



BULLETIN

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

AUGUST MEETING

Come join your fellow LWVHC members for our Membership Orientation & Social in recognition of Women's Equality Day Sunday, August 28, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce downtown.

Let's get together for some lively conversation over wine and hors d'oeuvres!

RSVP to Rose Stone at 329-3940 or Rose_stone@juno.com Please let her know whether you will bring a hot or cold hors d'oeuvre or a dessert to share.



Stay in touch: www.lwvhcnc.org

From the President

With a 45 year history on which to build, I am honored to serve as your new president of League. Our members, both men and women, come from across Henderson County. From Fletcher to Flat Rock we advocate open and transparent government through our Observer Corps. The League believes that democratic government depends upon the information and active participation of its citizens.

Building on this principle, we anticipate a year that will inform our community through programs and projects that range from Redistricting and Voters Rights to examining the issues of our mountain community. Our volunteers will continue to speak out at public hearings to advocate our positions. In today's world of angry partisan politics, the League stands out for its policy of nonpartisan participation in the democratic process.

As you read through this issue, find the area or the event that you want to be part of. I look forward to building the League with you in the coming year.

Judy Katz

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Our Appreciation to Nancy!!

Thanks for serving two terms as our president. We are grateful for your efforts to keep the League at work in our community.

New and out going board members met in June to set goals and plan for the coming year. Marion Huffman and Lee Luebbe led the board through the planning process. They emphasized working together and sharing responsibilities.

Members heard reports on activities from committee chairs on the work of the past year and new ideas for the new year.

It was also a time to review national, state and local positions as members talked about scheduling the calendar for the new year. The board worked to create a calendar that would interest all members. They considered meeting time, building coalitions, and ideas to keep members informed and educated.



All attendees agreed, members are the heart of our organization. It's important to listen to ideas and help members find excitement and learning in the League process.



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Meeting Information

All regular meetings of our League will be held at the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce meeting room at the corner of Kanuga and Church Streets. All General Meetings will be from 3-5 PM. Please respect the parking slots designated for other offices. Additional parking is available across Church Street.

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Look for Consensus on Education, Part of our National Study. See page 3 of this bulletin

LWVHC Calendar 2011-2012

August

28 Sunday, 3-5 PM Membership Gathering

September

2, 3, 4 Apple Festival

8 Observer Corps

15 General Meeting - Voter Protection

16 New Citizen Swearing in Ceremony

October

13 Observer Corps

20 General Meeting - Education Forum

TBA Candidate Forum

November

10 Observer Corps

17 General Meeting - Agribusiness Forum

TBA Smart Talk

December

4 Holiday Party

9 Breakfast with Elected Officials

January

19 General Meeting - Program Planning/Positions

February

16 General Meeting - Diversity Forum

March

6 Observer Corps

16 General Meeting - Women's History Program

April

12 Observer Corps

19 General Meeting - Earth Day Forum

TBA Candidate Forum

May

TBA Annual Meeting

Education Study

LWV – National Study: The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education

Our study group held an organizational meeting on July 14th at the Flat Rock Village Hall. We have divided into teams to facilitate our study in advance of an October consensus meeting with the general membership. Participants and the three main study areas are as follows:

1. History – Where Have We Been and How Did We Get Here? Where are We Now and the Impact Upon Early Childhood Education. Maureen Adams, Lee Luebbe, and Sharon Burlingame
2. Common Core Standards/ Assessments - Linda Miller and Marian Lowry
3. Equity and Funding (including Legislation and Funding for the Education of Children with Special Needs) - Natalie Zitnick, Marion Huffman, and Helen Wright

A national study offers the opportunity to learn, share, and educate others. It is not too late to join us! If interested, you can find details of the study at www.lwv.org under For Members > Projects and Programs > Taskforces and Studies > The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17 at the Flat Rock Village Hall (1 – 3 pm). Let us hear from you!

Helen Wright, Chair (696-3344)

Lee Luebbe, Mentor (694-3710)

APPLE FESTIVAL

Volunteers needed. Sept 2, 3, 4

Volunteer in two hour blocks

Email Carol Cleveland - ccle132@bellsouth.net



Lee Luebbe and Marion Huffman facilitating Board training

Getting the job done goes smoothly with the help of Off Board Leadership. These are members that the Board can call on for mentoring, support for continuing positions, and advice on anything from recipes to skilled facilitation. League works when we all work together.

Dues Notice:

\$50 per member; \$75 per household
Send dues to LWV P.O. Box 2283
Hendersonville, NC 28793

OBSERVER CORPS

There's lots to learn about our community - viewing local government at work is a great way to monitor what's going on. The Observer Corps will meet this year from 11:00-1:00 on the second Thursday of selected months. Mark your calendar for Sep. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Mar. 8, and April 12. Our first meeting will be at Daddy D's located in the Historic 7th Avenue District.

We meet to discuss issues that have come up in our observations. We have new members who want to observe with a mentor the several first time, or attend in pairs all year. We would like to challenge veteran LWV members to team up with an observer. Currently we need coverage of the City and County Planning Boards, Mills River meetings, and others. If you are interested, please join us on Sept. 8 to get started!

Please contact Linda Miller (692-1045) millerdh@bellsouth.net) or Sharon Burlingame (692-4012) burlingames@main.nc.us) for more information.

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Please Join League's Study Group Meeting
The Future of Henderson County Water
Resources
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 9:30 am at
Flat Rock Village Hall

Join with other League members to find answers to the following questions: Why did the Regional Water Authority fail? What is the future of our Henderson County water resources from the Mills River and French Broad River? The study group will also consider updating League's position.

The first of three meetings is Tuesday, Sept. 13, where members will discuss the League's Water Management Position and review current literature. The second meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 22 where members will review research reports and case history on the Regional Water Authority. The third meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 15 where members will reassess the question, "Is there a Water Policy?" and identify recommendations for updating League's position on this important subject. All meetings will be 9:30 am at Flat Rock Village Hall. For more info, contact Barbara Barnett at 694-3738.