



Dover Voter

The Price of Liberty Is Still Eternal Vigilance

League of Women Voters of Greater Dover, January 2008

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Calendar of Events

January

- 30 LWVGD Meeting. Bylaws & Policy Review and Program Planning
11 a.m.-1 p.m., home of Jean Bauer, 75 Vining Run, Camden

February

- 1 LWVDE Bus Trip to the UN
5 a.m. – 10 p.m., February 1. Bus departs from Dover Big K parking lot at 5 a.m.
- 9 LWVGD Mid-Winter Membership Tea
2-4 p.m., home of Sue Schmittinger, 103 Dodge Drive, Smyrna
- 14 **88th Birthday of the League of Women Voters of the United States**
- 14 Great Decisions. Central Asia. 10 a.m., home of Jeanine Kleimo, 79 Vining Run, Camden
- 20 LWVGD Unit Meeting & Luncheon – Health Care: The Crisis in Senior Health Care. Panelists Hal Wallace, Jo Ann Fields, M.D., & Delaware Office on Aging Representative
11 a.m.-2 p.m., Modern Maturity Center, Forest Avenue, Dover
- 26 LWVGD Board Meeting
12:30 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Old North Road at West Street, Camden

Coming events

League of Women Voters of Greater Dover January Unit Meeting # 2

Wednesday, January 30, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Home of Jean Bauer, 75 Vining Run, Pharsalia, Camden

Bylaws and Policy Review, Program and Study Review and Planning

We review any changes to our bylaws and policy that may be needed, and look through our local program and study items to see what areas of interest we will pursue in the future. Any changes to what is already on record are then brought before the membership at the annual meeting in May.

If you're interested in the direction LWV Greater Dover will take in the future, this is the meeting for you. The policy, local program, and study items are included in your most recent Membership Guide, which you should bring with you to the meeting. Copies of the bylaws will be available at the meeting.

Sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

LWVDE UN Bus Trip. UN Conference for Educators and Concerned Citizens

Friday, February 1, 5 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Forty persons have signed up for the trip to NYC, to tour the UN, or attend the UN conference for educators and concerned citizens. Major areas of interest this year are Climate Change, Intercultural Understanding, and Implementation Strategies. For details see www.teachun.org. Conference fee deadline was January 16. However, if you still want to tour the UN or just do NYC on your own, bus fare is \$35 payable to Ruth Johnson. Contact Ruth Johnson at 335-4330. The bus departs from Big K parking lot in Dover at 5 a.m.

LWVGD Mid-Winter Membership Tea
Saturday, February 9, 2 – 4 p.m.
Home of Sue Schmittinger, 103 Dodge Drive, North Ridge, Smyrna

Newcomers welcome! Come celebrate the 88th Birthday of the League of Women Voters of the United States!! Hear what's happening with our local, state and national leagues—projects, study items, and more ! Grab the chance to rekindle old league friendships and start some new ones ! Bring your neighbor, bring your friend, bring your significant other !! Let go of those mid-winter blues and get ready for a fantastic spring that's sure to be here soon ! Watch your mailbox for more details !!! Can't wait ? Call 697-8600. Directions: From the Dover Mall, travel 4 miles north on Rt. 13; turn left into North Ridge, then take an immediate left, followed by an immediate right turn onto Dodge Drive. No. 103 is on the right.

Great Decisions – Central Asia.

10 a.m., Thursday, February 14

Home of Jeanine Kleimo, 79 Vining Run, Pharsalia, Camden



Central Asia has undergone political and economic changes in the years since the breakup of the Soviet Union. Learn about the forces at work in the region, its rich culture, the role of religion in local life, and the trends that are shaping this region we know so little about. The discussion will focus on the current political climate and on the relationship its nations have with the United States and other countries, as well as on the reasons why we should pay more attention to this part of the world.

Discussion leader Jeanine Kleimo is an honorary professor at the Tashkent State Economics University and its business school in Uzbekistan and has made three visits to lecture there, beginning in 1993.

LWVGD Unit Meeting/Luncheon
Health Care Policies Affecting Delaware's Growing Senior Population

Wednesday, February 20, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

East Wing Conference Room, Modern Maturity Center, Forrest Avenue, Dover

Panelists: Hal Wallach, Jo Ann Fields, M.D. and a Representative from the Delaware Office on Aging

Hal Wallach

Former Chairman of Commission on Aging in Montgomery County, Maryland

Led professional staff at U.S. General Accounting Office which prepared report for U.S. Congress entitled, "Tomorrow's Elderly - Issues for Congress."

