



BULLETIN

November 2012

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

NOVEMBER MEETING

**November 15, 3 - 5 pm
Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room**

“Who Benefits and Loses From Discriminating Against Women? How and Why?”

Roberta Madden and Nancy Glowacki (both LWV members), co-directors of the ERA-NC Citizens Task Force, will present an ERA update for this meeting. How will the recent election results affect the movement toward achieving an ERA in our constitution or the ratification in North Carolina? We'll use a short, but challenging activity to get the juices flowing, followed by a presentation of “who and why” benefits of gender discrimination to foster discussion. We'll share a brief consideration of the influential opposition stance of Phyllis Schafley and her new book “No Higher Power” plus an overview of the 2012 Global Gender Gap report and what's “real” in this world. The remaining question is “what can we, and will we, do next?”

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

**December Breakfast with Elected Officials, Dec. 7 at Golden Corral
RSVP -Sharon Burlingame, sburlingame401@gmail.com**

**Holiday Party, Dec. 16
Watch mail for details**

From the President

As this Bulletin goes to press, we are witnessing the devastation of a Storm sweetly named Sandy. We have to think of our fellow Americans and do what we can to help. Perhaps its ironic that this has happened during such a deeply divided election that seems to be tearing us apart as a nation. We need to be reminded of what is best about this country and come together to help one another.

As for LWV, we're doing great! Our Candidate Forum and our stimulating Civics class at BRCC Lifelong Learning were well attended and brought us new friends in the community.

I look forward, with you, to our November Forum on strategizing for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment

Looking forward,

Judy

Leadership

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NEW MEMBERS

Michele Burnette grew up in Asheville and studied at Western Carolina University. She has three sons, who live in Columbia, SC, Concord, NC, and Mills River, and nine grandchildren. Michele is a retired teacher, having taught 22 of her 31 years in Henderson County as a regular classroom teacher and also teaching Elementary Spanish and English as a Second Language. Michele is an advocate for human rights and she is especially interested in assisting immigrants. Contact info: 108 Idlewood Drive, Asheville, NC 28806, (828) 243-1338; jmebur11@gmail.com

Margaret Cullen was born and raised in New York City and lived in northern NJ most of her adult life. Margaret worked as a Marketing Manager for Panasonic Corporation. She retired in December, 2001. Her interests include travel, reading and now enjoying life in WNC. Margaret joined the League wanting to promote the rights and values that America represents. Contact info: 25 Old Pasture Way, Hendersonville, NC 28739; 828-687-7918; mcullen792@aol.com

Joe Carello hails from Rhode Island and Upstate New York. Joe's background includes an MS in Sociology from Rhode Island University followed by his conducting feasibility studies which later transitioned into financial consulting and several business ventures. Joe recently moved to Fletcher from the Deland/Deltona area of Florida. Joe is an advocate for social justice and he appreciates League's work to increase public awareness and understanding of major public policy issues. Joe's interests range from film and screen writing to topics of sustainability, including organic gardening, trout fishing and creativity in the kitchen. Contact info: 48 Meadow Walk Ct., Fletcher, NC 38732; 828-687-2944; jrcarello@yahoo.com

Sara Bagwell is a native of Henderson County. She worked at Blue Ridge Community College in administrative support from 1989 to her retirement in 2009. Sara's husband is a retired educator having taught at West Henderson HS for 34 years. Sara's two children and five grandchildren live in Hendersonville. As a Kiwanis Club member Sara volunteers for Special Needs Baseball and at the local elementary school library. League is an outgrowth of Sara's interest in the electoral process. The barrage of negativity surrounding elections led Sara to believe League offers a good place to begin the process of 'working together' for the common good. Contact info: 409 Comet Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28791; 828-693-1165; sarab@blueridge.edu

Deanna Salpeter is originally from the NY Metropolitan area having gone to college on Long Island and having lived 10 years in Queens. She subsequently spent 30 years in Miami before arriving in Hendersonville. Her work outside the home includes 10 years in retail. Deanna enjoys reading, travel and cooking. She likes the shared values she has found in League and her driving concern is social justice. Contact info: 515 Overlook Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731; 828-808-3117; bubbedeanna@gmail.com

OBSERVER CORPS

All interested League members are welcome to our next Observer Corps luncheon-meeting, which will be held on Thursday, **November 8th from 11:00 to 1:00 at Daddy's D's Restaurant** on 7th Avenue across from the Hendersonville Historic Train Station.

