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## President's Corner

Howard University called us last month to see if we had suggestions for increasing voter turnout. Before the primary, Elinor Hart of Making Our Votes Count Coalition (MOVC) and I met with Dr. Hassan Minor, VP for Government Affairs at Howard. Dr. Minor emphasized the role of the University's public TV station (WHUT-TV 32) in providing D.C. voters with election information. A full day of special voter programming was scheduled to air before election day on Channel 32.

To increase voter turnout in the upcoming November Elections, the Voter Service Committee and the Education Committee are working together to produce a Voter's Guide focused on the much neglected School Board Candidates. With help from MOVC, we will distribute the printed Guides to senior centers, libraries and elementary schools. Young students will take them home to encourage their parents to vote. If you can help to deliver the Guides, let me know.

Civic Activists and public policy researchers, Dorothy Brizill and Gary Imhoff of DC WATCH ([www.dccwatch.com](http://www.dccwatch.com)) are working with new member (and computer specialist) Steve Waters to update and link our websites. DC WATCH posts candidate responses to our questionnaires and the text of our newsletter.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was on the agenda, when International Relations Committee Members Frank Bourne, Sheila

## Calendar

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Oct 7 (Wed)  | <b>LWVDC Board</b>                   |
| 10:00 a.m.   | LWVUS, 1730 M Street, NW             |
| Oct 14 (Wed) | <b>Education Committee</b>           |
| 10:00 a.m.   | LWVDC, 1234 Massachusetts, NW        |
| Oct 14 (Wed) | <b>International Relations: U.N.</b> |
| noon         | Sumner School, 17th & M, NW          |
| Oct 20-22    | <b>Units: Board of Education</b>     |
| see p.2      | calendar and notes, p.2              |
| Oct 23       | <b>Worldwide Vigil for U.N.</b>      |
| see p.3      | see I.R. committee report            |
| Oct 24       | <b>U.N. Global Community Day</b>     |
| see p.3      | see I.R. committee report            |
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Keeny, new member Anne Porowski and I attended the annual United Nations Conference for non-governmental organizations (NGOs). From September 14-16, we heard U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and a host of experts and U.N. division directors discuss progress in the education about, and the protection of human rights. I hope you will come out to Global Community Day at American University (AU) which our League cosponsors with the United Nations Association. There we will expand the dialog. The League is particularly interested in Article 21 of UDHR (the right to be represented in the government of one's country).

Which brings me to AU Law Professor Jamin Raskin's law suit. Following our July (cont. p.6)

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**Election-Time Reminder:** The LWV encourages members to choose a party and be active in support of candidates. Only LWV board members are prohibited by our by-laws from endorsing or working for candidates.

**October Units will focus on candidates for election to the Board of Education. See Page 2.**

# Unit Calendar

October 1998

<b>Chevy Chase</b>	4601 31st Street, NW Mary Rodgers, 202/244-1933	Oct 21 (Wed) 9:45 a.m.
<b>Northeast Day</b>	Woodridge Library, Rhode Island & 18th, NE Roberta Johnson, 202/526-4469	Oct 22 (Thu) 12:45 p.m.
<b>Northwest Day</b>	Iona House, 4125 Albemarle St, NW Jeanette Miller, 202/362-1203	Oct 20 (Tue) 1:00 p.m.
<b>Northwest Eve</b>	3914 Military Road (Friendship Hghts Metro) Joan Domike, 202/966-3865	Oct 22 (Thu) 7:30 p.m.
<b>Southwest</b>	1253 Delaware Avenue, SW Anna Marsh, 202/554-7719	Oct 20 (Tue) 9:45 a.m.
<b>Upper 16th St.</b>	1445 Primrose Road, NW Louise Perry, 202/882-0519	Oct 21 (Wed) 9:45 a.m.

October units focus on the Board of Education election and are presented jointly by the D.C. Affairs, Education, and Making Our Votes Count committees.

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## October Units Focus on Board of Education (School Board) Candidates

October Unit Meetings will feature Board of Education (usually referred to as the School Board) candidates for election in November. Each Unit will be inviting certain candidates from Wards 4, 7, and 8, as well as At-Large candidates, and will be opening their meeting to friends and neighbors, especially those active in PTA or education. A recorder will take appropriate notes. It is hoped that these Unit meetings will provide a much-needed opportunity to meet school board candidates and to discuss the serious issues which beset our public schools.

