FOJG meetings (below) -- with outstanding speakers -- are free and open to the public!

October 10, 2017
7:00 Science Museum of Virginia

"What We Can Learn from Germany's Transition to Renewable Energy"

Nora Löhle is Program Director of Energy and Environment at Heinrich Böll Stiftung, a German think-tank which fosters renewable energy on both sides of the Atlantic. Nora will describe the German Energy Transition ("Energiewende") which pushed Germany towards renewables and also created an energy democracy for citizens to take part in the transformation process. She will challenge us to consider similar programs that might be adopted in the U.S.

November 14, 2017
"Let's Talk Politics"

Harrison Wallace, Policy Coordinator for the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, describes his presentation:

"We will start with an overview of CCAN's overall mission and our history in Virginia. Then we'll talk about the outcome of the election and its effect on climate policy in Virginia over the next couple of years. Finally, we'll dive deeper into one of Virginia's most progressive clean energy decisions of this decade: Executive Directive 11, which will eventually place a cap on our carbon emissions from power plants. We'll discuss the policy and how grassroots action can help us make the cap as strong and just as possible."

January 9, 2018
7:00 Science Museum of Virginia

"Can We Support Renewable Energy Credits?"

William L. “Bill” Murray, Vice President of State & Electric Public Policy at Dominion Energy will explain renewable energy credits as offered by Dominion Energy and other entities.

JOIN THE GROUP:

Recreational Bike Ride on the VA Capital Trail
Saturday, October 7. 10:00 am

Depart Charles City Grill (adjacent to the Capital Trail) at 10:00 am. Ride Capital Trail for about 90 minutes. Group lunch at Charles City Grill. Contact Andrew Peacock at ShavonAndrew@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE:

FOJG Holiday Dinner
Tuesday, Dec.12, 7:30
at Lewis Genter Botanical Garden

$39 includes dinner, taxes, gratuity and a ticket to the Festival of Lights
For reservations, write check to "FOJG Sierra Club"
CALL FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO SERVE ON 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

All members of the Falls of the James Group of the Sierra Club are invited to consider running for a place on our nine-member Executive Committee. Four spaces need to be filled by January 2018. Elections will be held this coming December.

We seek dedicated persons as nominees who can meet the first Wednesday evening (6:30-8:30 p.m.) of each month to plan the direction and set policy and priorities for the Group.

We ask that anyone interested please join us this fall at one of our Executive Committee meetings at 6:30 pm on October 4 or November 1 at the Virginia State Chapter’s office downtown, so that you can see what we are about.
For more information, contact Adele MacLean, at am7m@virginia.edu.

VOTE WISELY -- VOTE GREEN
VOTE NOV. 7
Deadline to register: October 16

Would you like a website with ratings and info on the Virginia candidates whose votes consistently support environmental ideals? There is one! Just click on http://www.votegreenva.com/endorsements

To effectively use this website, you will need to know your House of Delegates district number--available at http://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/.
Note that there are no state senators on the ballot this year, but each of the 100 House of Delegates seats are up for election, as well as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General.

If you’re interested in helping with the Richmond-area campaigns of Schuyler VanValkenberg (72nd house district) or Dr. Dawn Adams (68th house district) or with canvassing in general, contact Virginia Sierra Club staffer Amy Pieti (amypieti@gmail.com, 540-847-9725) or Will Sullivan (william.sullivan@sierraclub.org, 386-972-5517.

2017 October Schedule in Brief

For events scheduled by VA Sierra Club and other local groups, click on the Calendar at http://www.sierraclub.org/virginia.

Oct. 4 - Letter to the Editor Writing Workshop, 22 E Franklin St, Ste 302, 11:45-12:45. More info on FOJG calendar.

Oct. 7 - Recreational Bike Ride on Capital Trail, 10:00 (see above).

Oct. 10 - FOJG Meeting (above) "What We Can Learn from Germany's Transition to Renewable Energy," Nora Lohle, speaker. 7:00.

Oct. 10 - DC to Richmond Rail Hearings, 6:00 in Richmond / Oct. 11, 6:00 in Ashland. See chapter calendar for details. Visit http://dc2rvarail.com/ to comment on draft environmental impact statement.


Oct. 21 - Faith, Politics and Environmental Racism Forum. 10:00. VA Union University, More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/295304560951142.

Nov. 7 - Election Day. See you at the polls!

Get involved! Click HERE to learn more about the programs and activities of the Sierra Club's Falls of the James Group.
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FOJG Committee Structure

- **Communications Committee** comprises Enews, Website, Publicity and Social Media.
- **Conservation & Advocacy Committee** comprises Conservation, Legislative/Political, Pollinators, Bike/Ped. Meets 4th Wed. each month.
- **Membership Engagement Committee** comprises Membership, Programs, Outings, and Fundraising. Meets last Thursday of each month.

New members welcome. Interested? Contact Gil Sigmon, gill.sigmon1@gmail.com

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