

## League of Women Voters of Henderson County

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## General Meeting

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN HENDERSON COUNTY

**NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

**3-5 pm**

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room

### SPEAKERS

John Mitchell - Henderson County Business  
and Community Director

Mark Williams, Director, Agribusiness  
Henderson County

Andrew Tate - President and CEO Partnership  
for Economic Development

Henderson County works through these offices  
in the comprehensive development efforts for  
the county.

### *From the President*

At our Annual Meeting, last May we announced our FOCUS for the coming year. Poverty and Economic Development in Henderson County was one of the FOCUS topics. Why??? Because all America talks about JOBS. We elect our officials because they promise economic growth. Our next meeting asks "What is happening in Henderson County?" As some businesses have left, our local leaders have worked to recruit new job sources. What partnerships are necessary for job creation: good education, a labor pool, affordable housing, daycare? The quality of life here in Hendersonville is an attraction but is that enough?

Join us at our November 21 meeting. Meet the folks responsible for economic expansion and ask the hard questions. As League members, we understand the need for job opportunities and growing our tax base. The League is here to inform you and the community. Bring a friend.

Looking forward,

*Judy*

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## Our Local League in Action



## ANOTHER BUSY MONTH!



In October our League hosted **two candidate forums**: One for the Mayor and Council race in the **City of Hendersonville**. We did that in cooperation with our League members who are residents at Carolina Village.

Our second forum was held at First Congregational Church to present the candidates for **Council of Laurel Park**.

The community looks to League to conduct a fair and impartial Candidate Forum. For this election season, our members worked hard to make sure that our forums were run smoothly and everyone had the opportunity to get to know the candidates and their point of view. Thanks to League members Marian Lowry, Grace Poli, Roberta Swanson, Madeline Royes, Marion Huffman, Charlyne Coleman, Helen Wright, Sharon Burlingame and Carolyn Schmalz for their dedication to the democratic process. A very special thank you to Carol Cleveland for laying the foundation for our forums and keeping the tradition going. As we move on in the election process, we welcome more volunteer participation.

## NEW MEMBER INFO

Please welcome Cathy Fisher who originally comes from Colorado. Cathy also lived in Orlando, Florida before moving to Hendersonville. After graduating from Metropolitan State College in Denver with a BA in Accounting, Cathy owned an accounting practice with emphasis on tax and small business accounting. She then moved into sales for 20 years in both the golf industry and accounting software industry. While living in Colorado Cathy was a member of LWV. Her special interests have been voting and women rights. She has also become active in Henderson County Democratic Party. You can reach Cathy at: 828-692-8315;

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## OBSERVER CORPS

At the **Board of Elections** meeting on October 1, each member of the Board (Deborah Dante, Bob Heltman/Ch., Tom Wilson, and Beverly Cunningham/Dir.) received a copy of the future voter ID requirements, "fresh off the press," with which to familiarize themselves. They approved absentee voting requests by verifying receipt and sealing the votes for election day tabulation. Bob Heltman, Chair of the Bd. of Elections, states that we are a small town, and no real cases of voter fraud have occurred.

**Of interest to the League**, there was discussion of Henderson County's role as a model in the state for the use of multi-partisan teams to visit nursing homes where voter registration and completion of absentee ballots are encouraged. Procedurally, DSS gives a list of nursing homes to the Bd. of Elections. The Bd. contacts these institutions to see if they wish to participate in on-site voter activities. Usually, about one-third respond, via their "Activities Directors." Since this is an "unfunded mandate," Ms. Cunningham says that volunteers, such as LWV members, may be needed to help staff accomplish the visits. Volunteers would need to be computer literate and might receive training in January in preparation for next spring's elections. Let Judy Katz know if you are interested in this voter registration role, and stay tuned about this good, non-partisan way to be involved...

During election seasons, the Bd. frequently meets to approve absentee voting requests. There will be such meetings on Nov. 4 at 5:00 pm and Nov. 5 (Election Day) at 2:00 pm. Election Results will be announced at 7:30 pm on Nov. 5.

Interested in Going? Meeting dates can be confirmed by calling the Bd. of Elections, 697-4970. Meeting dates are also posted on the front window of the Bd., which is located at 72 East Central St. This is a small board that meets in the lackluster election storage room; they seem to enjoy visitors and have answered all questions eagerly.

### **LWV CIVICS 102 OBSERVERS VISIT MILLS RIVER TOWN COUNCIL**

Martha Sachs had her wish of an Observer Corps member observing the Mills River Council come true when there was a mix-up of dates for the Civics 102 group to visit Hendersonville City Council. Because of the date mix-up, not 1 but 7 observers from League: Becky Armstrong, Sharon Burlingame, Arlene Hemingway, Stan Kumor, Linda Miller, Judy Wilkes, and Martha Sachs herself trooped in after a dinner and sprightly conversation at the Mills River Restaurant to observe the Mills River Town Council in action.