School board members are charged with the critical governance tasks of setting a vision for their schools, ensuring that school administrators and teachers have the necessary tools and structures to fulfill that vision, overseeing the performance of schools to provide public accountability, and acting as public representatives and advocates for children.

The Control Board (D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority) issued a report in November 1996 called "Children in Crisis" with the subtitle "A Report on the Failure of D.C.'s Public Schools". Immediately after the school board election in November of 1996, the Control Board removed the superintendent of schools and greatly diminished the power of the DC Board of Education by appointing a chief executive officer, five others, and the chair of the elected Board of Education to the "Emergency Transitional Education Board of Trustees". This is what the report said about the past performance of the Board of Education:

*Examining Board voting patterns on key issues provides an example of its inability to collaborate and illustrates how divisive the Board has become. In the past several years, the Board has voted 6-5 on many key issues concerning education in the District. In a democracy, there is nothing inherently wrong with split votes. The problem with this Board, however, is the failure to make a serious attempt to reconcile differing positions and bring about a consensus. Such a failure often results in policies that are not fully implemented as a result of a deeply divided Board. For example, Board members are split philosophically on such educational and management issues as school closing, privatizing services, and bringing in a private firm to manage several schools. Similar 6-5 votes occurred between 1994 and 1996 on education policies such as:*

- Curriculum and Instruction Reform and Bring Educational Services to Students (BESST) (1994)
- Management Services Contract Policy (1995)
- Closing six schools in 1996 and six more in 1997.
- FY 1996-97 budget reduction package
- Fees for adult education, teacher certification, and teacher accreditation programs in 1994, 1995, and 1996

The Control Board report concluded that "inherent lack of Board Collaboration illustrates how the political process and the organizational culture are undermining our children's ability to learn effectively.

How do the candidates propose to improve the effectiveness of the D.C. Board of Education?  
The October Units are sponsored by the D.C. Affairs, Education, and Making Our Votes Count Committees.  
—Anna Marsh and Joan Domike

## Committee Updates

### **Education Committee**

In September, the members of committee delivered to the middle and junior high schools packets of materials for 8th grade social studies teachers to use with their classes. The mini-unit dealt with registration and voting, a subject of timely interest because of the primary election. Similar packets will be available at the October units for members to peruse.

At the request of the D.C. Affairs Committee, the Education Committee has prepared questions for Board

of Education candidates. The responses will constitute the 1998 VOTERS' GUIDE. Currently, the committee is contacting elementary school principals to ask their cooperation in distributing the *Voters' Guide* to students at each of the schools so that they may be delivered to parents.

—Kathy Schmidt, Education Co-Chair

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 10:00 a.m., LWVDC

### **International Relations**

**October is U.N. Month:** The U.N. will celebrate its 53rd birthday on October 24; accordingly, the I.R. Committee has plans for many ways to observe the event. All Committee activities are open; we welcome guests.

**October 14: Human Rights.** First on our program is an open Committee meeting, Wednesday October 14, when we will recognize the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed by the U.N. General Assembly fifty years ago this December. Our first speaker will be Margaret Galey, formerly a member of the House Foreign Relations Committee, whose recent article on the role of Congress in implementing the Universal Declaration was published by the American Political Science Association in its journal. We will also hear from Joseph Mettimano, Assistant Director for Public Policy and Advocacy at the U.S. Committee for UNICEF and Chair of the Washington Working Group on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Also invited is a representative from Human Rights Watch who is working on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, also known as CEDAW. We will meet at the Sumner School, 17th and M Streets, NW, from noon until 2:00 p.m. Bring a sandwich and a clear beverage.

**October 23: Third Worldwide Vigil for the U.N.** The D.C. League will be represented by a delegation headed by President Luci Murphy at the third annual vigil for the U.N. The purpose of the event is to call the attention of our lawmakers to the U.N.'s financial crisis, due in large part to the longstanding failure of the U.S. to pay its assessment in full and on time. The candlelight vigil will take place on the eve of U.N. Global Community Day. All are invited to join our

delegation!

**October 24: U.N. Global Community Day.** The U.N.'s birthday the following day, Saturday, October 24, is the occasion for the annual U.N. Global Community Day, to be held at American University. Following the diplomatic community's flag ceremony, addresses and seminars will focus on Human Rights. Sponsored by the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area, the event is co-sponsored by the D.C. League of Women Voters Education Fund, thanks to your contributions. See the enclosed flyer for details about the vigil and Global Community Day.

