

## League of Women Voters of Henderson County

### *From the President*

#### *Out of Our Comfort Zone – New Events, New Partners, New Strategies*

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next general meeting on Thursday, October 16 at the Chamber! You may have missed the comfort of our September meeting as we fanned out to work for Voter Education instead.

We were present at Apple Festival, Carl Sandburg Citizenship Day, First Congregational Church, Blue Ridge Community Health Service, Fletcher Library, Wingate University, Parent Open Houses at Atkinson, Hillandale, Mills River, North HHS, East HHS and more. Everywhere, people have received printed information about voting times and the new voting law changes (in English or in Spanish), had an opportunity to register, and have thanked us for our work.

New coalition partners - AAUW, BRLC, BRCHS, NCAE, FCC – have augmented our presence. We greatly appreciate their help and enjoy working with them.

In a pilot effort to educate voters, turn out the vote, and teach the process of civic decision-making, sample ballots will be sent home with every student this year prior to Kids Voting.

Be part of the team that assesses our new efforts – do we stay “comfortable?” Go to flea markets, parks, and shopping malls to reach voters? Repeat the ballot project? Or..? Help us make plans by signing up for **Voter Services** at our meeting. This is crucial in the “Year of the Voter.”

Our Candidate Forums will be held Oct. 1 & 8, from 6-8 pm, at the City Operations Building. The unavailability of candidates has presented another area of discomfort to Leagues across the state. How can we serve the Voters when individual candidates try to limit open dialogue by not participating? Discomfort cannot always be resolved.

**Sharon**

## GENERAL MEETING

### IMMIGRATION

#### *Latest Factual Information*

**October 16  
3 - 5 pm at**

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting  
Room on Church Street**

**Come join the discussion**

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# OBSERVER CORPS

The Observer Corps is up, running and oriented for the 2014-15 League year. The Corps met at Dixie Diner on September 11<sup>th</sup> and before lunch almost finished going over members' orientation folders, asking questions, and sharing experiences. Our next lunch meeting will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at The Dandelion restaurant operated by Mainstay at 127 Fifth Ave. West. We are planning on having some lively discussions about how the coming election might impact our various boards.

This year we are off to a great start with two or three people even partnering at some boards. We still need observers for a couple boards, and people already observing would welcome partners. On page 5 is a list of boards being observed and times and places of the board meetings. If you are interested in observing with any of the Observers or at a board that needs an Observer, please contact Linda Miller at [millerdh@bellsouth.com](mailto:millerdh@bellsouth.com) or call 697-1945 or Linda Weldon at [wncclinda@aol.com](mailto:wncclinda@aol.com) or call 551-0853.

## Observing the Board of Election Meetings for Challenged Registrations

Observers have been monitoring 3 meetings at the Henderson County Board of Elections for challenged registrations. A Henderson County group working on the *Voter Integrity Project*, which is active in many states, has so far challenged about 176 registrations. This Henderson County group is one of the most active in NC.

The 3 members of the Board of Elections: Chair Robert Heltman, Debbi Dante, and Tom Wilson, going over each one of the challenged registrations carefully, have accepted about 132. There has been no fraud found, but the challengers, led by Republican Chair Glen Enggram, are worried that "inactive" voters, voters that have not voted in four years and have had letters sent to them by the Board of Elections returned, could cause potential fraud. The 3 board members are trying to rule in favor of the voter if at all possible in order not to disenfranchise anybody. Because of the new 2013 voting laws, if a challenged registration is accepted, the voter will not be able to cast even a provisional ballot in November.

The BOE staff, having to research each voter challenged, is under duress because of the approaching election. Chair Robert Heltman asked if the challenges might be put off until January when the BOE updates the voting lists, but the challengers declined to wait. There will be another BOE meeting for challenged registrations on October 15, but it will not be held at the BOE office because the staff will be setting up for the early voting.