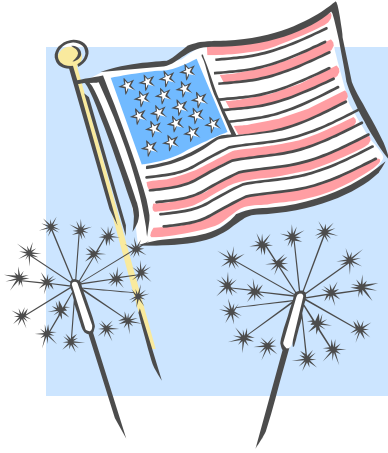
Former first Vice-President for Public Policy for National Council on Family Relations

Former Chair, Committee on Subnational Statistics at the American Statistical Association

Jo Ann Fields, M.D.

Health Care Policy Chair, League of Women Voters of Greater Dover

The aging of the Baby Boom generation is expected to significantly increase the senior population of Delaware over the next several decades. A sizeable portion of this growth will be seniors migrating into the state. Furthermore, seniors, in general are living much longer. How well prepared are Delaware state and local governments to provide suitable policies, programs and services to address the needs of a very large and diverse number of older adults and their caregivers? How sensitive will the Delaware private and public workplace policies be to support retirees and family caregivers? This meeting will advance discussion on how various institutions in both public and private sectors can systematically undertake strategic preparation at state and local levels to address the challenges of an aging society in Delaware.



League of Women Voters Celebrates 88th Birthday

The League of Women Voters will celebrate its 88th birthday on February 14, with a renewed commitment to help Americans get involved in their democracy in 2008.

Mary Wilson, President LWVUS made the following comments in a press release about the League's Birthday. "Today we stand on the shoulders of generations of incredible volunteers who have proudly served the League and made a measurable impact in their communities," said national League president Mary G. Wilson. "I am bursting with pride as I wish our nearly 150,000 members and supporters a "Happy Birthday!"

"We take seriously our legacy of providing trustworthy and balanced resources to citizens and lawmakers. The League of Women Voters truly has left its footprint on American history, and I believe our democracy is stronger because of it."

"As I speak, our incredible members are living out that legacy in every state in our union, making sure voters are registered, educated, and confident in the political process. 2008 will be a pivotal year, and we encourage all Americans to contact their local League or visit our election web site www.VOTE411.org to get involved in this historic election."

The League of Women Voters of Greater Dover welcomes you to join us in celebrating the League's birthday during the Annual Mid-Winter Membership Tea on February 9, 2008.

For more information about the League of Women Voters and the Membership Tea, contact Christine Stillson at 302-697-8600 or visit our website at www.lwvgd.org and then visit the national website at www.lwv.org.

Kudos

If you haven't already done so, you really should visit our website! Fred Breukelman, our webmaster, has renovated it and it looks even sharper than it did before! Many thanks to Fred, who works patiently, in solitude, to provide us with a handsome, up-to-date site! Please note that we also have a new address:

www.lwvgd.org.

The president's corner

Greetings in the New Year ! And a very FULL year it will be !! The Membership Recruitment Initiative (MRI) is in full swing in all three Delaware leagues, consensus activities on the Immigration issue are drawing to a close this month, Voter Service plans for election year activities are heating up, and housing, health care and energy issues continue apace. Your help and support are needed at any level you can give. Members who have given their time to organizing and working on League projects are very much valued and appreciated. And since many activities have price tags, your financial support is very much needed. You may donate directly to LWVGD or designate your donation to the LWV Education Fund, with LWVGD in the memo line. Of course, your donation to the ED Fund is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Your support is so very much appreciated, and will help meet the League's goals to encourage the democratic process in our communities, our state and our nation.

A few notes from recent State Board meetings: AARP has indicated that it wishes to partner

with the League on election year forums on issues of mutual concern including health care, housing, and similar issues, especially those that affect the aging population. Discussions of how this might play out are currently taking place. Voter Service committee members from all three Delaware leagues met recently to review Leagues rules for debates and to ascertain that there are no conflicting dates on League calendars.

Please take note of and plan to attend the LWVGD activities noted here and in subsequent flyers and newsletters! And consider attending some of the exciting activities in the New Castle and Sussex Leagues, as well.