**November and December Units to Discuss Human Rights:** Unit Meetings planned for November and December will give the Committee the opportunity to discuss with members what the U.N. is doing in the field of human rights, a U.N. topic that we have not addressed for some years. As you can see, we will have ample material to share with you. Given the enormous breadth of the field, we have decided to concentrate on three Human Rights treaties, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, and the proposed International Criminal Court. We will also update the Units on the status of our outstanding arrears owed the U.N., as well as the status of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, linked to perhaps the most basic human right of all, the right to peace. Call me, 202/966-1692, for further information about any of the planned activities.

—Sheila Keeny, chair

NEXT I.R. MEETING: October 14, noon,  
SUMNER SCHOOL, 17 & M Streets, NW

### **Making Our Votes Count Post-Primary Challenges**

Education, the issue voters care most about, was a major focus of the primary campaigns for the District's Mayor and Councilmembers. Our short term challenge is to focus this welcome concern about education on the general election races for School Board. The MAKING OUR VOTES COUNT coalition is working with the League's Education and Voter Service Committees on a School Board Voter's Guide.

Our intermediate term challenge is to monitor the formation of the new Mayor's executive team—cabinet and subcabinet officials as well as appointments to key boards and commissions. Whether our new Mayor can make his or her vision a reality will depend to a great extent on the effectiveness of the executive team.

Our continuing, long-term and very daunting challenge is citizen and voter participation. (cont. p.4)

### **Making Our Votes Count, cont.**

Meeting this challenge will require the kind of strategies, goals, objectives and timetables we've begun to insist that our elected officials provide. And it will require resources. In the short-run, League members can make sure that their yard, window, or door has a sign urging people to vote on November 3. These signs are available in the League office. Thanks to Washington Gas for duplicating them and to PEPCO for duplicating the signs urging people to vote in the primary. --Elinor Hart, chair

Making Our Votes Count, D.C. Affairs, and Education committees host Units this month. See p.2.

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## **Freedom Charter or Straightjacket?**

### **Annual Luncheon Features Straight Talk about a Fundamental Injustice**

Over 80 members and friends who attended the annual fall luncheon Thursday, September 17 at the Channel Inn were treated to an exciting presentation of the legal grounds supporting D. C. citizens' claim to voting representation in the U.S. Congress by Jamin Raskin, American University professor of law. He reported that the law suit, styled Clifford Alexander v. William Daly, filed September 14 in the U.S. District Court, challenges the Congress and the courts to right this wrong.

Those present enjoyed the view of the Potomac and its boats, and the tasty luncheon that was served. Background guitar music was provided by Richard Miller, a doctoral student at Catholic University. Luci Murphy, President, presided and introduced guest Marcus Raskin, father of the speaker and himself the co-founder of the Institute for Policy Studies.

Board member "Reggie" Yancey presented LWVUS and LWVDC certificates to Joan Ronder Domike as an Honorary Life Member, having been a member continuously for 50 years.

Thanks go to Betty Nyangoni, chair of the event, and her committee, including Gladys Weaver and Joan Domike.

--Joan Domike

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## **LWV/The National Capital Area**

President: Naomi Glass, 202/686-0124. Editor: Gloria Harvey, 301/530-7379.

### **From the President:**

In anticipation of the Fall elections, Voters Service activities are high on all League agendas, including NCA's. Super Saturday, long a regional League voter registration drive, will be held again this year at area Giant stores on October 3. Voters Service Chair Katy Cannady (703/428-0584) reports that with the advent of "Motor Voter" legislation, many Leagues consider that getting out the vote should take priority over registering voters; she plans to poll members to discover what they are doing to that end.

An exciting development in the Voters Service arena: Channel 4 has approached NCA to explore ways in which we can cooperate to better serve the voting public. Although nothing definite has been determined at the time of this writing, possibilities include placing local Leagues' voters guides on Channel 4's web site and announcing Leagues' candidates meetings via public service announcements. Public Relations Chair Ginny De Simone (703/528-2162) has spent many

hours identifying and contacting those leagues in Channel 4's listening area which are not in the NCA region, an effort which extended to distant Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Ginny, NCA Board members and local League members who have been involved are enthusiastic and hopeful that this could be the beginning of a truly fruitful enterprise.

