

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

SEPTEMBER MEETING

CHECK-UP: Affordable Health Care and YOU



Enrollment for ACA is to start on October 1.

Is Henderson County ready? Are YOU ready? How prepared are we for the changes that are coming?

Come and hear straight forward information from representatives of: Blue Ridge Community Health Services Pardee Hospital Henderson County Department of Social Services

There will be information in the Insurance Marketplace and volunteer opportunities.

Be INFORMED Be PREPARED Be AT OUR Community Forum

Thursday, September 26, 2013 3-5 pm
Chamber of Commerce Building
204 Kanuga Rd



Sundaes on Sunday!

Join us for delicious ice cream sundaes as we mark the beginning of the 2013-2014 year!

Renew old acquaintances, meet new members, and engage prospective members in lively conversation... Hear from your Board and Leadership team where our League will focus its energies and what events are being planned. |

Take a moment to look out the back door at the beautiful native garden planted by League member Tom Fanslow behind the CFRC, CMLC, and The Free Clinics.

Where: At the Children and Family Resource Center
851 Case St.
Hendersonville, NC 28793

(Take Spartanburg Hwy. southeast to the Upward Rd. intersection (Ingles is opposite); turn left onto Upward Rd., and take your first left onto Case St. The CFRC is the first building to the left off Case).

When: Sunday, September 15
3:00 - 5:00 pm



RSVP: Mary Ann Engel
Tengel18@morrisbb.net
or 693-3575
By Thursday, Sept. 12th

From the President

There is so much happening this month, its hard to choose where to be. So, choose EVERYTHING. What's wrong with having a Sundae on Sunday?? Great treats and good conversation. Are you going to the first Civics 102 at the Old County Courthouse to observe the County Commissioners Meeting? Don't miss our local government in action. League members have been working hard to develop a fact-based, non partisan program about the Affordable Care Act and Henderson County. Are we ready? Bring your questions, we have lots of information to share. This will be a community – wide forum, so bring your friends. As I said, Choose EVERYTHING, we haven't even talked about October! As always, Looking forward to seeing YOU,

Judy

OBSERVER CORPS

On **Wednesday, Sept. 18**, those wishing to begin Civics 102 will meet at the Historic County Courthouse at 8:50 am, for the bimonthly meeting of business of the Henderson Co. Board of Commissioners. A limited amount of printed agendas is available as you enter the large meeting room, but you may print your own copy, and read up on related discussion information, by accessing the county website www.hendersoncountync.org/agendas/index/.html, which is posted within 48 hours of the meeting (so look for it by Monday morning). This will give you an idea, in advance, of what topics to expect. When the meeting is adjourned or goes into closed session, we will take our discussion to a nearby restaurant for coffee and brunch/lunch, and should be finishing by noon. **Save the dates: October 10 and November 18 for other Civics 101 meetings (see calendar)**

This first session of Civics 102 will also incorporate orientation information for any League members interested in becoming Observers this year. Please RSVP for Civics 102 and/or Observer Corps, by contacting either Linda Miller at millerdh@bellsouth.net (697-1045) or Sharon Burlingame at sburlingame401@gmail.com (692-4012).

New Observing Opportunities

How to make the Observer Corps more effective in our fast-paced, ever-changing political-media world is the question some of us Leaguers have been working on this summer. We have two new ideas/opportunities to offer! First is a **Voter Rights Round Table**. At a Round Table, there are from 4 to 12 members, no chair. The group will meet only when they decide they need to meet, usually at a restaurant and will usually communicate by group email.

The second opportunity is **Electronic-Observers!** Our at-the-board observers, are indispensable as they get to know and work with the elected/appointed people on the boards and hear the public's response to them at meetings. Electronic-observers, on the other hand, are needed to provide background and understanding on the issues, monitor websites, Facebook pages, and web-cam feeds, etc. and monitor our representatives in Raleigh and Washington, D.C. E-observers will also enable League to respond more quickly to needed issues.

Remember, if you are an e-observer, you can do your "observing" from home in front of your computer, and we have found some great websites for you to monitor. Let Observer Corps Co-Chairs Sharon Burlingame or Linda Miller know if you are interested in being a part of the Voter Rights Round Table. Contact Sharon Burlingame at: sburlingame401@gmail.com or (828) 692-4012 or Linda Miller at: millerdh@bellsouth.net or (828) 692-1045.

