



BULLETIN

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

SEPTEMBER MEETING

VOTING: RIGHTS AND WRONGS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Please join us for a free and informative panel discussion on see-saw redistricting and how it reshapes political power in our local, state and national elections.

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DEMOCRACY N.C.



Education Study

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

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To read more access the LWVUS website: www.lwv.org, click on Members Only. Find Projects and Programs.- click. Find Education Resource material listed on the right hand side.



The new state President of LWVNC, Jo Nicholas, attended our Women’s Equality Day celebration on August 28. Jo Nicholas spoke to attendees and highlighted some interesting facts about the low number of women in elective office. She challenged and encouraged more women to seek elective office, especially in the NC legislature.

Jo, a member of the Moore County League, has been in League for seven years. She has served as an elementary school teacher and administrator for more than thirty years, and was invited to be a researcher for the LWV-US study on the Federal Government’s Role in Education.

The gathering welcomed new members, shared historic events leading up to the ratification of the 19th Amendment, and applauded the enthusiasm and energy of League participants. New members had the opportunity to talk with committee chairs and to sign up for League activities.

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From the President

If our Women's Equality Celebration was an indication of the enthusiasm and spirit of generosity, we can all look forward to a great year for League. Under the guidance of Carol Ward and her Membership Team, the afternoon was filled with warmth, good food and drink. It was an opportunity to welcome new members and guests, salute the past and look to the future.

Jo Nicholas, the North Carolina State President, visited us from Moore County. We thank her for sharing our day and meeting with us.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you again at our September 15 meeting and again at the very special New Citizens Day at Sandburg National Park on September 16.

We've been busy - read all about the many chances to volunteer or just join us for the fun of it.

Judy Katz

SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to New Members – Teddi Segal, Glenda Benton, Brenda Jones, Sandra Miller, Barbara Updike, Sandra Kremer, Sarah Leatham, Julianne Johnson, Josh Bledsoe, Laverne Viola.

Some New Member Highlights

Sarah Teel Leatham – is originally from Columbia, Missouri. She is a graduate of Florida State University and moved to Hendersonville 22 years ago. Sarah is married to Erich Leatham, has two step-sons, Gavan & Ryan Leatham, as well as a seven-year-old son, Grant. Sarah enjoys traveling, hiking, eating great food, and studying genealogy. Marion Huffman introduced her to League and the important work it has accomplished. She is the Director of Advocacy and Communications for the Children and Family Resource Center. Contact Info: 1905 Little River Rd., Flat Rock 28731; phone – 697-2302; email – sarahl@childrenandfamily.org

Brenda Jones – moved to Saluda from Valparaiso, Indiana when she was 12 years old. She changed professions from cosmetology to mental health therapy and recently acquired ownership of Wellspring Counseling Service. Brenda earned a Bachelor of Social Work, a Master of Divinity, and a Master of Social Work-- all in mid life—congratulations! Brenda is married to Steve Jones, chaplain at Four Seasons Compassion for Life. They also co-pastor a church in Brevard. Brenda's interest in LWV comes from a long ago relationship with Polly Kremer who was a mentor to her. Brenda hopes her life will settle down so she can get more involved in the community. Contact Info: 445 Townsend Rd., Hendersonville 28792; phone – 674-9471; email – careofsouls@aol.com

Betsy Kirk – Betsy and her husband Carey moved to Fletcher, NC from Cedar Falls, Iowa in 2008. Her educational background and career choices have been diverse. With a B.A. in Fine Arts and an M.A. in Art History from Vanderbilt, Betsy added an M.S.W. from the University of Iowa. She taught a humanities survey at a small college in Illinois; she was the Director of Social Services in a retirement home, and most recently she was an outreach librarian for the elderly and disabled, her favorite of all. Betsy's life passions include reading, hiking and traveling. She admits she can never seem to get enough of all three! Betsy joined the League wanting to learn more about our community while contributing something to it. She was especially attracted to our Henderson League after attending the "Smart Talk" luncheons last spring. Contact Info: 34 South Wintergarden Rd., Fletcher 28732; phone – 687-1528; email – kbetsy2@aol.com

more to come next month!

