

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Voter Registration West Henderson HS March 18 from 11:15-1:15.

As this election season begins, League will be registering voters. Our first stop is West Henderson HS. We need some volunteers to encourage and explain voting and help young people to fill out the forms.

Call Judy Wilkes at 828 891-3578 or judy126@bellsouth.net and help "make democracy work."

MARCH MEETING

**March 20, 2014
11-1:00 pm**

Sugarloaf Elementary School

Children: Health and Poverty

A visit to Sugarloaf Elementary School

85% of the students on free and reduced lunch
approx 50% Hispanic students
school nurse in residence

Take a tour of the school;
eat a hearty lunch in the cafeteria;
League meeting and discussion afterwards

RSVP:
Linda Miller - millerdh@bellsouth.net

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From the President

IF YOU WEREN'T AT OUR LAST MEETING here's what you missed: Birthday cake for Leagues's 94th! Letters and e-mails and phone calls to our elected officials and an opportunity to share current information on pending legislation. Some of us got immediate responses via e-mail and some not so immediate by snail mail. The Governor heard from us regarding expansion of Medicaid, Congressman Meadows was contacted about restoring the Voting Rights Act and our state legislators received our views on Education. BUT, if you weren't there, you can still make your voices heard. AND, if you weren't there, WE MISSED YOU!

Please join us soon, March is filled with opportunities: Help Judy Wilkes register young voters, Honor Sunshine Month with Bill Moss at Sol Y Luna and Learn first hand about our County Schools at Sugarloaf Elementary. DON'T MISS OUT!

Looking forward,

Judy

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LWVUS Agricultural Update

Several of our members have begun to review the national study that will update League's positions on various public policies surrounding current agriculture technologies and practices that have far reaching implications for our country's food system, our health and our environment.

Bulletin updates in April and May will highlight the issues of genetically modified (GE) crops; food labeling (GMO, additives, etc); effects of increased pesticide/herbicide use on crops; antibiotics use in confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs); CAFO waste management; funding the enforcement of government regulations, etc. Let's find out what this means for us as informed citizens!



ELECTRONIC-OBSERVER CORPS GROUPS MEET

The Education Electronic-Observer Corps (EE-OC) and the Voter Rights Electronic-Observer Corps (VRE-OC) met for their first Round Table discussions on February 19th and February 27th to kick off the Electronic Observer Corps (E-OC), which has been added to the At-the-Board Observer Corps. The E-OC's mission is to provide background and understanding to current issues by monitoring websites, Facebook pages, web-cam feeds, etc. and alert the League in a timely manner to issues of League concern.

The E-Observers can also e-observe happenings in Raleigh and Washington, D.C. that are of interest to our League that our local at-the-board Observers cannot monitor. For instance, League members have already been alerted to the rulings handed down last week about the on-going lawsuit over the Voucher program in NC.

The Voter Rights Electronic-Observer Corps held its first Round Table yesterday at Dixie Diner. One of the VR E-OC goals is to alert HC League members to voting rights issues coming down the pike, so they can respond in a timely manner to issues the League has taken a stand on. The NC LWV, as you can read in the article, is involved in "pressing the lawsuit challenging the elections overhaul law."

Cathy Fisher has volunteered to be the At-the-Board Observer for the Board of Elections. Thank you, Cathy!



2005 Apple Festival

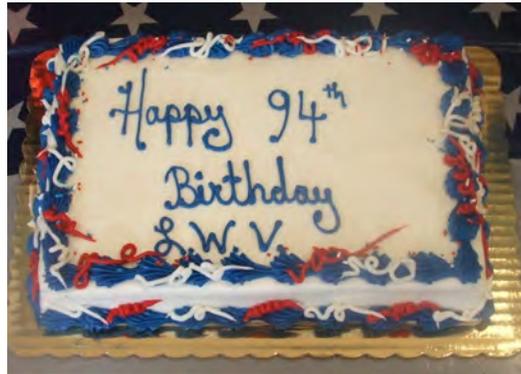


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League in Action!

94 Years for LWV

League keeps advocacy out front as we celebrate 94 Years.



Old and new members celebrate!



Members work on contacting elected officials regarding League positions.



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LWVHC Calendar 2013-2014

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

Observer Corps Sunshine Luncheon

Sunshine Week is coming a bit early. Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 13th from 11 – 1:00 P.M.** at **Sol Y Luna** in the back "Sun Room." All League members are welcome. Editor/Publisher of the Hendersonville Lightning, **Bill Moss** has said he can join us for lunch and give us a 10 - 15 minute update about some problems and some progress in concerning Open Government in NC in 2013 – 2014.

RSVP: Linda Miller millerdh@bellsouth.net if you plan to attend the luncheon at Sol Y Luna

Location: Sol Y Luna Cali-Mex Grill is located in the Laurel Park Village Shopping area off 64 West.



Directions to Sugarloaf Elementary School: Travel out FourSeasons Blvd. toward Wal-Mart. Cross over the I-26 Bridge and take the right at the light toward World of Clothing and A Day in the Country. that is Sugarloaf Road. The elementary school is 6 minutes down the road on the right at 2270 Sugarloaf Road.

Women's History Month

March 3rd marks 100 years since suffragists marched on Washington. Suffragists faced a difficult road in their march towards equality. Even women opposed giving women the right to vote. One letter called it "an endorsement of nagging as a national policy."

The League of Women Voters, which is rooted in the women's suffrage movement, is proud to observe March as an opportunity to honor the great work women have done to strengthen our country and democracy. From the League's founder, suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt, to League member Eleanor Roosevelt and to even our own Barbara Volk, League member and Mayor of Hendersonville, and the thousands of dedicated League members working across the country today, we look forward to reflecting on the powerful role that women have played – and continue to play – in Making Democracy Work®.

