husband, Robert Zajac, during World War II. In 1945 she moved to Michigan until moving to Blacksburg in 1990. She was an active member of the League in Michigan and Montgomery County for many years.

Proposed July, 2019 to June, 2020 Budget		
	Budget Jul '18-Jun '19	Proposed Budget Jul '19-Jun '20
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Contributions</b>		
Member Contributions	3,000	3,500
Non Memb Contributions	1,200	1,500
<b>Total Contributions</b>	4,200	5,000
<b>Membership Dues</b>	4,625	4,425
<b>Special Events (meal payments)</b>	1,500	1,000
<b>Sponsors</b>		
Bulletin Sponsors	250	250
Facts Sponsors	2,600	2,000
<b>Total Sponsors</b>	2,850	2,250
<b>Interest - CD</b>	3	15
<b>Interest - Checking</b>	2	2
<b>Total Income</b>	13,180	12,692

## Volunteers Needed For Several Jobs

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basis for state funding and explores issues related to adequacy, capacity, and quality.

A meeting has been scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 17, at the Blacksburg Recreation Center to review the findings, discuss and seek consensus as to what action, if any, the League might recommend. Those interested in attending the meeting should contact Dempsey Worner ([wworner@vt.edu](mailto:wworner@vt.edu)) to obtain a draft copy of the report.

In addition, updates will be provided on Part II (local funding); Part III (property taxation in Montgomery County); and Part IV (program and resource equity in Montgomery County Schools).

Part II—This Part also is well underway. Pending the outcome of the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors budget deliberations, it could be in draft form by the end of April.

Part III—With the leadership of Mary Houska, this part deals with the information regarding the issue of no and low taxed properties in the county. We have concluded that the exceptionally high percentage of no/low taxed properties does not likely impact the state funding formula but can have significant impact on who “pays the bill” with respect to the more than 50 percent of local funds that support the school system.

Part IV—Worner is meeting with local school officials to further examine how opportunities for all students in the system compare. The more complex issue that will not be resolved immediately is confronting the reality that equal is not always equitable—whether schools with over 70 percent of the students on free and reduced lunch, need more than an “equal” distribution of resources to address student needs and potential.

Expense	Budget		Proposed Budget	
	Jul '18-Jun '19		Jul '19-Jun '20	
A. Operating				
General Supplies	100		350	
Post Office (fees,rent,postage)	660		760	
Total A. Operating		760		1,110
B. Board & Admin				
President	50		50	
Secretary	15		-	
Treasurer	50		25	
Membership	200		100	
Fund Raising	15		15	
PR/ Publicity	250		250	
Annual meeting (non food)	100		100	
Benevolence	150		100	
Board Liability Insurance	60		60	
Total B. Board & Admin		890		700
C. Delegate Expenses				
State Council (\$100/ (x2)) (even yrs) -			200	
State Convention (odd yrs)	1,000		-	
National Convention (even yrs)	-		1,200	
Workshops (\$100/ (x3))	375		300	
Total C. Delegate Expenses		1,375		1,700
D. Assessments				
State Dues (\$16)	1,552		1,448	
National Dues (\$32)	3,104		2,896	
Total D. Assessments		4,656		4,344
E. Communications				
Video Taping	240		240	
Bulletin Printing	400		400	
Total E. Communications		640		640
F. Educational Activities				
FACTS	2,100		2,000	
Voter Service	536		550	
Website	400		400	
Programs/Events	250		500	
Publications Support	250			
Total F. Educational Activities		3,536		3,450
G. Position Support/ Lobbying				
VA Coalition for Open Gov	110		110	
State (Pre-Sess, Lobby Dy (\$100/)	600		600	
Total G. Position Support/ Lobbying		710		710
H. Designated Fees (Meals, etc)	1,500		1,000	
I. Other/State Assessment	-		30	
Total Expense		14,067		13,684
Net Income		(887)		(992)

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May 2***

#### Calendar

April 17 - School Funding Study, 4 p.m. Blacksburg Recreation Center  
May 2 - Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Warm Hearth Village Center  
Oct. 2 - Cost of Voting Program

#### Sponsors

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