This NCA Board believes that enhanced interleague communication is one of its vital functions. Thus, Interleague Coordination Chair, Mary Elizabeth Gordon (703/280-5186) is planning a brown bag lunch "talk out" on membership to be held at noon on Friday, November 20. Declining membership is a concern shared by Leagues throughout the country. A special emphasis suggested was how to appeal to working leaguers. At least one more "talk out" will be held in the spring; the subject has not yet been determined.

--Naomi Glass, President, 202/686-0124

### **Dates to Remember**

10/2/98, 10:00 am	NCA Board Meeting	LWVUS offices
10/3/98	Super Saturday Registration	Various Giant locations
10/9/98	Local League Presidents' Brunch	
10/15/98 noon	Water Resources Committee	LWVUS offices
10/20/98 noon	Membership "Talk Out"	LWVUS offices

Is there a Constitutional Right to Vote and Be Represented?  
**The Case of the District of Columbia**

Friday, October 2, 1998

9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

American University, Washington College of Law

Speakers include:

Linda Cropp, D.C. Council; Mark Plotkin, WAMU  
the Honorable Judge Stephen Markman and the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Howard Gillette, Jr., American Civilization at George Washington University  
Professor Thomas Sargentich, American University Program on Law and Government  
and Dean Claudio Grossman, Washington College of Law

Call Program on Law and Government, 202/274-4268 or, American University Law Review, 202/274-4437

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Join the D.C. Delegation to the Third Worldwide Vigil for the U.N., October 23

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*United Nations Association of the National Capital Area*  
and co-sponsors, including the D.C. League of Women Voters,  
present

**Global Community Day**

Saturday, October 24, 1998

American University Campus

Please see I.R. Committee notes, President's Corner, and enclosed flyer for more information.

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**To Join the League of Women Voters** Please return this form, together with dues (check payable to D.C. League of Women Voters), to: LWVDC, 1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

I am a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or over, and want to join The League of Women Voters.

\$40 for annual individual membership.

\$20 for student membership.

\$60 for household (two+ members/one address).

I voluntarily set my dues at \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make dues checks payable to D.C. League of Women Voters. Because we lobby at the local, regional, and national levels, membership dues and other contributions to the League of Women Voters are not tax-deductible. Tax deductible contributions (apart from dues) may be made to the League of Women Voters Education Fund; these funds are used for *FACTS and ISSUES* publications and other non-lobbying education projects.

**President's Corner, (cont. from p.1)**

petition to Congress which was ignored, 57 D.C. residents (including eight Leaguers) filed a suit and hosted a press conference September 14 demanding citizenship rights for U.S. citizens living in Washington. Later on September 17, Professor Raskin spoke to our opening luncheon. He uplifted the spirits of 80 attendees by describing how succeeding court decisions interpreting the U.S. Constitution have been moving to provide support for this suit. To follow up on October 2, AU will host an all-day seminar on the D.C. Case. For more information, call the school at 202/274-4268. Many thanks to the luncheon committee chaired by Betty Nyangoni for a great event. The last hurrah goes to the Rhumba Cafe's Friday night guitarist, Richard Miller, who donated his wonderful Brazilian music to our opening luncheon.

**MEMBER NEWS**

**Welcome new members:** Carl Andersen, Marjorie Belcher, Marlene Berlin, Jane Blair, Edward Brynn, William Cousins, Will Craven, Barbara Elkus, Laura Faer, Margaret Feldman, Norman Frumkin, Joseph Gastwirth, Ruth Gramlich, Grace Hart, Janey Hart, Walter Jacobson, Hugh Jenkins, Leonard Lapidus, Susan Learmonth, Frances Lesser, Peter Levine, James Margolis, Norma Melendez, Lela Moore, Joan O'Dell, Lee Park, Marian Pettibone, Annette Posen, Heidi Robinson, Virginia Sandifer, Martha Shannon, Alyson E. Steele, Flora Stetson, Margaret Stewart, Steve Waters, Virginia Watkin, Luella Wells, Walter Wells, Frances Wilkinson.

**Thanks to the following members for donations to the LWVDC:** Joan Domike, Jean Fleming, Fran Garro, Jehu Hunter, Marcellina Jackson, Edith Lesser, Mary Rodgers.