# Immigration Committee

Karen Jones and Icy Mohabier have a confirmed appointment to deliver the Candidate Forum Cards to Mark Meadow's office in the Court House on Monday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m.

**DACA Renewal:** The USCIS advises immigrants to apply to renew DACA before it and their employment authorization document (EAD) expire. DACA renewal applications should be submitted during a 30-day window -- no earlier than 150 days before expiration but no later than 120 days before expiration.

**EAD** (employment authorization document) is the work permit card that is issued with the DACA. **DACA** refers to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. President Obama initiated the policy in June, 2012, and those eligible were



New Citizens at Carl Sandburg Ceremony

guaranteed authorization to work and were able to obtain driver's licenses if they met the criteria, completed the process satisfactorily, and paid the fee. DACA was good for two years. That is why it is in the news now. All who were deferred must renew within four months.

**WCCA Volunteer Opportunity**  
Western Carolina Community Action is seeking community members to apply for a position on its Board of Directors. Our own Madeline Royes has been chair, and is continuing to serve as the LWVHC representative, but a League member who also volunteers for another group could apply, representing that agency. WCCA oversees such important community services as Head Start, Apple Valley Transportation, Section 8 Housing, and much more that improves the quality of our community. Consider it ASAP, and contact Nancy Berry, 693-1711, or go to the WCCA website for an application. Madeline, we're proud of all you do!

# New Members

**Icy Mohabier** - Icy joined because the League because it is a non-partisan, inclusive organization that focuses on educating all Americans about voting. Icy's childhood memories of LWV are all positive and she is happy to finally have the opportunity to contribute her energy to its mission. She is looking forward to contributing to the Observer Corps, Voter Education, the Immigration Committee, and Social Media.

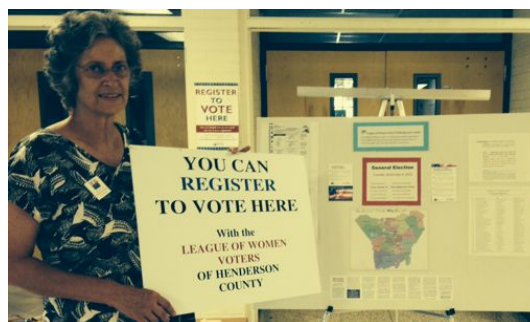
**Padma Dyvine** – Padma is interested in voter registration and democracy. She is very disillusioned with the government and likes the idea of non-partisan, objective studying of issues. Padma is in the process of setting up a business and taking a class.

**Rachel Poller** - Rachel is relatively new to NC and is concerned that many potential voters don't vote. She wants to make sure that as many eligible voters as possible are registered and encouraged to participate in decision-making/government. Rachel and her husband retired to Hendersonville last September from Philadelphia. She was an ESL teacher and an educational supervisor in the Bilingual Department in Camden, NJ for many years. They both love the area here!!

## Henderson County League of Women Voters Education Fund (HCLWVEF)

A few years ago, Francee Sherman bequeathed the League money to start a fund to provide grants to the League for educational purposes. We are pleased to announce the "The Fund" has now achieved 501 (c) (3) tax-free status and is operational. The Board of Directors consists of Mary Ann Engel, President; Helen Wright, Treasurer; Marion Huffman, Secretary; Bill Wilkes, Director; and Becky Banadyga, Director. We will be working closely with LWVHC's Board of Directors to receive grant proposals. Look for future information and updates to come.