Ten Observer Corps members met at the Sol Y Luna restaurant in Laurel Park for the October luncheon-meeting to share issues and concerns from their various boards. The Observer Corps now has three members covering the school board: Brenda Fisher, Rebecca Lebowitz, and Linda Miller; three are covering the hospital board: Simine Heise, Kay Keith, and Kathy Smith; two are covering the Flat Rock Town Council: Cathy Blair and Carol Cleveland; and 2 are covering the County Board: Sharon Burlingame and Bill Wilkes. Hendersonville City Council has Madeline Royes observing; Fletcher Town Council, Tricia Minnick; and the Mental Health Board, Judy Wilkes. All the single Observers would love to have partners, so their boards will be covered when they cannot attend or to attend with them. The Observer Corps still needs observers for Mills River and for the planning boards of the county, city, and town councils where many decisions affecting zoning, etc. are made. Let Sharon Burlingame at sburlingame401@gmail.com or Linda Miller millerdh@bellsouth.net know if you would be interested in observing a board.

The Observer Corps meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Our last 2 Observer Corps meetings after this one will be on **March 14th and April 11th**.

LWVHC Calendar 2012-2013

November

- 6 Election Day - "Kids Voting"
- 8 Observer Corps - Daddy D's
- 15 General Meeting - "Equal Rights Amendment"
- 19 Immigration Committee

December

- 7 Breakfast with Elected Officials
- 16 Holiday Party

January

- 21 General Meeting - Program Planning/Positions

February

- 21 General Meeting - Non-partisanship

March

- 14 Observer Corps
- 21 General Meeting - Women's History Month

April

- 11 Observer Corps
- 18 General Meeting - Water Forum

May

- 16 Annual Meeting

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

Meeting Information

All regular meetings of our League are held at the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce meeting room at the corner of Kanuga and Church Streets.

All General Meetings are from 3-5 PM. Please respect the parking slots designated for other offices. Additional parking is available across Church Street.

Power the Vote 2012

This year LWV of North Carolina became a part of a coalition, NC Women Matter, to work to protect the vote and to mobilize voters for Election Day and early voting.

In 2010 there were 800,000 women in North Carolina who did not cast their ballot for statewide elections. To encourage women voters particularly to make time to vote, leaguers gathered to write personal notes to targeted metropolitan areas to women who were among the 800,000 to urge them to become informed and vote this year. For some strange reason, women in general do not think their vote counts, and are inclined to stay away from the polls more than men.

Ten leaguers each wrote personal short letters to ten women they did not know - stated the League's role of nonpartisanship, its mission to provide information on candidates and issues to make voters informed and become active, and to urge them to make time to cast their ballot this year. Personal return addresses and signatures were provided. It will be interesting to learn if there are personal responses to these personal notes. Perhaps they will join League!

Leaguers who participated in this project from the Henderson County League were: Jan Allen, Becky Banadyga, Sherry Harris, Sharon Burlingame, Melinda Lowrance, Natalie Zitnick, Pat Tousignant, Carol Cleveland, Marion Huffman, and Lee Luebbe.

This statewide project is coordinated in NC by Mary Klenz, 1st Vice-President, LWVUS; and Peg Chapin, LWVNC SHUR Fellows Coach. Seven NC Leagues participated in "Power the Vote 2012 - Charlotte/Mecklenburg, Wake, Moore, Piedmont Triad,/Goldsboro, ODC(Orange, Durham, Chatham) and Henderson County.

**Great Reviews for our
first
Civics Class at BRCC!!!**

Great Information!
Great presenters.
Accessible local leaders!

**Thirty students attended our
three session series on North
Carolina state and local
government.**

IN THE NEWS



League member **Connie Backlund** retired after 38 years with the National Park Service with 18 of those years at Connemara. Her full title was the National Park Superintendent of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in Flat Rock. Bold Life (www.boldlife.com) featured Connie in a great article. Grab a copy and enjoy her memories of our local land mark. Another League member in the news making things happen!

October Candidate Forum

Candidates for NC House District 113, District Judge and Henderson County School Board spoke before a standing room only crowd last month.



Four District
Judge Candidates



Seven School
Board Candidates



Two NC House Candidates