



# BULLETIN

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

## NOVEMBER MEETING

*November 17, 2011*

*Chamber of Commerce*

## THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

*2-3 PM Preview of Study Highlights*  
*3 -5 PM Consensus Mtg*

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### *From the President*

The League is a force to be reckoned with in Henderson County. In the last month our members conducted a Candidate Forum for City Council and had Observers at the County Commission and Board of Education meetings. We had a huge Public Forum on our national study "The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education and that same team is producing our League consensus meeting, where we'll answer the same questions that Leagues all over the country will be answering. Our voices will be heard! Our Immigration Study Committee is still making presentations across the state to share our knowledge with current information.

Before we know it, the Holidays will be here, so celebrate with us on Sunday, December 4, from 3-5 at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Watch for more news as we get closer. Our annual Breakfast with the Elected Officials will be on Friday, December 9 from 7:30-9 am at a new place this year - -The Golden Corral. There will be more food choices, more parking and more room for you and your friends to meet our local elected officials up close and personal.

Until then, we look forward to seeing you at the Education Consensus Meeting on November 17. That's where you become part of the force that is League of Women Voters.

*Judy Katz*

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## LWVHC Calendar 2011-2012

### November

- 10 Observer Corp.
- 17 General Mtg. - Education Consensus

### December

- 4 Holiday Party, 3-5 PM - Chamber Mtg Rm.
- 9 Breakfast with Elected Officials at Golden Corral, 7:30-9 AM

### January

- 19 General Mtg. - Planning for 2012

### February

- 16 General Mtg. - Diversity Forum

## Opportunity Knocking!

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to fill positions on our dynamic Board. If you are interested or know someone who would be a great asset, please email or call:

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## OBSERVER CORPS

Are you a Republican? Democrat? Independent? Become a better one by joining the LWV Observer Corps - get to know the decision makers, and develop a better understanding of the decisions made for our community. Help keep sun shining on the local government meetings.

Our next lunch-meeting will be at Daddy D's on 7th Avenue in the Gold Room on Thursday, November 10th from 11:00 to 1:00. Come and bring a friend.

Our next Sampler Board Meeting, where we visit a board as a group, will be the Henderson County School Board's Cafeteria Lunch and Tour Meeting at Clear Creek Elementary at noon on Wednesday, November 9th. Interested? Call Linda Miller at 697-1045 or Sharon Burlingame 692-4012.

At our last lunch meeting, new member Bill Wilkes volunteered to observe the County Commission meetings on Wednesdays. Thank you, Bill! Sharon Burlingame will be his mentor.

Linda Miller reported that school board meetings will finally be available for citizens to review on their computers by December. Having meetings aired on TV or available on the Web help citizens stay informed. The League has encouraged all boards in the county to put their meetings on TV or the Web.

Also, mark your calendars for the last two regular Observer Corps lunch-meetings on March 8th, and April 12th, both from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Contact Linda Miller at 697-1045 or Sharon Burlingame 692-4012 for more information

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## The Role of the federal Government in Public Education

### Are You Ready for Consensus?

If you attended our public forum on October 20th, good news--you are primed to participate!

Like to read and research on your own? Go to [lwv.org](http://lwv.org)>For Members>Projects and Programs>under Task Force and Studies>The Education Study "The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education".

Prefer to study the old fashioned way--sitting in your favorite chair? Contact a study group member for printed materials.

On the go and too busy to do anything right now? Look for a series of emails coming your way with selected consensus questions and details on what members are being asked to consider.

Absolutely not going to have any time prior to the 17th? Join us at the Chamber with a brown bag lunch one hour before the meeting to "feed and read". We'll have study materials on hand and the refreshment table set up.

Hope nobody notices you haven't read a thing? You are in luck! Our very own "leading ladies" Judy Katz and Linda Miller, are rehearsing skits for selected consensus questions to give you the pros and cons on the spot!

Marian Lowry, our esteemed Life Member (50 years +) and study group member says, "National studies are the essence of what League is all about!" This study, in particular, will impact almost everything else that League is concerned with as it affects our children, our nation, and our future. Our feedback will help shape League's national position so that we speak with one voice.

Expect this to be a lively consensus meeting with lots of participation and a bit of fun thrown in the mix! See you on the 17th!

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Members of the Education Consensus Study Committee work on the meeting presentation. Leaguers are hi-tech these days developing their presentations.

Marion Huffman, Rudi Simko and Helen Wright, Chair.



## KIDS VOTING

Kids Voting will be setting up in the 12 polling sites for Nov. 8. Thanks to our League members for their help and support.

Pictured is Connor Holt. He and his siblings along with their friends work with his mother, Amy Holt, a member of the Henderson County Board of Education, to support Kids Voting in our community

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Persis Coleman, Marion Donovan,  
Rebecca Lebowitz, Sherry Harris

Look for more info in January Issue



### Francee Sherman Memorial Fund “A Woman of Valor”

Francee’s friends in the community, and in League, are generously supporting her League Memorial Fund. Please consider adding your name to the donor list with a year-end gift.

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### New League National Study Privatization of Government Services

This new study will identify those parameters and policy issues needing to be considered for any proposals that would transfer government (federal, state, or local) services, assets and/or functions to the private sector. The study will review not only the stated goals but the community impact of such transfers. In considering any transfer it will be important to identify strategies that will ensure transparency, accountability, and preservation for the common good.

To preview the study go to: [www.lwvus.org/For members/projects and programs](http://www.lwvus.org/For%20members/projects%20and%20programs).

Our League Board requires at least seven interested members to activate this study. Please contact Judy Katz to sign up.