

LWV CVA Sunday Seminar

Balancing the Scales: Justice Reform for Women

Sunday, April 14, 2019

2 to 3:30 pm

CitySpace, Downtown Mall, Charlottesville



Injustice in the justice system is finally coming to light, especially as it disproportionately affects primarily African American and Latino men. But women in conflict with the law remained in the shadows until the **Legal Aid Justice Center in Charlottesville** revealed the inadequate and sometimes deadly medical care for women at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women.



The LWV CVA *Sunday Seminar* on April 14 will feature Shannon Ellis who joined the Legal Aid Justice Center in January 2017. Her work focuses on providing civil advocacy for vulnerable court-involved or incarcerated individuals. Before joining LAJC, Shannon practiced family law in Charlottesville and provided pro bono representation for LAJC's Special Immigrant Juvenile project. Shannon earned her bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Virginia. Shannon will talk about the women at FCCW whose sometimes tragic experiences stoked a successful lawsuit against the State of Virginia.

Kim Rolla joined Legal Aid Justice Center as the Lewis F. Powell fellow in 2013, originally focusing on housing law, providing both individual legal representation and legal support to tenant organizations. In 2017, Kim transitioned to the Civil Rights and Racial Justice Program, and now develops campaigns to combat the criminalization of the poor, people of color, and far too many Virginians. Kim earned a B.A. from the College of William and Mary and law degree from the University of Virginia, and received the Herbert Kramer/Herbert Bangel Community Service Award.



Join us on Sunday, April 14, for an inside look at the need for justice reform in our communities sponsored by the LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee. LWV CVA *Sunday Seminars* are free and open to the public. For more information about this event, contact Kit Murphy McNally 414-405-3302.



**2019 Annual Meeting Announcement
League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area
Thursday, May 9, 2019**

The Greencroft Club, Charlottesville

*(You can now make your luncheon reservation and payment **online!** See page 3.)*

PROGRAM: "Working to Serve, Educate, and Advocate!"

A Celebration of Our Year

Member/Guest Social 11:30 am to 12 noon

Noon: Luncheon and Presentation by

Guest Speaker: Deanna Reed, Mayor

Harrisonburg City Council



Following the Speaker's Presentation:

A Celebration of Our Year

Annual Business Meeting of Members

The Annual Meeting of our League is the time when members vote on the business of the League for the coming fiscal year, 2019-20. We urge members to attend and

- **Elect directors and officers for 2019-20** [See note below from the Nominating Committee.]
- **Adopt the Operating Fund Budget for 2019-20**
- **Adopt Local Program for 2019-20: Proposed Update of the LWV CVA Child Care position:**
An investigation of the care and protection of children in child care locally to include
 1. Are standards for daycare licensing thorough enough?
 2. Is enforcement of daycare licensing adequate?
 3. Is training and education of daycare workers adequate?
 4. When CPS (Child Protective Services) investigates an incident at a daycare, should families of the children involved in the investigation be given information regarding the investigation?

To facilitate your preparation to vote on these items, you will receive in the mail the **Annual Meeting Packet**. It will contain information vital to the business meeting. ***Please remember to bring this packet with you to the meeting!*** Special note: **Many thanks to Jim Peterson** who once again is providing audio-visual support at our Annual Meeting.

From the LWV CVA Nominating Committee:

The following positions will be voted on at the LWV CVA Annual Meeting on May 9:

- Vice-President - 2019-2021
- Treasurer – 2019-21
- Chair and member of Nominating committee - 2019-2020
- One seat on the Mary Stamps White Committee
- Elected Directors (2) for: Voter Service and Community Engagement – 2019-2021



**LWV of the Charlottesville Area
Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019
Meet and Greet: 11:30 am to Noon
Luncheon at Noon
The Greencroft Club
575 Rodes Dr., Charlottesville**

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of the LWV of the Charlottesville Area. Following our luncheon and the presentation by our guest speaker, Deanna Reed, we will “Celebrate Our Year Working to Serve, Educate, and Advocate!” and then hold our Annual Business Meeting. See page 2 of this newsletter for the Program. **Meet and Greet begins at 11:30 am, followed by luncheon at 12 noon promptly.**

Directions: The Greencroft Club, 575 Rodes Drive, just off of Route 250. From town, follow Route 250 west (Ivy Road), for approximately 5 miles, and turn left onto Rodes Drive.

Menu: Served with house salad, fresh rolls, iced tea or coffee, and dessert: Lemon Squares
Your choice of entrees:

Sautéed Shrimp served with Basmati Rice and Steamed Broccoli
OR
Tortellini served with Peas and Tomatoes in a Pesto Sauce (Vegetarian)

Cost: \$30 per person. **To make a reservation(s) for luncheon:** Go online, lwv-cva.org, make your menu selection and pay by credit card. Or mail your check to the League. Your menu selection and payment must be received by **Friday, April 19.** (There will be no checks taken on the day of the luncheon.)

Checks should be made out to: League of Women Voters.

Send to:

**League of Women Voters
PO Box 2786
Charlottesville, VA 22902**

Please print this page and cut and return the portion below with your check. (If you have a problem printing this page, write the information and menu selection on a piece of paper and include it with your check.)

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Yes, I (we) plan to attend the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 9, at The Greencroft Club.

(Circle your meal selection.)

