

May 29, 2007

To: Local League Presidents, State Board Members

From: Lulu K. Meese, President, LWV VA

1. The LWV VA statewide study committee members for the Study of the Restoration of the Civil Rights of Felons met on Saturday in Charlottesville at Molly O'Brien's home.

We discussed the study scope to be recommended to the incoming LWV VA Board for their final approval in July. We developed a calendar for the study for 2007-2009, and we developed questions for local Leagues to use in their community leaders interviews for the study. We also decided to meet again Saturday, August 11, to make final plans for the fall workshop for the study. It was an excellent meeting with Molly McClenon leading our discussion and all of the members who had traveled from all over Virginia contributing their considerable experience to our plans.

2. We had sad news yesterday. Our local and state leader, Lavinia Voss, who has long supported our organization, died. Currently, she was the editor and board member of the Fairfax Area League. Lavinia had planned to attend the LWV VA Convention in Richmond but had to cancel at the last minute due to her health problems. I wrote to her telling her that she would be missed and also letting her know how much her commitment to the League had meant to all of us over the many years that she worked for the League in Virginia. Lavinia will be greatly missed.

3. I do hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday. As for me, my sister arrived from San Diego for a one-week visit and made my weekend perfect. We had not seen each other for five years, and had much to share and enjoy together. Family holidays really are important to all of us and to our continued good mental health.

My sister, a family counselor, would certainly agree with that.