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## Your 1998 D.C. Government Guide and Calendar

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### I. REGISTRATION & VOTING INFORMATION

Board of Elections and Ethics ■ Room 250 441 Fourth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 ■ 727-2525

#### QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS

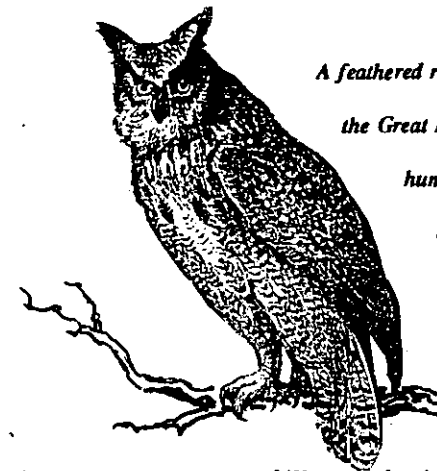
1. Citizen of the United States
2. 18 years old on or before the next election
3. D.C. resident 30 days prior to election
4. Not incarcerated for conviction of a felony
5. Not adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of law

**REGISTERING TO VOTE** - D.C. residents may apply for voter registration by mail or when obtaining a driver's permit. A Mail Registration Application (MRA) may be obtained from the Board of Elections and Ethics (BOEE) or from any public library, fire house or police station. Registration closes 30 days before each election and re-opens the day after the election. After registration the BOEE will mail the registrant a Voter Registration Card giving the registrant's ward, ANC, single-member district, voting precinct, and voting location.

**CHANGE OF REGISTRATION** - A registrant must notify the BOEE in writing over his or her signature of any change in name, address or party. The law requires that the registrant notify BOEE of name and address changes within 30 days of the changes. All record changes must be made not later than 30 days before an election to be effective for that election.

**PARTY AFFILIATION** - Voters may choose to register with a political party affiliation or as independent. Under the District's "closed primary" system, voters registered with one of the four political parties qualified to conduct a primary (Democratic, Republican, D.C. Statehood and Umoja) may vote in that party's primary election. Independents and voters affiliated with a minor party may vote only in general and special elections and on initiative and referendum measures. A change in party affiliation can be made by indicating the change on the back of the voter card and sending it to the BOEE or by writing a letter indicating the change, with name, address, date of birth and signature at least 30 days before an election.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** - Registered voters may vote by absentee ballot if they



*A feathered resident of D.C. -  
the Great Horned Owl, a  
hunter of the night,  
can occasionally  
be found in the  
city's trees.*

cannot get to the polls in person for reasons of illness, physical disability or absence from the District. A written request for an absentee ballot must be received by the BOEE no later than seven days before the election, and the completed ballot may be cast in person at the BOEE beginning 15 days before the election from 8:30 AM to 4:45 PM Monday through Saturday, ending the day before the election. In certain emergency cases, an "emergency absentee ballot" is available. Call 727-2525 (BOEE) for details.

**ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED** - Most voting locations are accessible to these voters. However, where the polling place presents a problem, the voter may request assignment to an alternate site or opt for curbside voting, handicapped parking, wheelchair-accessible booths and large-print election materials.

**BECOMING A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE** - Candidates must file petitions with the BOEE. Primaries are held by Democratic, Republican, Statehood and Umoja parties for Mayor, D.C. Council and federal elections. Candidates running for Congress, Mayor or D.C. Council at-large seats must collect signatures of 2,000 voters registered in the candidate's party or from one percent of all voters registered in that party (whichever is less). Candidates running for ward seats on the Council must collect signatures of 250 voters or from one percent of voters within the ward who are registered in the candidate's party (whichever is less). In general elections, independent or minor-party candidates running for Congress, Mayor or for one of the at-large seats on the Council must collect the signatures of 3,000 or 1.5 percent (whichever is less) of the registered voters in the District of Columbia. Independent or minor-party candidates running for a ward seat must collect 500 signatures of the registered voters in that ward. At-large candidates running for election to the non-partisan Board of Education must collect the signatures of 1,000 registered D.C. voters; a candidate for a ward seat must collect the signatures of 200 registered voters in that ward. The BOEE provides detailed information on: candidate qualifications; ballot access; requirements for filing nominating petitions of candidacy; and a calendar of elections. Information on campaign finance filing is available from the BOEE Office of Campaign Financing at 939-8710.



