



# BULLETIN

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

## MAY MEETING

Thursday - May 17 2012

## *Annual Meeting*

Join us to

*Celebrate Forty Years of Title IX*

*and*

*Forty-Six Years of LWV in Henderson County*

Honoring a local sports legend, Jan Stanley. Jan is a retired teacher and coach from West Hendersonville High School. Her positive influence on young women in our county is unsurpassed!

*The Cedars*

*Luncheon - \$20*

*Silent Auction - Plants from Laurel Springs Nursery*

*RSVP - Natalie Zitnick by Friday, May 11th [stanat@bellsouth.net](mailto:stanat@bellsouth.net) or 692-9088*

### *From the President*

Title IX is the ground-breaking legislation that got girls off the sidelines and into the game. Before this, almost no girls participated in high school sports. Now look at them, they came they saw and they are conquering today, on the field and off. Interestingly enough, Title IX is not just about sports, but Equal Rights for Women. It was part of the civil rights issues of equal opportunity in education ; not just sports, but math, science and band. Access to health care and equal facilities were part of the deal. See how far we have come in 40 years.

Join us as we celebrate this important legislation and the great women who have emerged from the bench to the playing field in all walks of life. Join us, too for a celebration of another great year for League of Women Voters in Henderson County.

Looking forward,

*Judy Katz*

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#### Leadership

President Judy Katz  
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## LWVHC Calendar 2011-2012

### MAY

- 4 RSVP Hike (See below)
- 8 Primary Election Day
- 10 CMLC Invitation Only Hike (See below)
- 11 RSVP Annual Luncheon to Natalie Zitnick  
stanat@bellsouth.net or 692-9088  
(please remember your reservation is important  
to hold your place. If you must cancel
- 17 Annual Meeting - Celebrating 40 years  
of Title IX

## KIDS VOTING

May 8th - Primary voting day.  
We need help setting up booths  
and taking them down. Then  
help to tally ballots and call in  
results. **Want to Help?**  
Call Priscilla Burch 698-0398  
or p2burch@bellsouth.net

## SPECIAL HIKE OFFER!!

May 10, 2012

**Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy is  
offering a PRIVATE tour of  
Bearwallow Mountain for League members  
and guests.**

**RSVP Lynn Killian Neill  
Lynn@carolinamountain.org  
or 697-5777**

## BULBS

Our annual Flower Bulb Fundraiser  
will begin April 1st through May  
15th, 2012

If you would like to participate in the  
sales please contact

**Rose Stone 692-5001**

for brochures and order forms.

## OBSERVER CORPS

The Observer Corps held their April meeting at  
Daddy D's and discussed many things including  
happenings at local government board meetings,  
LWV General Meetings, Smart Talks, the LWV  
Candidate Forums, and the coming primary. We all  
learned much from one another.

A big YES! goes out to Simine Heise and Kay Keith  
who have volunteered to observe the hospital board  
meetings. Much is happening at these meetings with  
the new Mission-Pardee partnership and the County  
Commissioners' concerns.

Thank you Observer Corps members for the many,  
many local government meetings you have observed  
this year and will continue observing over the  
summer until we hold our first lunch-meeting for the  
new term in September. Keeping ears and eyes open  
to insure open, honest meetings in Henderson  
County is what the Observer Corps is all about.  
Please join us and learn the background for what  
goes on in Henderson County. Partner with one of  
present observers and/or observe a board that now  
has no observers such as the Mills River Town  
Council or one of the planning boards for the city  
and towns. Call Sharon Burlingame at 692-4012 or  
Linda Miller at 697-1045.

# Consensus Report

## Federal Role in Public Education Position

The LWVUS Board approved a new Education position at the March 2012 (March 25, 2012) Board meeting. The position is based on responses received from the 377 Leagues across the country who participated in the Education Study. Thanks to the many local and state Leagues and ILOs who held meetings, involved their communities and worked to reach consensus on this critical issue of importance to all Americans. Committee Chairs Peg Hill (TX) and Joanne Leavitt (CA) and their committee: Pat Aaron (IL), Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins (CO), Patricia Libutti (NJ), Sanford Ostroy (MA), Jean Pierce (IL) and Janelle Rivers (SC) are to be commended for their excellent work and leadership.

The League of Women Voters believes that the federal government shares with other levels of government the responsibility to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12. A quality public education is essential for a strong, viable, and sustainable democratic society and is a civil right.

The League believes that the role of the federal government should include the following:

- \* Provide leadership and vision to promote a quality education for all children;

- \* Provide broad common standards developed by educational experts upon which states and local education agencies can build;

- \* Provide a suggested curricular structure or framework as a guide to state and local education agencies to develop their own curricula;

- \* Provide a national assessment that clearly informs teachers, parents and students about how well individual students have mastered criteria established at the national level;

- \* Provide a national assessment that informs districts how well their populations compare to other populations similar to theirs; and

- \* Provide a combination of competitive grants and non-competitive funding to states and local school districts to achieve equity among states and populations.