Just in: The Consensus of Immigration was conducted today and 12 members carried out a vigorous discussion of the Consensus questions. Thanks Beverly and Charlotte and to all who attended for your very valued input and for being part of the national study! Look for the results in the next VOTER !

Christine L. Stillson, President
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In Memoriam

Marlene Naylor, our Publicity Chair and dear friend, a hard worker with a wonderfully creative mind, died suddenly on November 4 of heart failure. She moved to Dover from Florida in 2004 and joined the League of Women Voters in November 2005. After serving for 50 years in the South Florida and Miami Lakes community in a variety of civic and professional organizations ranging from a principal founder of the Girl Scout troop to secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to English teacher, she brought a breadth of talent and experiences to the League.

Marlene felt that living in Dover provided a perfect opportunity to observe the State legislature, and she set out this year to establish and train a League Observer Corps. She also recognized the importance of increasing membership in the League and quickly volunteered to serve on the Membership Committee. Marlene especially enjoyed creative writing and teaching, and she was an avid reader. She is survived by her sister, Dolores, a Dover resident, and two sons, Patrick and Jimmy, who live in Florida. A memorial service was held in December in Florida. Marlene, we miss you!

*HELP
WANTED?*

Hope Clinic Monthly Voter Registration !

The Hope Clinic at Dover's Modern Maturity Center has requested that LWV Greater Dover register voters at their facility each month on a regular basis. Charlotte Hunt, Voter Registration, is willing to lead this effort, but **registrars** are needed to assist on a more-or-less regular schedule. Contact Charlotte at 734-3268 or e-mail cmhunt2004@aol.com.

Publicity Chair !

Marlene Naylor's death has left our League without a Publicity Chair, a position that needs to be filled immediately

Observer Corps Chair !

We would also very much like to have an Observer Corps within the Greater Dover League. Marlene Naylor felt that living in or near the State's capitol was a perfect place to participate in an Observer Corps, and she planned to get a group started this year. We're all more and more aware of how important it is to keep an open eye on government! So we need an Observer Corps Chair also.

Program Chair and Corresponding Secretary !

It's also been suggested that we could use a Corresponding Secretary and a Program Chair.

Our League can expand our services to our members only when more people are willing to participate. Please don't wait to be asked. Come to our Board meetings — they're held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 12:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Camden, across from Caesar Rodney High School — and volunteer. We need YOU! Your service to the League will be enjoyable and fulfilling. We have members who are willing to help get you started. Please call Christine Stillson at 697-8600 (H) or 674-1963 (W). Thank you very much!

Reports

Bill of Rights Day

On Saturday, December 15, at 10 a.m., in the Delaware Archives, the League of Women Voters of Delaware, the American Association of University Women, and the American Civil Liberties Union co-sponsored a well-attended celebration of Bill of Rights Day. While enjoying delicious holiday treats, we were treated again – to a viewing of the original Bill of Rights sent forward by Delaware's signatories. Maisha Britt, President, Delaware AAUW, explained the organization to us, and she was followed by Rashmi Rangan, President, Delaware LWV, who described the LWV for attendees. Russ McCabe, State Archivist, presented the history of Delaware's Bill of Rights and of our magnificent State Archives Building. Drewery Fennell, Executive Directory of the Delaware ACLU, addressed Rights 2 through 10, which are those rights granting police powers to the state. Enthusiastic audience that we were, we questioned Mr. McCabe and Ms. Fennell until they had to leave for other engagements!

Update on the Immigration Study and Consensus Process

The Immigration forum on November 28, was well attended, with 28 guests and members present. Patricia Hatch, a member of the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee and of her local Howard County, Maryland, LWV unit, provided a thoughtful presentation on the areas of immigration policy needing reform. Neda Biggs, a Delaware lawyer who works with La Esperanza in Georgetown, followed up with real life examples of the issues that face those seeking legal immigrant status in the U.S. and shared experiences she has had with cases in Delaware. Both Pat and Neda fielded questions from the audience and shared their vast knowledge on immigration issues. Handouts were provided as extra study materials.

MEMBERSHIP

Reward Offered!

We hear there will be a nice reward given to whichever of our LWVGD members is responsible for recruiting the most new members between May 23, 2007, and our next Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, May 18. You know that time flies, so invite your friends and acquaintances to join us at the Mid-Winter Membership Tea, Saturday, February 9, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. at Sue Schmittinger's home in Smyrna. Be sure you give them a Membership Information form, and follow up to be sure they submit it. The new form asks for the name of the member who introduced them to LWVGD.