**II. GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - BACKGROUND**

After decades of detailed governance at the federal level, in December 1973 the District of Columbia gained limited home rule through passage by Congress of the D.C. Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act (the D.C. Home Rule Act), which included the Home Rule Charter. Under the Home Rule Act, a locally elected Mayor and 13-member Council began their first term in office on January 1, 1975. They and the pre-existing Board of Education are chosen in even-year general elections to serve four-year terms (staggered terms for Council and Board of Education members). Subsequently, in April 1995, Congress passed legislation creating the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority (the Control Board) and granting to it broad budgetary control over the District. The Control Board will exist until such time as the District has produced a balanced budget for four consecutive years. In August 1997 Congress assigned additional responsibilities to the Control Board, transferring to it from the Executive Branch of the D.C. Government the management of nine departments and of four "cross-cutting functions" (finances; information resources management; personnel; procurement). To implement the management reform program required by the "Revitalization Act of 1997," the Control Board in January 1998 appointed a Chief Management Officer to a five-year term.

**III. THE MAYOR**

Marion Barry, Jr. ■ 441 Fourth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001  
727-2980 ■ Term ends 1998.

**IV. CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

Dr. Camille Barnett ■ 441 Fourth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001  
727-3432 ■ Term ends 2002.

**V. COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

441 Fourth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 ■ 724-8000

From mid-September through mid-July the Council meets in legislative session on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chamber, ground floor, 441 Fourth Street, NW. The Committee of the Whole meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. Much of the Council work is done in special committees or in standing committees established at the first meeting, in January, of each Council period. Meetings and hearings, open to the public, are televised live on Channel 13. Calendar of the Week - 24-hour update 724-8554.

	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Linda W. Cropp, Chairman (D)	At-Large	724-8032	1998
Hilda H. M. Mason (Std.)	At-Large	724-8064	1998
Harold Brazil (D)	At-Large	724-8174	2000
Carol Schwartz (R)	At-Large	724-8105	2000
David A. Catania (R)	At-Large	724-7772	1998
Frank Smith, Jr. (D)	1	724-8179	1998
Jack Evans (D)	2	724-8058	2000
Kathleen Patterson (D)	3	724-8062	1998
Charleen Drew Jarvis (D)	4	724-8052	2000
Harry Thomas, Sr. (D)	5	724-8028	1998
Sharon Ambrose (D)	6	724-8072	1998
Kevin P. Chavous (D)	7	724-8068	2000
Sandra (Sandy) Allen (D)	8	724-8045	2000
Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council Legislative Services		724-8080 724-8050	

**VI. PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

415 - 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent 724-4222  
Board of Education 724-4289  
Schools - General Information 724-4044

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Wilma R. Harvey, President	1	724-5460	2000
Sandra Butler-Truesdale, V.Pres.	4	724-5453	1998
Robert Childs	At-Large	724-5456	2000
Tonya Vidal Kinlow	At-Large	724-5457	2000
Jay Silberman	At-Large	724-5452	1998
Ann Wilcox	2	724-5459	1998
Don Reeves	3	724-5450	2000
Angie King Corley	5	724-5451	2000
Benjamin Bonham	6	724-5449	2000
Terry Hairston	7	724-5447	1998
Linda Moody	8	724-5461	1998
Henry Moronta	Student	724-4289	1999

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Elections 1998

Primary Election - September 15  
General Election - November 3

## VII. ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS (Non-partisan)

Thirty-seven ANCs with 299 elected commissioners, each functioning independently in its own neighborhood, provide a line of communication between residents and the D.C. Government on matters such as streets, zoning, licenses, social services, safety, sanitation, recreation and education. For information about your ANC Commissioner or to purchase a map of ANC district boundaries, call the BOEE 727-2525. Candidates in ANC elections must collect signatures of 25 registered voters living within the relevant ANC district. Nominating petitions and election calendars are available from BOEE.

## VIII. THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE U.S. CONGRESS

The D.C. Delegate to the House of Representatives has no vote in the House -- either on the floor or in committee.

**Delegate to the House of Representatives: Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)** Two-year term. Term expires 1998.  
Room 1424, Longworth Building ■ Washington, DC 20515 ■ 225-8050.

### HOUSE COMMITTEES

DC Subcommittee of Government Reform and Oversight Committee ■ 225-6751

Chairman: Thomas M. Davis, III (R,VA)

DC Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee ■ 225-5338

Chairman: Charles H. Taylor (R,NC)

### SENATE COMMITTEES

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia ■ 224-3682

Chairman: Sam Brownback (R,KS)

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the District of Columbia ■ 224-1526

Chairman: Lauch Faircloth (R,NC)

The District also elects two "shadow" Senators to six-year terms and one "shadow" Representative to a two-year term. Their offices are at 441 Fourth street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Senator Florence Pendleton (D)	347-1404	2000
Senator Paul Strauss (D)	393-0635	2002
Representative Sabrina Sojourner (D)	393-0635	1998

