

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

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Alice McKain Porter 1920 - 2014



Alice Porter was a long time League member in Henderson County. She was active in our League of Women Voters and worked with the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee. She volunteered with the Henderson County Public Schools and United Way. Alice was a long-time, involved member and former Elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church where she was honored as Woman of the Year in 2009.

FEBRUARY MEETING

February 20, 2014

3-5 pm

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room

ACTION AND ADVOCACY

A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Celebrate League's
94th Birthday

Have some cake - Write a letter
Speak Out! Take Action!

TAKE ACTION: URGE
CONGRESS TO
RESTORE THE VOTING
RIGHTS ACT



From the President

As we celebrate League's 94th anniversary, what better way to celebrate than by being part of the democratic process. There are several issues pending in the Federal and state level that demand our attention. So, let's sit down together, and write the letters we've been meaning to write, the e-mails we should send, the phone calls we could make on behalf of League's positions. JOIN US on Thursday from 3-5 pm at the Chamber. We'll have model letters, addresses, phone numbers and stationery. Bring your laptops, ipads and cell phones. You choose your method of communication. We'll supply the WiFi, paper and even Stamps. All this and a birthday cake for LEAGUE! This will be a present to ourselves. We had such a good time at the Holiday Party, we deserve another one!

Looking forward,

Judy

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LWVUS Proposes Agricultural Update - Consensus

Welcome members! If you're interested in the issues of food safety, genetically engineered (GE) crops, food labeling and other agriculture / food industry related topics, call Rudi Simko at 702-0343 for more details to join a discussion group that will meet Feb. 21 at 2:30 pm. This will be an informal review of the League's national study — what it's about and how it fits into our League's emphasis on the

Healthcare What's Happening in NC?

- We have the third highest enrollment rate among Federally Facilitated Marketplace Exchanges with 107,778 signed up between October 1st and December 31st
- Nine out of 10 people (89%) are getting financial help
- 23% of enrollees are between 18 and 34 years old (24% nationally)
- There are 1.5 million uninsured in NC (55 million nationally)
- Open enrollment period ends March 31, 2014

In a recent poll, we learned that 72% of Americans said they did not know they could get financial assistance! Clearly, there is more work to be done. Want to help? Contact LWV Healthcare Roundtable members:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Karen Jones was born and raised in Buffalo NY and later moved with her husband to Columbus OH in 1997. After retiring from nursing in 2011, Karen decided to move closer to her daughter who lives in Arden. In addition to her nursing degree, Karen has a BA in Human Services and Psychology. She enjoys gardening (notably Brandywine tomatoes!), baking and cooking. Karen's long-held passion includes human rights and the environment; she also volunteers at ECO. You can contact Karen at 217 Ewbank Drive, Hendersonville 28791; 828-435-1329; k.s.jones217@gmail.com

Cathy Fisher originally comes from Colorado, having lived in Boulder and Littleton; and she later lived in Orlando, Florida before moving to Hendersonville. After graduating with a BA in Accounting, Cathy owned her own accounting practice. Her career then took her 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. Cathy's been disturbed over the recent national and state trampling the US citizen's right to vote. You can contact Cathy at: 54 Old Hickory Trail, Hendersonville 28739; 828-692-8315; catfish32819@mac.com

League in Action!

Our members attended MLK Breakfast at BRCC along with elected officials Jeff Miller and Chuck Mc Grady and Rick Wood.



Members gather for our annual Planning meeting to send direction to LWVUS and to give our local board direction for planning future activities in our League.



Thanks to photographers, Linda Miller and Helen Wright for all the great shots!

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LWVHC Calendar 2013-2014

February

- Anniversary of League
- Black History Month
- 6 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 13 Observer Corps Luncheon
- 17 Immigration Committee (3:30 pm)
- 20 General Meeting - **Advocacy and Action!** (3 - 5 pm)

March

- Women's History Month
- Sunshine Month
- 6 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 13 Observer Corps Sunshine Luncheon
- 17 Immigration Meeting (3:30 pm)
- 20 General Meeting - Sugarloaf Elementary School 11-1pm

April

- 3 Board Meeting (10 am - Noon)
- 11-13 LWVNC State Council in Hendersonville *
- 21 Immigration Meeting (3:30 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 (3:30 pm)

June

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

OBSERVER CORPS

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 13th from 11-1:00 P.M.** for our only “regular” meeting this year. We want to discuss what has been happening on the Henderson County boards that our observers have been covering, review what our Observer Corps has done this year, and brainstorm our plans for next year. We might also be discussing possibilities for our new e-observers.

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 13th from 11 – 1:00 P.M.** for our a-little-bit-early Sunshine Week luncheon on Thursday, March 13th from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. that will be at Sol Y Luna in the back “Sun Room.” Bill Moss has said he can join us for lunch and give us a 10 - 15 minute update about one or two problems and some progress in *Open Government in NC in 2013 – 2014*.

Back to Civics 102 in lieu of General Meeting in March

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 20th, from 11 – 1:00 P.M.** for another Civics 102 experience. In lieu of a March LWV general meeting on *Children: Health and Poverty* at the Chambers, we will be observing Sugarloaf Elementary, which has over 85% of the kids on free and reduced lunch, with half Hispanic students, many of whom are English-Second-Language speakers. We will take a guided tour of classrooms and of the school, eat a hearty cafeteria lunch, and have a meeting afterwards to discuss what we have seen.

We will be carpooling at Fresh Market at 10:20 A.M. It's the Year of the Informed Voter, and aren't we glad that being a member of the LWV Observer Corps is a means to that end in many ways.

More Dates

Barbara Urdike will present “Japan from the Inside” Hendersonville Sister Cities program, **February 18** 6 - 7:30 pm at the Henderson County Public Library auditorium.

The **Immigration Committee** members will present a program to Vision/Leadership class at BRCC, **February 13** along with Shoshana Fried and Caroline McCready.