## League in Action!



Suzanne Hale helped Judy Wilkes register voters at East Henderson High School

Photos this issue:  
Linda Miller, Judy Wilkes



During Apple Festival members registered voters



League members registered new American Citizens after the ceremony at Carl Sandburg Citizenship Day

# LWVHC Calendar 2014-2015

## October

- 2 - Board Meeting 10 -12
- 9 - Observer Corps -lunch @Dandelion
- 16 - General Meeting -Immigration 3-5 pm
- 20 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
- 29 - Brews and Banter - The Poe House, 5-7:30 pm

## November

- 4 - Election Day
- 6 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 17 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
- 20 General Meeting - It's All About Food, 3-5 pm

## December

- 4 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 5 - Legislative Breakfast - Golden Corral 8 am
- 14 - Holiday Party , 3-5, Chamber
- 15 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30

## January

- 8 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 9 - Carrie Chapman Catt Birthday
- 19 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
- 19 - MLK Breakfast
- 22 - General Meeting - Program Planning 3-5 pm

### ANNUAL DUES

**\$50 PER SINGLE MEMBER**  
**\$75 PER FAMILY**

**PLEASE MAIL TO**  
**League's Address**

**LWVHC**  
**PO Box 2238**  
**Hendersonville, NC 28793**

## February

Black History Month  
 Youth Voter Month

- 5 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 14 - Anniversary of League
- 16 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
- 16 - President's Day
- 19 - General Meeting - Health Care Update 3-5

## March

Women's History Month  
 Sunshine Month

- 5 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 16 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
- 16 - Open Government Week
- 19 - General Meeting 3-5 Advocacy Day  
 League's 95th birthday celebration

## April

- 2 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 16 - General Meeting 3-5 Education Study
- 16 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 20 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
- 22 - Earth Day

## May

- 7 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 18 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
- 21 - Annual Meeting
- 50th Anniversary Celebration of Henderson County League

## June

- 4 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 15 - Immigration Committee 3:30-4:30
- 18 - Board Retreat 10-3

### VOTER SERVICES

- October 1, City Operations Bldg, 6-8 pm**  
Candidate Forum - State Candidates
- October 4, Etowah library Community Rm, 10-noon**  
Voter Education Program Registration
- October 8, City Operations Bldg. 6-8 pm**  
Candidate Forum - Local Candidates

## Brews and Banter

**Working? Traveling?**  
**Missing Meetings?**  
**Feeling out of the Loop?**

League members, let's get together at the **The Poe House** (105 1st Ave West) for an informal gathering. No agenda, just a good chance to catch up on what everyone's been doing. Wednesday, **Oct. 29, 5-7:30 pm**. Besides brews, non-alcoholic beverages are also available.

**LWVHC Observer Corps  
Government Board Meetings in Henderson County 2014 - 2015**

Observer Corps Members	Board	Places of Board Meetings	Times of Board Meetings
Janet Edwards  Bill Wilkes	Co. Brd. of Com: Monday  Co. Brd. of Com: Wednesday	Historic Courthouse <small>Main Street, Gold Dome Bldg. Upstairs</small>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. 5:30  3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 9:00 am
Becky Armstrong Rose Griffith	Co Planning Board	Co Admin Bldg <small>100 N King St.</small>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. 5:30
Martha Sachs	Board of Elections	Board of Elections Bldg. <small>75 E. Central St. off Spartanburg Hwy.</small>	varies
Linda Weldon	Board of Health	Dept. of Public Health <small>1200 Spartanburg Hwy</small>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 6:00 P.M.
	Hospital Board	Pardee Hospital, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	Last Wed 3:00
Linda Miller Katharine Taylor Rachel Poller Sub: Brenda Fisher	HCBPE School	Administration Bldg. 414 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave At different schools	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. 6:30 &  Wed. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. at noon
Madeline Royes Sharon Broussard Icydor Mohabier	H'v City Council	City Hall <small>145 5<sup>th</sup> Ave E</small>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. 5:45
	H'ville Planning	City Operations Cnt.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. 4:00
Judy Katz	Flat Rock Town Council	Village Hall <small>110 Village Center Drive</small>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 9:30 am
	Fletcher Town Council	Town Hall <small>6360 H'v Road</small>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. 7:00
Jeanette Cannon	Laurel Park Town Council	Town Hall <small>441 White Pine Dr.</small>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. 9:30 am
Sub: Martha Sachs	Mills River Town Council	Town Hall <small>124 Town Center Dr.</small>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs. 7:00

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