## IX. D.C. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (Control Board)

Suite 900 One Thomas Circle NW ■ Washington, DC 20005 ■ 504-3400

The five members of the Control Board are appointed by the President to serve three-year terms. The first term ended June 1, 1998; a new Board has not yet been fully formed. Present members are:

Andrew Brimmer, Chairman	(90-day interim appointment)
Stephen Harlan, Vice Chairman	(90-day interim appointment)
Constance Newman	reappointed
Alice Rivlin	appointed June 1998

## SERVICE DIRECTORY

DC City Services - Information	727-1000	Elections, Board of	727-2525	Trash, bulk removal	727-4600	Greater Southeast Community	574-6000
After-hours	727-6161	Employment	724-7000	Trees, Public	939-8000	Emergency Room	574-6541
Crime Reports	727-1010	Fire Prevention	673-3250	Unemployment Compensation	724-7263	Hadley Memorial Hospital	574-5700
<u>Emergency</u>		Handicapped, Information	673-6866	Vocational Rehabilitation	673-7423	Howard University Hospital	865-6100
Ambulance/Fire/Police	911	Home Improvement	727-7070	Water/Sewer Bills	727-5240	Emergency Room	865-1141
AIDS/HIV - Hotline	1-800-342-AIDS	Housing, Public and Assisted	535-1510	Wills/Probate	879-4800	Providence Hospital	269-7000
Alcohol/Drugs	727-9280	Housing, Code Violations	727-7673	Women's Commission	939-8083	Emergency Room	269-7910
Adult Crisis	673-9300	Human Services	279-6000	<u>Health</u>		Sibley Memorial Hospital	537-4000
Child Protection - Hotline	727-0995	Human Rights	724-1385	AIDS/HIV	727-2437	Emergency Room	537-4080
Domestic Violence	529-5991	Income Tax Assistance (D.C.)	727-6103	Air Quality	645-6093	Washington Hospital Center	877-7000
Mental Health - Hotline	561-7000	Latino Affairs	939-8765	Social Services (Child/family)	724-2023	Emergency Room	877-5515
Poison Control Center	625-3333	Library, Central	727-1111	Alcohol/Drug Prevention	727-0713	Walter Reed Medical Center	782-3501
Rape Crisis Center	333-7273	Marriage License	879-4840	Medicaid Information	724-5153	Emergency Room	782-1199
Suicide Prevention	561-7000	Mayor's Office	727-2980	Medicare/Social Security	1-800-772-1213	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Water/Sewer	673-6600	Motor Vehicle Bureau	727-6680	Planned Parenthood	347-8500	Arena Stage	488-3300
<u>Services</u>		Parking Signs	541-6060	Red Cross	737-8300	Bethune Museum	332-1233
Abandoned Autos	645-6000	Police (non-emergency)	727-1010	VD Hotline	VD2-7000	Capital Children's Museum	675-4120
Adult Education	576-6451	Pothole Repair	939-8000	Visiting Nurse Ass'n	686-2862	D.C. Recreation Department	673-7660
Aging, Programs for	727-5622	Public Defender	628-1200	Washington Free Clinic	667-1106	Dial-A Museum (Smithsonians)	357-2020
Animals, Dead	727-4482	Public Service Commission	626-5100	<u>Hospitals</u>		Smithsonians/Spanish	633-9126
Animal Rescue	576-6664	(Utility rates/Complaints)		Children's National		Glen Echo Park	301-492-6229
Birth Certificates	645-5962	Recycling Information	727-5856	Medical Center	884-5000	Kennedy Center	467-4600
Birth Control Information	727-0525	School System	724-4044	Emergency Room	884-5203	Legal Aid Society	628-1161
Cars, Booted/Towed	727-5000	Sewer Complaints	727-5850	Columbia Hospital for Women	293-6500	MCI Center	628-3200
Car Registration	727-6680	Snow Removal	727-4460	D.C. General	675-5000	METRO (bus/subway)	637-7000
Consumer Affairs	727-7170	Street Cleaning	727-4460	Emergency Room	675-7888	National Arboretum	475-7000
Cooperative Extension Service	576-6950	Street Light Repair	939-7100	George Washington		National Theatre	628-6161
Council (D.C.)	724-8000	(after 4:30 p.m.)	727-6161	University Hospital	994-1000	Tickets	1-800-233-3123
Court (Superior)	879-1010	Street Repairs	645-7056	Emergency Room	994-3211	National Zoo	673-4800
Day Care	727-5954	Taxes, Assessments	727-6460	Georgetown University Hospital	687-2000	Oxon Hill Children's Farm	301-839-1783
Divorce, To File	682-2700	Taxes, Customer Service Info.	727-6441	Emergency Room	784-3111	Rock Creek Nature Center	426-6829
Driver's Permit	727-6693	Traffic Signals, malfunctioning	727-8087			White House (comments)	456-1111
		Traffic Signs	939-8092			Wolf Trap Farm Park	703-218-6500
		Trash, residential	727-4482				

