

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

From the President

It's "Back to School" time! For many of us, that means we want to keep learning for enrichment, for community awareness, and just to keep up with this fast-changing world! Look at our fall schedule for many opportunities to learn and contribute to making democracy work through League.

Volunteer at our fall Voter events: Thursday, Sept. 17, at Carl Sandburg Park (New Citizens' Day voter registration); Saturday, Oct. 3, at Farm City Day, Jackson Park (LWV booth with voter registration in English & Spanish); and Tuesday, Oct. 20, at our Candidate Meet & Greet, at the City Ops building. Catch up with your friends at Brews and Banter nights Sept. 10 and Nov. 19 (learn about Money in Politics, the Voting Rights lawsuit, TABOR legislation, and more).

In October, attend our **general program on Health Care**, Oct. 15. Or join us for a "Hot Topic" field trip - lunch and a walk on the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Traveler's Rest, on Oct. 22. We are embarking on plans with the wonderful staff at the **Main Library** to keep us digitally savvy. Look for the "Facebook" class on Oct. 29, for example, to help you better use the elegant Facebook page Linda Hansma has created for our League.

So sharpen your pencils, get a good night's sleep, and join us soon!

Sharon

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October Event!!

CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET

Tuesday, Oct. 20

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Hendersonville City Operations
Building,
305 Williams St, 28792

All Municipal and City Council Candidates
Invited to
informal discussion of issues with the voters -
League Volunteers needed!

VOLUNTEER TO REGISTER VOTERS!

Sept. 17 Citizenship Day

Carl Sandburg Home Historic Park
Begins at 11 (find parking by 10 to
get up the hill in time)

Oct. 3 Farm City Day

Jackson Park
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

*(contact Judy Katz, Judy Wilkes, or
Sharon Burlingame)*

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Brews and Banter

Working? Traveling?

Missing Meetings?

Feeling out of the Loop?

Brews and Banter evenings are back by popular demand! They will be held every other month, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, at Sol y Luna in Laurel Park. We will briefly touch on a topic of interest each time, and then let the discussion roll wherever it may go! Bring friends and family, enjoy a brew and/or a meal. On

Thursday, Sept. 10, we will discuss *the pending lawsuits on Voter Rights and Redistricting*. Save Nov. 19, Jan. 14, and March 10 for future Brews evenings.

Next get together -
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 10
Sol y Luna
Laurel Park

Land Use

Interested in Land Use Issues? Mountain True (formerly ECO) will be holding a Legislative Wrap Up meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24, at their office at 600 Church St., from 6-8pm. Several of our representatives, including Chuck McGrady, will be there to discuss environmental legislation from the current session. For more information, go to mountaintrue.org SB



Peg Chapin MLD Trainer (Charl-Meck LWV), Lee Luebbe, Coach (Hend. LWV), and Lizzie Scheimer, (Pres. A-B LWV) presenting at MLD Leadership Training workshop on Aug. 29 in Asheville. Lizzie and Sharon Burlingame (Pres. Hend. LWV) assisted the coaches in the day-long training.

League in

Action!



Ruth Birge, a League member who came to Hendersonville in 2002 as publisher of the *Times-News* and quickly established a reputation as a leader of great spirit and compassion, was named the 2015 winner of the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award during the annual luncheon meeting of the Community Foundation of Henderson County. "A great example of what happens when you combine hard work, determination, wisdom and integrity in one individual," said Shirley McGee, a Community Foundation board member and chair of its recognition committee.

IMMIGRATION

Pathway to College Program - organized by the Immigration Network is recruiting more mentors this fall. Twenty two volunteers were matched with 27 students this summer. Given the anticipated increase in students requesting assistance now that the school year has begun, additional mentors will be needed. Requirements are 2 hours minimum per month. Maximum commitment is four hours. Training is provided. Welcome to Judy Katz, our newest volunteer. No date has been set for training at this time. Contact Lee Luebbe 694.3710,

Farm City Day is Saturday, Oct. 3, this year and our League volunteers will join the mix of urban and rural folks at Jackson Park from 10:00 - 4:00 PM. Look for our LWV Booth, grab a clip board, and prepare to meet lots of fun-loving families as you register voters and encourage folks to vote. Volunteers are needed - including a photographer - for 2 hour shifts - contact Sharon (sburlingame401@gmail.com) to choose your shift! Enjoy fresh apple pie and watch the greased pig contest while helping our democracy thrive.

LWV National Study Information

Careful study is the key to LWV's credibility. The following resources are available for studies, now underway nationally, to better understand the role of money in politics, and the process of Constitutional Amendments. We are still in need of local members to lead discussions about these national study topics. Please let me know if you'd be interested - Sharon

Money in Politics Review Paper on The Role of the Supreme Court in Interpreting the Constitution is Online

The MIP paper on [The Role of the Supreme Court in Interpreting the Constitution](#) is now posted on the Money in Politics page. The paper examines the role of the Supreme Court in interpreting the Constitution and the history of judicial supremacy as limited by changing the Court and Constitutional Amendment. To join the discussion on Money in Politics, [join the MIP Google Group](#). If you need assistance accessing the MIP google group please reach out to MIP Chair, Barbara Zia at MIPStudyChair@lww.org.

