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Fluvanna Taxpayers Association Announces New Chair

January 13, 2009 – Faith Stuart will serve as interim chair of the Fluvanna Taxpayers Association until June 30. She fills the vacancy created by the sudden death of FTA founder and chairman Lee True in December.

Stuart joined FTA soon after its inception, serving on the organization's Steering Committee and as recording secretary. Outside of FTA, she helps run the county's Leadership Development Program.

"Lee cared about this county and so do I," said Stuart. "Going forward, we need to focus on how much taxpayer money is going where and why. The FTA is about informing the taxpayers and giving them a voice."

Over the next few months, FTA's six-member Steering Committee will determine procedures for selecting a permanent chair for a term to be established. "As Lee would have wanted, we are moving the organization forward and continuing his legacy," said Norma Hutner, FTA communications and membership director.

In addition to Hutner, other members of the Steering Committee will continue in their current roles: Elizabeth Franklin, public relations/editorial, strategy/research and planning committee director; Dave Hordyke, director at large and education committee liaison; Doug Johnson, director at large; and Leroy McCampbell, treasurer and director of organization and planning.

The *Fluvanna Review* listed the formation and growing influence of the 144-member Taxpayers Association among its top 10 government stories of 2008. "Since founding FTA last spring, Lee worked passionately as a champion for Fluvanna taxpayers," said Franklin. "It is testimony to Lee's impact that the Board of Supervisors held a moment of silence in his honor and that the Planning Commission chair publicly saluted his civic activism and extended condolences at the commission's December meeting. He set a great example of citizen involvement for all of us."

For more information about the Fluvanna Taxpayers Association, go to www.fluvannataxpayers.org.

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