Name: _____

Telephone _____

Meal: Sautéed Shrimp OR Tortellini in Pesto Sauce

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International Relations /Federal Government Committee News

By Gerry Kruger

March 13 brought the members of the International Relations/Federal Government Committee to **Molly O'Brien's** welcoming home. **Marge Cox** and **Lois Sandy** presented reports and led discussion.

Marge explained the long and complicated dispute between India and Pakistan. They have fought three wars each claiming the state of Jammu and Kashmir. India's claims are based on an instrument of secession signed in 1947, while Pakistan's are founded on its majority Muslim population. At the same time, China claims the Shaksam Valley and Aksai Chin, which are also in the region. Pakistan is currently trying to crack down on terrorist activity sponsored by India. Some organizations have reported the deaths of several thousand Kashmiri civilians by Indian Armed Forces from 1990 to 1999, and the raping of thousands of women between the ages of 7-70.

Lois continued her report on Saudi Arabia's crown prince Mohamed Bin Salmon (MBS) from our September 12 meeting. In December MBS was accused of plotting the horrific murder of Jamal Khashshoggi, a journalist who had been highly critical of him. President Trump announced he's primarily concerned with America First and will not jeopardize millions of dollars and confront MBS and that the administration is continuing its own investigation into this matter. In contrast, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution blaming Khashshoggi's death on MBS and also one to end US military assistance for the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

Meanwhile Jared Kushner has met with both MBS and Erdogan of Turkey on his mission to bring peace to the Middle East. Erdogan has been critical of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. MBS has talked with President Xi Jinping of China, but no mention was made of up to one million Muslim Uighurs being held in internment camps in China despite the ruling family's claim to be the defender of all Muslims. In spite of his tacit support of gross human rights violations, the Saudi Prince attempts to rebuild his reputation by releasing thousands of Indians and Pakistanis from Saudi Arabian prisons as well as making investments in both countries.

The IR/FG Committee met only once in March. Join us in April for more informative reports and stimulating discussions. See last page of this newsletter for more information.

Speaker Ruth Hoffman, Co-Chair, LWV-VA Firearms Safety Task Force, addresses the issue of Gun Violence Prevention: "Building a Movement Brick by Brick" at the March 17 LWV CVA Sunday Seminar. Mrs. Hoffman walked us through America's history with gun violence, how we got to where we are, and the momentum going forward. She was joined by Andy Goddard, Legislative Director of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, who brought us up to date on the latest General Assembly actions (or inactions!)



President's Message -

Dear Fellow League members,

All the new blooms and their fragrance make my heart sing!!!

In March, Maggie Hoover's *Sunday Seminar* on Gun Safety, re-lit a fire in me to re-energize and re-focus on gun safety legislation possibilities and those who support gun safety in upcoming elections. In the meantime, we all need to learn as much as we can about the specifics of gun legislation and gun anatomy. For more information about the work of the LWV CVA Firearms Safety Committee, contact maggie.hoover@gmail.com

I look forward to Kit Murphy McNally's *Sunday Seminar* on Justice Reform this April 14. Please join us! For more information about the work of the LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee, contact murphymcnally@gmail.com

Member attendance at our *Sunday Seminars* has truly inspired us to continue the series next season. We will be planning next year's events soon. Share your suggestions for interesting topics! We will keep you in the loop.

We are looking forward to expanding our committee looking into daycare safety regulation and enforcement. Let us know when you would prefer to meet to gather and share in this study. Contact bethkariel9@gmail.com

I'm planning to attend the May State League Biennial Convention in Norfolk. <https://lww-va.org/39th-biennial-convention/> I would love to see the Charlottesville Area well represented at this event. Please check the state league's web site for more details, lww-va.org.

Finally, I'm particularly excited to report that we are now able to provide online reservation and payment for our Annual Members Meeting/Luncheon in May. It is easy, safe, and convenient. Go to our website for details: lww-cva.org Please remember that you do not need a PayPal account to use this online system of payment: you can choose to pay with your credit or debit card.

Until next time,

Pat Cochran

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Meetings and Events for April 2019:
Mark Your Calendars Now!

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Thurs., March 28, 2:30 – 4 pm	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	University Village (small committee room) at 500 Crestwood Dr., Charlottesville	For further information, contact Sally Thomas, 434-295-1819
Fri., March 29, 11:30 – 1:00 pm	LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee Meeting	CNE (Center for Nonprofit Excellence) 1701-A Allied St (behind Cville Coffee)	For further information, contact, Kit McNally, 414-405-3302 or murphymcnally@gmail.com
Wed., April 10, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Donna Price, 2852 Secretarys Rd., Scottsville 757-295-7325	For further information, contact Elaine Longerbeam, 540-550-5998
Wed., April 10, 1:30 – 3:30 pm	LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting	Westminster-Canterbury, Pantops	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com
Sun., April 14, 2 – 3:30 pm	Sunday Seminar: “Balancing the Scales: Justice Reform for Women”	CitySpace, Downtown Mall, Charlottesville	For further information, contact Kit Murphy McNally, murphymcnally@gmail.com
Wed, April 24, 9:30 am	International Relations/Federal Gov't. Committee Meeting	Home of Rosalie Simari, 107 Rowledge Place, 434-295-7325	For further information, contact Elaine Longerbeam, 540-550-5998
Thurs., April 25, 2:30 – 4 pm	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	University Village (small committee room) at 500 Crestwood Dr., Charlottesville	For further information, contact Sally Thomas, 434-295-1819