Then invite your recruits to our next few meetings till they are comfortable on their own. Together we can make LWVGD a bigger, even better League!

New Members

Gwendolyn Elliott

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Spotlight on New Members



The League of Women Voters is pleased to welcome Raymond Grandfield and Irving Levitt. Ray and Irv, we hope your association with the League will prove to be educational, enjoyable and meaningful.

Raymond (Ray) Grandfield, EdD, joined the League in November. He is retired from the field of education, his most recent 32 years at Delaware State College (now Delaware State University) as a business professor. His personal interests include collecting carved birds. He is also an avid reader and a crossword puzzle enthusiast. He is married to Carol Reid-Grandfield, the Dover League's Membership Chair. He and Carol both enjoy the League's international issues study group, Great Decisions. Carol is delighted that Ray joined the League, particularly because he's helping to recruit more men into the League. Best of luck, and welcome!

Irving (Irv) Levitt also joined the League in November. He is retired from the Social Security Administration. He writes for local papers on Social Security and Medicare issues. He is married to Phyllis Levitt. Welcome, Irv!

As the saying goes, the more you put into something, the more you'll get out of it. That's very true of the LWV. We encourage all of our members to get involved!

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What! You Still Haven't Done A Storybank Story! What Are You Waiting For?

We've got a LWV pin waiting for you! It's not public speaking, and it's not a trip to the dentist. It doesn't take much time to write just 300 words (or less), and it will help the LWV to recruit new members. Your story will show that you're an interesting person and someone with whom prospective members will identify. Our members' stories are interesting! We heard many given orally at MRI (Membership Recruitment Training) on September 29. If possible, submit your story via the Internet. Go to www.lwv.org/Storybank, type in your information, enter your story, and click on "[Submit My Story.](#)" Information about the

Storybank is available in the "Membership Recruitment Initiative" section of the "For Members" area of www.lwv.org. Or, click on the Storybank ad on the LWV homepage to link directly to it. For additional information, [e-mail storybank@lwv.org](mailto:storybank@lwv.org). Include a photo of yourself, or send either or both items by snail mail to League of Women Voters, Attn: Storybank Stories, 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036-4508. National will

notify our Membership Chair, Carol Reid-Grandfield, that they've received your story, and Carol will have a pin for you! The next 12 LWVGD members to submit their stories will receive a LWV pin.

Let's Grow!

Recruiting new members is everyone's job, and we need your help. Bring a friend to a Unit meeting, to a Board Meeting or a Great Decisions meeting. Pick up a Membership Information form, or call me, Carol Reid-Grandfield (284-4565), and I'll mail one to you. Give your friend a few minutes to fill it out and to write a check for dues, and then give it or mail it to me. (My address is on the form.) Then congratulate yourself; you've just recruited a new LWV member! Just think: If everyone recruited just one new member, our membership would grow from just over 50 to over 100 in only one year!

*Carol Reid-Grandfield
Membership Chair*

FOIA UPDATE

by Mickey McKay

As the 144th General Assembly heads into its 2008 session, it has a full plate of FOIA proposals to consider. Following are the summaries of thirteen of them:

- SB 4** Requires all GA meetings, minutes and records open to public. 1.1.07. *Sponsor:* Sen Peterson, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.
- SB 28** Comparable to SB 135. 3.13.07. *Sponsor:* Peterson, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.
- SB 181** Requires the Office of Management and Budget to publish on a public website the names, positions, employing agencies, salaries, overtime compensation, travel expenses, and other reimbursable expenses of all full-time and part-time State employees, officers, and officials. Information must be updated quarterly. 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Bunting, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.
- SB 182** Requires the annual Budget Bill be introduced no later than 3 legislative days prior to end of session. Also requires Bond Bill to be introduced no later than 2 legislative days prior to June 30th. (In contrast to the current 24 hour practice) 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Copeland, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.
- SB 183** Constitutional Amendment to give the Legislature and public at least 3 days to review the Budget Bill prior to voting and at least 2 days before voting on the Bond Bill. (In contrast to the current 24 hour practice). 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Copeland, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.
- SB 184** Requires the creation of a searchable budget database website to allow taxpayers to access details of how their tax dollars are being spent. 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Copeland, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.

