

## League of Women Voters of Henderson County

### *From the President*

*Have you voted already?  
Do you prefer to vote on Election Day?  
What is your favorite voting story this year?*

Mine is about the young woman who made a bee-line for our Registration Table in the student lounge at Wingate Univ. "I'd like to register ... that MY NAME HAS CHANGED!" she beamed. "Oh, congratulations," we chimed. "You must have just gotten married." "Yes," she acknowledged, "And I had no idea how many places your name change has to be recorded," she moaned. "You all are helping so much. When I saw you'd be here, I knew that I could fit it in." Busy pharmacy student and newlywed that she was, she wasn't going to overlook the need to update her name on her voter registration.

Research tells us that women are one group that will be greatly impacted by the new voting law changes. Thank you for being a presence in the community this fall at Voter Registration events. We'd love to hear your favorite voting stories. Please submit them to [sburlingame401@gmail.com](mailto:sburlingame401@gmail.com) or [rkumor@morrisbb.net](mailto:rkumor@morrisbb.net)

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## GENERAL MEETING IT'S ALL ABOUT FOOD

**November 20**  
**3 - 5 pm**

### Panelists:

**Anthony Owens - Windy Ridge Farms**  
**Allison Perrett - Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture**  
**Jere Brittain - Mills River Partnership**  
**Craig Mauney - Extension Area Agent**

**Come join the discussion**

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

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## IT'S ALL ABOUT FOOD!

How are modern trends in Agriculture related to our health? Do we have safe foods to eat? Do we know the sources of our foods? Does "big money" effect research and public policy surrounding food production?

Join us as we explore these questions with panelists: Anthony Owens, Windy Ridge Farms; Allison Perrett, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project; Jere Brittain, Mills River Partnership; and Craig Mauney, Extension Area Agent, Commercial Vegetable Production. Learn more about local efforts, as well as the new LWVUS position on Agriculture, so that you can be truly thankful (or concerned?) for the safeguards on our food sources as we prepare Thanksgiving dinner.

Bring friends concerned with the environment, health, nutrition, agribusiness, local farming, sustainability, food safety, federal monitoring, land use & preservation, and more.



### The Kids Voting for Democracy Program Finale

The *Kids Voting for Democracy* (KVD) Program in Henderson County schools is a collaboration of the Henderson County School

District, LWV, and Kids Voting. Over 13,000 students in HC will have the opportunity to cast informed votes on online ballots in the KVD mock-election during early voting and on Election Day.

KVD facilitators/teachers Addie Carr and Carson LeMaster did an excellent job of presenting the program to a receptive HC school board on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The *Times-News* did an interesting story on their presentation of the KVD program: <http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20141014/ARTICLES/141019947/0/search> Jan Allen, Marian Lowry, and Judy Wilkes got the online voting ballots for public school students up and running for student voting by October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first day of early voting.

The League also prepared a pro and con issue paper on each of the issue questions and delivered "vote quotes" and poster materials to the schools as well as table-top voting booths. Judy Wilkes and Marian Lowry delivered rolls of "I VOTED" stickers to the schools for the election. By request of the teachers, the League also delivered some of the great *Hendersonville Lightning* voter guides to the schools.

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Karen Jones and Icy Mohabier delivered the Candidate Forum Cards to Mark Meadow's office in the Court House on Monday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. Michelle Burnette is maintaining a "scholarship mentors" list.

Icy Mohabier submitted to the committee a list of potential venues for the Myths & Facts presentation. Jody Davidson is no longer volunteering with the LWV-Immigration Committee.

**DACA News:** On October 23, 2014 USCIS posted an update to the DACA renewal process. Video available online: HYPERLINK "<http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>" <http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

### Immigration Network Expands

The 4 – year old Immigration Network of Henderson County is in a growth and transitional mode. Michele Burnette, a League member who was a former member of the League Immigration Committee, assumed the facilitator role a month ago. Former facilitator, Lee Luebbe, remains a member.

Besides the six faith communities regularly involved, i.e., Universalists Unitarians, St. James Episcopal, La Capilla, Immaculate Conception, First Congregational, Holy Family Episcopal Church, the Henderson County Public Schools, NC Cooperative Extension and LWVHC, the ESOL Director of BRCC is now also attending. Regular meetings are held monthly on the fourth Monday at 7 PM at Holy Family Episcopal Church, Mills River.