LWV State and National Notes

1. What to Know about NC Voter ID, Elections Overhaul.

A nine page summary of the series of changes to NC Election Laws. This document will be posted on our website - www.lwvhcnc.org.

2. Make the Equal Rights Amendment a part of the Constitution

Right now, the most important thing you can do is to call your members of Congress and urge them to cosponsor legislation to eliminate the deadline for ratification of the ERA. Once passed, this legislation means that only three more states must ratify the ERA. (The alternative is the start-over measure, which would require 38 states to ratify and could take decades more.) The legislation is **Senate Joint Resolution 15** in the Senate and **House Joint Resolution 43** in the House of Representatives. Senator Kay Hagan is already a cosponsor.

We are asking you to make two phone calls. Here are the specifics: Call this toll free number at the U.S. Capitol: **1-877-762-8762**. Ask for the office of **Senator Richard Burr**. When connected, ask for **Natasha Hickmar**, his legislative director. If she's not available, leave a message on her voice mail, urging Sen. Burr to cosponsor Senate Joint Resolution 15. Emphasize that this is bipartisan legislation. Explain why it's important to you. (Check our website if you need to refresh your memory: www.era-nc.org.)

Now, call the number again and ask for the office of **your U.S. representative**. Urge him/her to cosponsor House Joint Resolution 43. Our representative is **Mark Meadows**, staffer – Kevin Klein.

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.

DUES REMINDER

Dues for 2013-2014 League year:

\$50 per single member
\$75 per household membership

mail dues to:

LWVHC

PO Box 2238

Hendersonville, NC 28793

Bring your check to our next meeting!

Our Local League in Action



Our members rallied in support of LWV issues. Linda Miller reminds us that red ribbons 'round the old oak tree show our support for public education.

Save this page

LWVHC Calendar 2013-2014

September

- 12 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 16 Immigration Committee (3 pm - 4 pm)
- 15 Sundaes on Sunday, 3 - 5 pm @ Children and Family Resource Center
- 18 Civics 102
Observe County Commissioners Meeting (9 am) Luncheon discussion following meeting
- 26 General Meeting - Healthcare (3 - 5 pm)

October

- 3 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 4 Candidate Forum, City Council/Mayor 6:30 pm @ Carolina Village
- 8 City Primary Election
- 10 Civics 102
Pre-meeting discussion (4:45 pm)
Observe City Council (5:45 pm)
- 15 Candidate Forum - Laurel Park Town Council Election at First Congregational Church 6:30 - 8 pm
- 21 Immigration Committee (3 pm - 4 pm)

November

- 5 Municipal Elections
- 7 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 18 Immigration Committee (3 pm - 4 pm)
- 18 Civics 102
Observe School Board Meeting (5 pm)
- 21 General Meeting
Economic Development (3 - 5 pm)

December

- 5 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 6 Breakfast with Elected Officials Golden Corral (8 am)
- 15 Holiday Party (3 - 5 pm)

January

- 9 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 16 Observer Corps Luncheon
- 20 Martin Luther King Breakfast
- 20 Immigration Meeting (3 - 4 pm)
- 23 General Meeting
Program Planning (3 - 5 pm)

February

- Anniversary of League
Black History Month
- 6 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 13 Observer Corps Luncheon
- 21 General Meeting
Elders: Health and Poverty (3 - 5 pm)

March

- Women's History Month
Sunshine Month
- 6 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 13 Observer Corps Luncheon
- 17 Immigration Meeting (3 - 4 pm)
- 20 General Meeting
Violence in Public Places (3 - 5 pm)

April

- 3 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 10 General Meeting
Children: Health and Poverty (3 - 5 pm)
- 21 Immigration Meeting (3 - pm)
- 22 Earth Day
Candidate Forums - May Primaries

May

- 1 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 6 May Primary - State and County offices
- 15 Annual Luncheon
- 19 Immigration Meeting (3 - 4 pm)

June

- 5 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 19 Board Retreat (10 am - 3 pm)

New Opportunity!!!!

Check out the Civics 102 Observer Corps dates: September 18, October 10 and November 18. Attend public meetings and learn from the experts - listen and learn at a commission meeting, city council and board of education (See Observer Corps announcement on page 2)