- SB 185** Requires the creation and maintenance of a searchable website to allow taxpayers to access details of how their tax dollars are being spent. 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Copeland, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.
- SB 186** Requires school districts and charter schools to post on line checking account activity (except payroll checks). Also requires pay and benefits be posted by job title at the beginning of each fiscal year. 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Copeland, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.
- SB 187** Requires state agencies to post checking account activity (except payroll). Also requires pay and benefits be posted by job title at the beginning of each fiscal year. 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Copeland, *Status:* Sen Exec Com. 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Copeland, *Status:* Sen Exec Com.
- SB 188** Requires public posting of information concerning distribution of DE Strategic Fund monies within 6 months of the enactment. 1.9.08, *Sponsor:* Copeland, *Status:* Sen Finance Com
- SR 13** Bills sent to committee must be publically discussed and voted upon, released or tabled within 10 legislative days. All roll calls published on website. Senate committees shall be subject to FOIA. Limits ex-legislators from lobbying on Senate floor. Requires Senate committees publish agenda in advance. 1.13.08, *Sponsor:* Amick, *Status:* Exec Com. (Eliminates "desk-drawer veto")
- HB 70** Requires General Assembly legislative committee (except caucuses) meetings and records open to the public .(formerly HB 60.) 2.27.07, *Sponsor:* Gilligan, *Status:* House Admin Com.
- SB 135** Permits the Attorney General to determine FOIA complaints made against state agencies and officers, extends time for AG to accept citizen complaints for determining FOIA violations from 20 to 30 days. Broadens definition of public "meeting" and defines a "quorum" for purposes of FOIA. Eliminates 60-day time limit for filing FOIA complaints but preserves 6 month deadline; provides citizens with easier access to public records, removes discrimination among FOIA requesters. Provides for electronic publication of State Dept of Justice opinions. Requires location and facilities for public meetings be sufficient to accommodate large attendance when conditions warrant. Requires public bodies prepare minutes in a timely fashion. 6.13.07. *Sponsor:* Peterson, *Status:* Sen Exec Com
- SB 13** AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE RELATING TO CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS, AND PROVIDING THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS BE RATIFIED AT THE POLLS. **Synopsis:** At present, almost all States provide for the ratification of constitutional amendments. In Delaware, a proposed constitutional amendment must be approved by two General Assemblies. It is the purpose of this Act to provide that, after a constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly, it shall be submitted to the voters at the next following general election for ratification. If the proposed amendment is approved; it becomes a part of the Constitution. If the voters reject the proposed amendment, it cannot be re-submitted for a period of three years. 1.16.07, *Sponsor:* McBride, Sen Exec Com.

Update on Housing Issues

Excerpts from the Delaware Housing Coalitions' Affordable Housing Bulletin (Jan.14,2008) www.housingforall.org

AAUW Sponsors Affordable Housing Forum

"**Banging on the Door: The Crisis in Affordable Housing for Women and Children**" is the topic of a public forum 10:00 a.m. - noon on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 20 Baltimore Avenue, in Rehoboth Beach. Saundra Ross Johnson, Director of the Delaware State Housing Authority, will keynote the event. Johnson will discuss affordable housing needs of women, including special groups such as homeless, developmentally and physically disabled, seniors, minorities, ex-offenders, single mom's, 18-year old foster kids who are no longer eligible for foster care; and low income women in general, as well as the outlook for boomers. The program is sponsored by the Coastal-Georgetown branch of the American Association of University Women. The public is invited

League of Women Voters of Sussex County Sponsors Housing Solutions Forum

Debbie Hamilton, a registered lobbyist for the Delaware Housing Coalition will speak on legislative initiatives of the Coalition aimed at addressing the crisis in affordable housing at a public forum sponsored by the LWV

of Sussex County. The forum is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 20 Baltimore Avenue, in Rehoboth Beach. The public is invited.

DHC Recommends \$20 Million for Affordable Housing in FY09

The Delaware Housing Coalition has released the following recommendations for funding affordable housing in Delaware in FY 2009.

#1 - INCREASE THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND BASE OPERATING BUDGET

DHC recommends a substantial increase (to \$6 million) in the base Housing Development Fund (HDF) allocation. We support this as a new, recurring minimum annual amount for the HDF. Chronically underfunded, the HDF is the state's only source of flexible dollars for use in the creation of new rental and for-sale homes and support for nonprofit housing organizations. The current year appropriation for the HDF is \$4 million.

#2 -HOMELESSNESS

\$1 million to add an additional 35 rental vouchers to the statewide Step Up Program, serving youth exiting the foster care system and other chronically homeless.

