

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

From the President

The XIXth Amendment gave women the vote on August 26, 1920. Each year, we celebrate this event, and the varied work it has led us to, at our **Sundaes on Sunday** event on **August 23**. We will focus on upcoming League work and projects at the local, state, and national level, introduce our new Board, and enlist folks who want to be “in the loop” this year. We are highlighting a fine new facility - the Community Room at the new H’ville Co-op - by meeting there!

Let me offer an apology to those who look forward to registering voters at the Apple Festival. Due to an abundance of non-profits wishing for space at the Festival, we did not receive a booth this year. Come hear from our **Voter Services** folks about some other ways that you can be involved in the struggle for Voters’ Rights, voter education, and increased participation in this year’s municipal elections. As LWVUS Pres. Elizabeth McNamara says, “We should be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and its protections, but what’s to celebrate when voters are instead more vulnerable to discrimination than at any time since the law was first passed in 1965?”

When I graduated from high school in 1965, my mother and her friends were working hard in League for Voters’ Rights. It only seems fitting to continue their work. I just want you all to have as much fun in doing it as I remember they had!

Sharon

SUNDAES ON SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
3 - 5 PM**

at

**THE HENDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY
CO-OP
Spartanburg Hwy.***

**CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
KICK OFF LWV FALL PROJECTS**

**GUESTS & PERSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME**

**RSVP Karen Jones 828-435-1339 or
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*Directions: going south/east on Spartanburg Hwy (176)., turn right onto Charleston Ln. (at Duke Power), 60 S. Charleston Ln, 28792
We will be in the "Community Room" building at the right of the store.

"Independent event not affiliated with the HCC"

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League in Action!



Standing Up for
Voting Rights

League's Challenge to the Country's Most Restrictive Voting Law Heads to Court

In 2013, just six weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court gutted a key provision of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) that ensured certain states were not implementing discriminatory voting laws, the North Carolina Governor signed into law an omnibus anti-voter bill. The day that law was enacted the League of Women Voters of North Carolina and our coalition partners filed a lawsuit. The Federal trial began on Monday and could impact voting rights across the country.

Follow the most recent developments of the trial in the Charlotte Observer, or at www.lwvnc.org or an additional NY Times link below

["http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/15/opinion/north-carolinas-voting-law-goes-on-trial.html?_r=0"](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/15/opinion/north-carolinas-voting-law-goes-on-trial.html?_r=0) http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/15/opinion/north-carolinas-voting-law-goes-on-trial.html?_r=0

Why did six thousand people march in protest at the June 13 Forward Together Moral Monday Voting Rights March in Winston-Salem? Why were they supporting the plaintiffs' in the Federal Court case against the State's 2013 enactment of H.B. 589? The Raleigh News & Observer may have said it best, "The U.S. Justice Department, NAACP, League of Women Voters and an organization representing young voters argue that the changes made by the GOP-led legislature two years ago were designed to disenfranchise minority and young voters". Many thanks to all who attended the March - Harold Hellickson, Judith Scruggs, Bill and Judy Wilkes from our group. Follow this month's news for developments in the H.B. 589 Court Case proceedings! Follow this link for more info <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article28371196.html>

Voter Service

Voter Service is now meeting the 4th Wednesday of each month. We meet at the Congregational Church, in their library from 10-12 AM. All members interested in working with us are welcome.

We will not have a booth at the Apple Festival. Therefore, we will present to the board two possible alternative events: Marching in the Apple Festival Parade or having a booth at the Farm City Day on October 3rd.

We will again be doing voter registration at the Annual Citizenship Day at Carl Sandburg Home, Thursday September 17. Contact Judy Katz if you want to participate.

Dates for municipal elections: Early Voting: October 22- Oct 31, with election day being Nov.3rd. We discussed whether to do candidate forums or meet and greets for the City of Hendersonville and Flat Rock Town Council. As soon as we decide the specifics we will let you know. Meanwhile, both the Times News and the Lightning have articles about the municipal elections.

<http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20150723/ARTICLES/150729963/1151?template=printpicart>

<http://www.hendersonvillelightning.com/four-seasons-politics/4205-municipal-elections-feature-just-two-contested-races.html>

<http://www.hendersonvillelightning.com/four-seasons-politics/4228-mayoral-candidate-owes-village-60-000.html>

LWVNC Closing the Gap Project

The NC League of Women Voters, as a member of the North Carolina Medicaid Expansion Coalition, is working toward extending health insurance coverage to 500,000 low-income uninsured North Carolinians. The coalition is making a concerted effort to educate citizens about the need and long-term benefits of expanding Medicaid and asking voters to contact the Governor and their elected officials to encourage them to support Medicaid expansion.