LWVHC Calendar 2011-2012

September

- 2, 3, 4 Apple Festival
- 8 Observer Corps
- 15 General Mtg - Voting: Rights & Wrongs
- 16 New Citizen Swearing in Ceremony

October

- 13 Observer Corps
- 20 General Mtg - Education Consensus
- TBA Candidate Forum

November

- 17 General Mtg - Education Consensus Cont.

OBSERVER CORPS

Let's get started! 2011-2012 will be an interesting and rewarding year for the Observer Corps. We welcome any League member who wants to learn more about the inner workings of our community, make new friends, and watchfully serve to make sure the sun shines in on our county and city government boards. For those of you who live here part time, you can be paired with another Observer who also wants to observe part time. Observer Corps co-chairs Sharon Burlingame and Linda Miller are already serving in such an arrangement. **The first meeting this year will be Thursday, September 8 from 11:00 – 1:00 at Daddy D's Restaurant on Seventh Avenue** across from the Hendersonville Historic Train Station. We hope you will join us for our organizational meeting followed by good food and conversation.

Please contact Linda Miller (692-1045)
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Dues Notice:

\$50 per member; \$75 per household
Send dues to LWV P.O. Box 2238
Hendersonville, NC 28793



Stan, the treasurer, thanks Charlyne and Lee for getting their dues in on time



Immigration Presentation

Sept. 25, 10:20 to 11:10 AM,
St. James Episcopal Church, Trinity Room

Three business leaders present the need for immigrant labor and its impact on agricultural economics of Henderson County.

New Citizen Day

Carl Sandburg Amphitheater
Friday, September 16, 2011
10:00 am

For the second year in a row, the National Park System throughout the US will host Swearing In Ceremonies for New Citizens. Come celebrate with LWV members and assist new American citizens in registering to vote after the ceremony.

For more information contact
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Education Study

How did playing with dolls start the civil rights movement?

http://americanhistory.about.com/od/supremecourtcases/p/brown_v_board.htm

What do Sputnik and ESL classes have in common?

<http://www.k12academics.com/us-education-legislation/national-defense-education-act>

Can you connect the dots between Stonewall, Texas and WCCA (Western Carolina Community Action) Head Start?

<http://sparkaction.org/node/29906>

Education is primarily a State and local responsibility in the United States. It is states and communities, as well as public and private organizations of all kinds, that establish schools and colleges, develop curricula, and determine requirements for enrollment and graduation. The structure of education finance in America reflects this predominant state and local role.

Of an estimated \$1.13 trillion being spent nationwide on education at all levels for school year 2010-2011, a substantial majority will come from state, local, and private sources. This is especially true at the elementary and secondary level where about 89.2 percent of the funds will come from non-Federal sources; therefore the Federal contribution to elementary and secondary education is about 10.8 percent including funds not only from the Department of Education (ED), but also from other Federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services' Head Start program and the Department of Agriculture's School Lunch program.

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/fed/role.html>

The Senate approved ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) on April 11, 1965, without proposing a single additional amendment. In the two years following the passage of ESEA, the U.S. Office of Education's annual budget for some 27,000 school districts jumped from \$1.5 billion to \$4 billion marking the federal government's definitive entry into public education.

http://www.gse.harvard.edu/news_events/features/2005/08/esea0819.html

Learn more about the federal role in education. Investigate. Be prepared for the October Consensus Meeting.

Consensus Meeting dates: October 20 and November 17 -- Plan to attend both

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Members look over the informative display of the history of our fight for equality at the Women's Equality Day gathering..

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Meeting Information

All regular League meetings are held at the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce mtg room at the corner of Kanuga and Church Streets. All general mtgs are from 3-5 PPM. Please respect the parking slots designated for other offices. Additional parking is available across Church Street.