### The League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920, when women won the right to vote. Any United States citizen of voting age, male or female, who accepts the purpose of the League may become a member of a local League. The League's education and advocacy program includes issues chosen by the membership for study, consensus and action. The current top priority for the D.C. League is to obtain full voting representation in Congress for U.S. citizens residing in the nation's capital. On a broader level the D.C. League joins with ten other area Leagues

to work on regional issues, including transportation, water quality, land use and illegal drugs. The Education Fund of the D.C. League provides educational material and services - especially to encourage informed voting. It contributes to the publication of a newsletter, THE DC VOTER, and to FACTS AND ISSUES, highlighting topics of current interest and concern. (Contributions to the Education Fund are tax deductible.) For additional copies of the D.C. WISE GUIDE or, to join the League of Women Voters, call (202)347-3020.

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The League of Women Voters of the United States ■ 1730 M Street NW ■ Washington, DC 20036 ■ (202) 429-1965



United Nations Association /National Capital Area (202) 785-2640

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# *The U. N. Vision*

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## **Third Candlelight Vigil for the United Nations**

**You are invited to join some 300 people for the Third Candlelight Vigil for the United Nations.**

**The event will take place on Friday, October 23d, on the eve of UN Day, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. in front of the White House.**

**The Worldwide Candlelight Vigil is becoming an annual event as the UN's financial crisis continues.**

**The event is co-sponsored by many organizations concerned about the future of the United Nations.**

**We will meet at Lafayette Park beginning at 5:45 to pick up our candles and gather behind the speakers.**

Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
1948-1998




# United Nations GLOBAL COMMUNITY DAY

**Unfinished Business:  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 50;  
Birth of an International Criminal Court**

**Saturday, 24 October 1998  
9:30 a.m-1:30 p.m.**

**Mooers-Morella Ceremonial Court Room (room 603)  
Washington Law School of American University  
4801 Mass. Ave. NW (@48th St.)**

Tenleytown Metro Stop - Buses to main AU Campus, transfer to Law School.  
Cars will be available to transport participants from Metro to Law School at 9:15 a.m.  
Underground parking available on site or park at either Mass. Ave. & Fordham Road (behind  
Crate & Barrel), at 49th Street and Mass. Ave. or uma Street and Mass. Ave.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL UNA-NCA (202) 785-2640.

**Provisional Program**

- 9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks - origins of UDHR  
Parade of Flags of the 48 states that voted in favor of the UDHR in 1948  
*Baha'i Chorale* - musical performance
- 10:00 a.m. **Keynote speaker**  
*Eleanor Holmes-Norton*, DC Delegate to US House of Representatives (invited)
- 10:45 a.m. **Panel: Eyewitness Accounts: Human Rights In Practice**  
*Hafsat Abiola*, on Human Rights in Nigeria  
*Sapna Chhatpar*, on Human Rights in Burma  
*Sister Dianna Ortiz*, on Human Rights in Guatemala (invited)
- 11:30 a.m. *Jason Hawkins*, Former President, YPL, Report from Rome on ICC
- 11:40 a.m. **The Great Debate**  
(Topic: There should be established an International Criminal Court which is independent of the UN Security Council)
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch** (Box lunch - indicate below preference and quantity and send a check (\$5 each) to UNA-NCA at the address below)  
Performance by *Anansegromma* (West African folk tellers performing stories with UDHR themes)
- 1:20 p.m. Closing Remarks



**BOX LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR \$5 EACH. COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS SECTION WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO  
UNA-NCA TO: UNA-NCA, 1319 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036**

NAME(S):  TEL.:

Mark preference by indicating quantity :

TURKEY       TUNA FISH       VEGETARIAN       HAM AND CHEESE

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$  (\$5 ea.) FOR  LUNCHES.