As part of its effort to educate citizens, the coalition sponsored a statewide "Where's the Plan?" Day of Action held in Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Greenville, Raleigh, and Asheville on Thursday, July 16, 2015. Linda Weldon, Sharon Burlingame, and Jan Isserman from our Henderson County League joined others at the Asheville Day of Action to ask Governor McCrory to bring forth his plan for closing the coverage gap as he said he would after the Supreme Court ruling upholding the terms of the Affordable Care Act in June.

Local media covered the event. Links to the WLOS report and Citizen-Times reports of the event are noted below.

<http://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2015/07/16/advocates-call-medicaid-expansion/30246515/>

<http://www.wlos.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/uninsured-rally-medicaid-expansion-21961.shtml> -

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IMMIGRATION

At Convention, Lee Luebbe and Judith Scruggs led a lively, well-attended session on the Immigration Network of HC which focused on its Path to College (PTC) Mentoring Program and inspired other counties to consider starting a similar initiative.

At present PTC has 25 mentees, mostly Hispanics in grades 9-college, including one homeless person and one single mom, aged 26. There are now 26 trained mentors who are, and will be, meeting with two or three same-grade students once or twice a month to guide them through the specific activities in the program's workbook focusing on academic and career goals. New mentees and mentors are always welcome. For more information, contact Michele Burnette, jmebur11@gmail.com.

A Note from the Board . . .

In consideration of member privacy, the Board voted in July to remove the membership contact information from the website. Members who are current in their dues will still receive the membership roster digitally twice a year, usually October and February. You may want to print it out when it comes and keep it in your League folder. [Alternatively, there will be copies available at our monthly meetings or you can contact Linda Hansma, Membership Chair and she will send you a copy via an attachment to an email](#)

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July 1, 2015**

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LWVNC State Board, 2015

Front row, L to R are Barbara Zia, Judith Scruggs, Mary Klenz, Margaret Salinger, Pat Adams, Jana Albritton, Peg Chapin
Back row, Willie Taylor, Bill Wilkes, Walter Salinger, Lori Williams, Louise Romanow.

Our League is proud to claim two of our own on State Board - Judith Scruggs and Bill Wilkes!

LWVHC Calendar 2015-2016

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August

6 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
17 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
23 - General Meeting, **Sundaes on Sunday**,
3-5pm - Community Co-op
26 - Voter Services Mtg 10-12, FCC
26 - Women's Equality Day/19th Amendment
Passage
TBD - Education Study

September

3 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
4, 5, 6, (7) Apple Festival
7 - Labor Day
14 - Rosh hashanah
17 - Citizenship Day/Voter
Registration at Carl Sandburg, 11 am
22 - National Voter Registration Day
23 - Voter Services Mtg 10-12, FCC
23 - Yom Kippur
TBD - Observer Corps
TBD - Education Study

October

1 - Board Meeting 10 -12, WCCA
15 - General Meeting -**Medicaid/Healthcare** 3-5
pm
19 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
28 - Voter Services Mtg 10-12, FCC
TBD - Education Study

November

3 - Election Day - Municipal Elections
5 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
19 - General Meeting - **Immigration** 3-5 pm
25 - Voter Services Mtg
26 - Thanksgiving
TBD - Education Study

December

3 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
4 - Legislative Breakfast - Golden Corral 8 am
7-14 - Hanukkah
13 - Holiday Gathering - **The Gift of Words**
21 - Immigration Committee Mtg. 3:30 -4:30
25 - Christmas

January

7- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
9 - Carrie Chapman Catt Birthday
18 - MLK Breakfast; Immigration Mtg
21 - General Meeting - **Planning for Focus** 3-5
27 - Voter Services Mtg. 10-12, FCC
TBD - Education Study

February

Black History Month
Youth Voter Month
4- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
14 - 96th Anniversary of League
15 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
18 - General Meeting - **The Right to Vote** 3-5
24 - Voter Services Mtg. 10-12, FCC

March

Women's History Month
Sunshine Month
3 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
17 - General Meeting **Education: Consensus for
Local Study**, 2-5
21 - Immigration Mtg.
23 - Voter Services Mtg. 10-12, FCC
25 - Good Friday
27 - Easter
TBD - Observer Corps

April

National Volunteer Week
7 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
15 - Tax Day
16 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
18 - Immigration Committee Mtg. 3:30-4:30
21 - General Meeting - **Voters' Services**, 3-5 pm
22 - Earth Day
27 - Voter Services Mtg. 10-12, FCC
TBD - LWVNC State Conference

May

5 - Board Meeting 10-12
16 - Immigration Committee Mtg
19 - **Annual Meeting**
30 - Memorial Day

June

2 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
14 - Flag Day
21 - Immigration Committee Mtg. 3:30 -4:30
22 - Voters Services Mtg. 10-12, FCC

ANNUAL DUES

\$50 per Single member
\$75 per family

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