Monday, October 27, members of the Immigration Network presented to the counselors of Henderson County High Schools and Early College, resource packets related to scholarships available for documented, undocumented, and DACA students. Each high school was also presented with a manual to assist counselors in their guiding of immigrant students.

The next step will be recruiting mentors for those students and their parents who might need support in completing forms for college application and scholarship application and setting up a protocol for training the mentors.

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### Become a Scholarship Mentor

If you are interested in mentoring a student exploring college application and financial aid, contact Michelle Burnette, [mjebur11@gmail.com](mailto:mjebur11@gmail.com); Lee Luebbe, [leeluebbe60@gmail.com](mailto:leeluebbe60@gmail.com); or Pat Argue, [Pkargue@gmail.com](mailto:Pkargue@gmail.com).



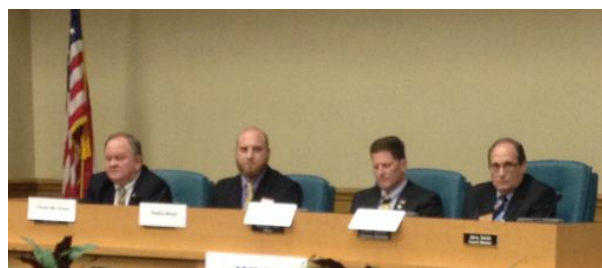
Candidates for Henderson County School Board



Candidates for Henderson County Sheriff



During the month of October League hosted TWO Candidate Forums and drew standing room only crowds for these events. Judy Katz was the facilitator for each forum.



Candidates for the state legislature

## OBSERVER CORPS

The November Observer Corps lunch meeting will be at Sol y Luna in the Laurel Park Shopping Center. We will be discussing the results of the 2014 election on the HC boards we observe and sharing board issues. We will be meeting in the back “Sun Room” at 11:00, Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. It is in between Ingle’s and Tooley’s.

The October Observer Corps lunch meeting was held at the busy Dandelion Restaurant run by Mainstay. The food was great, and Observers shared happenings from their boards and discussed the many interesting complexities of the election.

Please join us for good food and conversation on the second Thursday in November.



Sharon chats with Board of Elections chairman, Bob Heltman



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### The Kids Voting for Democracy Program Finale

Don and Linda Miller hand-delivered 13,000 HC take-home ballots with the LWV and Kids Voting logos and “Prepared by the Henderson County League of Women Voters” at the top to 22 schools in HC. These ballots look very much the same as the “Sample Ballot” on the [www.lwvhcnc.org](http://www.lwvhcnc.org) website listed under “Voter Services.”

A main goal of the *Kids Voting for Democracy* Program is getting parents involved in their children’s civic education. Sending home a sample ballot also provides parents the voter information.

Teachers, principals, and receptionists have been working together under the leadership of KVD Facilitators Addie Carr and Carson LeMaster and with the support of the LWV, KV, and the HC Schools administrative team to make this KVD civics unit all come together with students casting informed votes at their schools by Election Day 2014.

Marian Lowry and Jan Allen have prepared the paper ballots for the *Kids Voting USA* stations at the five early-voting poll sites. Priscilla Burch delivered and set up the *Kids Voting USA* station materials. It is fun to see happy kids coming out of the polls with their parents and an “I VOTED” sticker on their chest.

# LWVHC Calendar 2014-2015

## November

- 4 - Election Day
- 6 - Board Meeting 10-12
- 13 - Observer Corps Lunch Mtg 11:00 am Sol y Luna
- 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
- 28 - Brews and Banter - 5:30 - 7:30 pm

## 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

## FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING LIST!



This year's holiday gathering will be held on **Sunday, December 14**, at the Chamber of Commerce, from 3-5 pm. We again welcome generous shoppers to bring a "boardbook" suitable for a child 2-5 years old. As we visit with each other and enjoy sumptuous refreshments, and perhaps a little punch or wine, we will wrap these books to donate to WCCA's Head Start students. Last year's donation of more than 50 books to the CFRC's Adolescent Parenting Program was a highlight for our members, as well as the children who received the books.

## ECO DOUBLE FEATURE

Check out ECO's 6th annual Film Fest, Friday, November 7. Doors open 6 PM at Hendersonville Little Theater

## Brews and Banter

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

League members, let's get together for an informal gathering. No agenda, just a good chance to catch up on what everyone's been doing.

Next get together - January 28, 2015  
Location to be announced