Study Webinar Available in Webinar Library: Overview of MIP and Constitutional Amendment Studies

On Wednesday, July 29, LWVUS Board Members including the Chairs of the LWVUS [Money in Politics Review](#) and [Constitutional Amendment Study](#) Committees put on a webinar with general background on national studies and an orientation to the two current studies. The [Study Webinar](#) audio recording and the PowerPoint presentation are now available in the [LWVUS Webinar Library](#).

Constitutional Amendment Study: Consensus Questions and New Deadline! (REMINDER)

At its post-Council 2015 meeting, the League Board approved the [Constitutional Amendment study questions](#) so that Leagues can begin to meet and discuss this all important issue. LWVUS will be asking for the results of your consensus meetings by [December 1, 2015](#). The consensus questions are accompanied by short PRO and CON statements that will help League members consider their responses. Educational materials can be found at the [Constitutional Amendment Study page](#) and others will be posted in the coming weeks. This will be an interesting, exciting and important way to kick off fall activities for the League! Questions can be sent to CACommitteeChair@lww.org.



Do you want to follow LWVHC on Facebook? Are you interested in joining Facebook but not sure how to do it? The Henderson County Library is holding free Facebook Basics class on October 29th. You will learn to register for a Facebook account and the basics of how to use it. Registration at the library is required. You can register at the

Information Desk or call 828-697-4725, opt.#3. The class is from 10:00 am - 11:30 am.

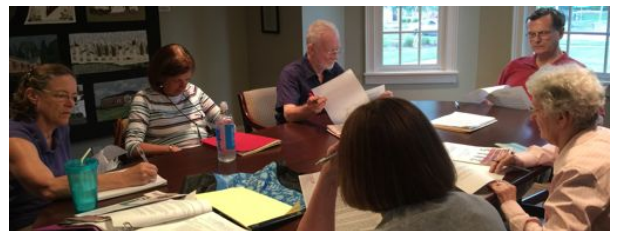
Voter Service

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY ON CONSTITUTION DAY SEPTEMBER 17

Citizenship Day falls on September 17 each year to commemorate the signing of the Constitution in 1787. For the last five years, LWVHC has been part of the observance and celebration of American citizenship at Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. The U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services will swear in new citizens in a moving Naturalization Ceremony. Afterwards our League members will register these new Americans to vote for the first time. It has been an important part of our Voter Services for five years to welcome these new citizens. Please join us and volunteer to help with the registration. The Ceremony starts at 11 but we advise everyone to come early to get good parking and time to walk up or shuttle up to the amphitheater at the House. Parking is available at Flat Rock Playhouse as well as the regular lot. Wear comfortable shoes and a big League smile.

For more information and a commitment to volunteer: Judy Katz at judykatz4625@gmail.com or 808-2441. I look forward to seeing you at this inspiring event.

Education



Our local LWVHC study: *Defining Components of a Quality Public Education* will be going out to community groups in October. Our Quality Ed Team will meet with HC Retired School Personnel members at their October 6th meeting, and HCRSP will be the first community group to take our survey to determine what components their members believe necessary for a quality public education.

For instance one of the components HCRSP will be asked to consider is:

“Driver education is provided at no cost to the students.”
Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

After we gather community groups' input from the surveys and take it into consideration for the final draft of our quality education components, we will put those final components through the consensus process with LWVHC members at the March meeting.

LWVHC Calendar 2015-2016

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September

- 3 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 4, 5, 6, (7) Apple Festival (No LWV Booth)
- 7 - Labor Day
- 10 - Brews and Banter, 5:30 pm Sol y Luna, Laurel Park
- 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
- 3 - Farm City Day - Voter Registration LWV Booth 10 am - 4 pm, Jackson Park
- 15 - General Meeting -**Medicaid/Healthcare** 3-5 pm
- 19 - Immigration Committee Mtg 3:30-4:30
- 20 - Candidate "Meet and Greet" 6:30 pm -8:00 pm City Operations Building
- 22 - Swamp Rabbit Trail Lunch (bike opt) 12:00 Traveler's Rest
- 28 - Voter Services Mtg 10-12, FCC
- 29 - Facebook Technology, 10 am - Noon, Kaplan Audit., Library
- TBD - Education Study

November

- 3 - Election Day - Municipal Elections
- 5 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 19 - General Meeting - **Immigration** 3-5 pm
- 19 - Brews and Banter, 5:30 pm. Sol y Luna, Laurel Park
- 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**
- 14 - Immigration Committee Mtg. 3:30 -4:30
- 25 - Christmas

January

- 7- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 9 - Carrie Chapman Catt Birthday
- 14 - Brews and Banter, 5:30 pm Sol y Luna, Laurel Park
- 18 - MLK Breakfast
- 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
- 10 - Brews and Banter, 5:30 pm Sol y Luna, Laurel Park
- 17 - General Meeting **Education: Consensus for Local Study**, 2-5
- 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
- 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
- 23 - Board Retreat New and transitioning Board Members
- TBD - LWVUS National Convention

ANNUAL DUES

\$50 per Single member
\$75 per family

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