Sharon Burlingame introduced the League, explained to the five member Town Council why League members were attending, and gave examples of some things Observer Corps members look for including having notice posted 48 hours ahead of the meeting, having an agenda available for attendees, being able to hear the members of the board and speakers, and looking for appointed and elected members of boards to recuse themselves if they have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of a matter being voted on by the board.

The Mills River Town Council was very welcoming and happy to have so many people attending. Mayor Roger Snyder even did an excellent job of modeling recusing himself. Lots is happening at the meetings, and if you or anyone you know would be interested in observing the Mills River Town Council on a regular basis, please contact Sharon Burlingame or Linda Miller.

### **LAST LWV CIVICS 102 CLASS TO OBSERVE THE HC SCHOOL BOARD**

Civics 102 will be observing the School Board for its last class on Monday, November 18th, at 6:30 P.M. at 414 4th Avenue West. We will be meeting at Mrs G and Me! at 502 N Main Street at 4:30 P.M. for an early dinner and interesting conversation. Please RSVP to Sharon at [sburlingame401@gmail.com](mailto:sburlingame401@gmail.com) or at 692-4012 or contact Linda Miller at [millerdh@bellsouth.net](mailto:millerdh@bellsouth.net) or 697-1045. Also let one of us know if you want to carpool.

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## LWVHC Calendar 2013-2014

### November

- 5 Municipal Elections
- 7 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 7 Healthcare Roundtable (12:30 pm @  
Dandelion, 127 Fifth Ave W.)
- 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)
- 20 Martin Luther King Breakfast
- 20 Immigration Meeting (3 - 4 pm)
- 23 General Meeting  
Program Planning (3 - 5 pm)

#### 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.

### February

- Anniversary of League
- Black History Month
- 6 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 13 Observer Corps Luncheon TBA
- 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 Sunshine 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)

### HAVE YOU CHECKED OUR WEBSITE LATELY??

There is candidate info and meeting times, notes from National LWVUS and State LWVNC.

Thank You Jan Allen!



**REMINDER!!!**  
**ELECTED OFFICIAL BREAKFAST**  
**DECEMBER 6**  
**WATCH EMAIL/MAIL FOR DETAILS**





# HEALTHCARE ROUNDTABLE – UPDATE

Since our Healthcare Forum in late September, we've been actively involved in the statewide initiative to educate, inform, and facilitate enrollment under the Affordable Healthcare Act "A.C.A."

Sharon Burlingame, Alex Sabo, Bill Wilkes and Helen Wright attended the initial orientation and training at Blue Ridge Community Health Services to become Certified Application Counselors "C.A.C's". Successful completion of the online training course and screening tests will enable them to guide individuals and small businesses through all the attendant steps to obtain insurance in the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Bi-weekly conference calls led by the Orange-Durham-Chatham League, are enabling healthcare roundtable members across North Carolina to hear updates on legislation affecting the A.C.A., report on progress in their community outreach efforts, and share resource materials (print and PowerPoint presentations) which have already been developed.

We're ready to launch our community outreach efforts and welcome your ideas and participation. Join us for lunch at Dandelion, 127 Fifth Avenue West (between Church and Main Street) on November 7th at 12:30pm to find out more!

For additional information and/or to **R.S.V.P**, please contact:  
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## WORKING WITH LWVUS

Lee Luebbe and Renee Kumor attended at training for LWVUS program Funds for Local League Growth (FLLG). LWV of North Carolina is teaming up with LWVUS in 2013-2014 to carry out a special capacity building campaign to continue to grow a more vigorous League in our state. North Carolina is a pilot state to help raise funds to support local league expansions. Since the beginning of the project NC has grown by 12%. Please read about this effort and, if you think it a worthy project, send a donation to LWVUS designating FLLG. You can learn more about this program at [www.LWV.org](http://www.LWV.org) and click on Support then on Fund for Local League Growth. Or mail a donation to

LWV -FLLG,  
1730 M Street NW, Suite 1000  
Washington DC 20036

## NATURAL RESOURCES



The "Carrot Mob" at Dancing Bear was a great success and far exceeded ECO's expectations. Now DB will be able to discourage the use of plastic and paper bags by offering cloth bags to holiday shoppers. Thank you for your part, and remember to BRING YOUR OWN BAGS (a new slant on "BYOB"), whenever shopping, to decrease the amount of plastic going into our landfills. Every day is Earth Day and League supports caring for our resources.

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