DSHA needs dedicated funding to address homelessness, rather than -- as is the case this fiscal year -- using \$1 million of the base HDF dollars. DSHA has contracted with 2 agencies to provide housing vouchers and support services to those who are homeless with substance abuse and/or mental health disorders, and, additionally, will contract with a collaboration of 2 agencies to provide housing vouchers and support services to youth exiting the foster care system.

- \$2.55 million to create 25 units of permanent housing.

This would provide for those who are homeless and suffering with substance abuse/mental health disorders and/or youth exiting from the foster care system. This money would be used to develop and operate housing for 30 persons/year.

- \$50,000 to support the staff of the Delaware Interagency Council on Homelessness (DICH).

- \$400,000 to support 55 rental housing vouchers for persons re-entering the community from prison.

This population is the 3rd and final priority population in the DICH's 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness ("Breaking the Cycle") and, so far, the requested homelessness dollars have not gone to support any new housing options and/or housing vouchers for this difficult to serve population. The Plan identifies a need for 200 rental housing vouchers over the next ten years for this population with an annual operating cost of \$1,440,000 million. The \$400,000 this year would provide approximately 55 rental housing vouchers.

#3 -FORECLOSURE CRISIS INTERVENTION

DHC recommends \$2 million for use by the state in programs such as DEMAP (Delaware Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program), which helps prevent mortgage foreclosure for those that have become at-risk due to an unforeseen catastrophic event, such as a health crisis, loss of work, or other life-changing event (death or divorce). This would serve an estimated 160 families.

#4 -PROTECTING FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED RENTAL HOUSING

In FY08 the \$7.5 million for rental preservation has been used to protect 252 housing units, representing homes for 680 people, according to DSHA. This also protected \$2.3 million in annual federal subsidies, a total of \$69 million over 30 years. \$8 million in FY09 would have at least a similar effect.

Environmental Update *by Carol Reid-Grandfield*

Cool Cities

The Cool Cities Committee, a local partnership of LWVGD and local Sierra Club members, now meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at a member's home. Our current projects include preparing a booth for the Delaware State Fair and other events, planning for another children's art exhibit of "green solutions" for Old Dover Days, and making arrangements for borrowing environmental films from the Sierra Club to be shown locally. We have recently grown from eight to ten members, but more are welcome! Please call Carol Reid-Grandfield, Co-Chair, at 284-4565 for more information.

One More CFL: If you haven't already completed the switch, each month replace one more incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent. Do a little bit to save the planet; do a little bit to save \$\$.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Weekday	Date	Activity	League	Notes	Contact
January	Tuesday	29	prospect & new mbr "dessert party"	SC	Lewes	Sandy Spence
January	Wednesday	30	Unit Mtg:review program & policy	GD	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Christine Stillson
February	Friday	1	UN Trip	DE	NYC	Ruth Johnson/GD
February	Saturday	9	Mid-Winter Membership Tea	GD	Sue Schmittinger's 2-4 PM	Carol Reid-Grandfield
February	Monday	4	absentee ballot deadline for Pres Prim	DE	Deadline is noon 7 am to 8:00 pm.Absentees due 8 pm	
February	Tuesday	5	President Primary	DE		
February	Wednesday	6	Open to change parties	DE		
February	Wednesday	6	Board meeting	SC		Esther Shelton
February	Wednesday	13	Public Forum-Housing	SC	RB Epworth UMC	Sandy Spence
February	Thursday	14	Board meeting	DE	Smyrna	Letty Diswood
February	Thursday	14	LWV US 88th Birthday	US		
			UnitMtg: Crisis in senior Health care: Luncheon			
February	Wednesday	20		GD	MMC: 11-2PM	Christine Stillson
February	Tuesday	26	Board meeting	GD		Christine Stillson
February	TBA	TBA	Voter Regis. @ Sussex Tech	SC	Georgetown	Carol Jones
March			Women's History Mnth			
			Delaware Women's Conf (exh. Booth)		Clayton Hall, Newark	
March	Saturday	1		DE		Letty Diswood
March	Wednesday	5	Board meeting	SC		Esther Shelton
March	Thursday	13	Board meeting	SC	Smyrna	Letty Diswood
March		16-22	Sunshine Week			
March	Wednesday	19	Unit mtg FOIA Forum 1	GD	Tentative	Mickey McKay
March	Wednesday	20	Meet with AAUW	SC	Women Running for Public Office	Nadyne Rosin
March	Tuesday	25	Board meeting	GD		Christine Stillson

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