The League of Women Voters believes that an equitable, quality public education is critical for

students. While the League recognizes that there are instances where the federal government's involvement is the only way to achieve universal change (desegregation, special needs population, gender equity), we also recognize that primary responsibility for public education resides with the states. In accordance with the League of Women Voters' position on Equal Rights, we continue to support equity in public education for all through:

- \* Broad guidelines for accountability, leaving implementation to the state and local education agencies;

- \* Adequate funding sources that support the broad goals of national standards; and

- \* Mechanisms for local and state funding with adequate federal support for mandates that require less burdensome, compliance-based reporting and regulations.

The League of Women Voters believes a basic role of the federal government in funding education should be to achieve equity among states and populations on the basis of identified needs. This should be done with full understanding that equity does not mean equal, given that some populations are more expensive to educate than others and some localities have specific needs.

The League believes that the federal government should be primarily responsible for funding any programs mandated by the federal government on local education agencies. Although the League recognizes equity in education depends on meeting basic human needs of children and of their families, the costs associated with providing equitable access to safe neighborhoods and secure housing do not belong in the education budget. Major programs of federal funding for public education (i.e., Elementary and Secondary Education Act) should be targeted toward children living in poverty and/or children with special needs. The federal government has the responsibility to monitor and support access to the following:

\* High quality teaching and learning, supported by quality current learning materials and well maintained educational facilities; and

\* Access to health care needs (i.e., hearing, vision, dental, immunization, school-based health clinics at the secondary level, etc.) and nutritionally adequate food (i.e., school-based meals under “free and reduced meal programs”).

The League of Women Voters believes that the first five years of a child’s life are crucial in building the foundation for educational attainment and greatly impact success or failure in later life. Additionally, the League believes quality, developmentally appropriate and voluntary early learning experiences should be available to all children, with federally funded opportunities going first to children of

poverty and/or with special needs. The League believes that the federal government should support the following:

\* Early childhood education programs that include funding for parent education and involve child development, health, nutrition and access to other supportive services such as mental health care for all children and their families;

\* Research that documents quality early childhood education programs; and

\* Research that demonstrates the importance of linking state and local community partnerships with effective early childhood education programs and services.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Catherine Blair** grew up in Cuyahoga Falls, OH before marrying her husband and traveling the world as a military spouse having lived in Europe, Asia and Central America where her husband was in military intelligence. She was familiar with the Women’s movement through her mother and grandmother who was a suffragette. Catherine moved with her husband to Hendersonville in 1994. Her husband will be inducted this summer into the Army Hall of Fame. As a new League member, Catherine is looking forward to volunteering with the Observer Corps. Catherine’s contact info is: 1511 Old Town Way, Hendersonville, NC 28739; Phone: 828-693-5357; email: [flowersfish@morrisbb.net](mailto:flowersfish@morrisbb.net)

**Kathleen Hespelt** is originally from New York having grown up on Long Island before marrying and raising a family (three sons and two daughters) in the Adirondacks of upstate NY. She moved to Asheville in 1983 to continue her career in Elementary Education. After retiring in 1999 Kathleen and her son-in-law built her current home in Hendersonville. Her favorite activities include travel, being active with AAUW and gardening. Kathleen was motivated to join League after attending a number of presentations on current social problems, and she is eager to learn more and to participate in League’s process. Kathleen’s contact info is: 22 Terrapin Trail, Flat Rock, NC 2873; Phone: 698-7150; email: [terpkat@bellsouth.net](mailto:terpkat@bellsouth.net)

**Tom Fanslow** grew up in Kingsport TN. He works for Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy as Land Protection Director. Tom holds a BA in History from Emory University and his JD from University of Georgia School of Law. He previously worked for the Peace Corps (Togo ’88) and Americorps in 2004. His current passion is creating an Arboretum near Upward Road in Henderson County. Tom also says he has a love/hate affinity for running and sometimes participates in marathons. Tom joined our League to “explore community issues in the companionship of neat people”. You can reach Tom at 828-697-5777, ext. 204 or at [Tom@carolinamountain.org](mailto:Tom@carolinamountain.org).

## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

### WELCOME

**Introduction of Guests and Board Members**

### LUNCH

### CONVENE ANNUAL MEETING

**Parliamentarian/Quorum  
Minutes of 2011 Annual Meeting  
Treasurer’s Annual Report  
State of the League in Henderson County**

### NEW BUSINESS

**Adoption of Proposed Budget (see April 2012 Bulletin)  
Nominating Committee Report (see April 2012 Bulletin)  
Election of Officers and Directors  
Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes**

### PROGRAM

**TITLE IX  
A SALUTE TO JAN STANLEY**

### CLOSING

**Announcements  
Silent Auction Winners  
Direction to the Board**

### ADJOURN

## DUES ARE DUE

**Pay dues at Luncheon  
\$50/ member - \$75/family**