

## League of Women Voters of Henderson County

### *From the President*

I have just returned from Maine, where we could look out over the ocean and imagine all the unseen aquatic life busy below the surface. When 20 or 30 League members gather at an event and swim into an issue, you know that you are only seeing a surface glimpse there, too. Lots of work is quietly going on below, done by members you don't always see.

I am thinking of the tireless **Immigration Committee**, many of whose members have jobs and are unable to attend our afternoon meetings (unseen), yet who manage to arrange updates, speakers, networking, and community support. Hats off to Lee Luebbe, Nan Jennings, Karen Jones, Shoshanna Fried, Alma Jones, Jody Davidson, Pat & Ed Argue, Judith Scruggs, Icy Mohabler and others who guide our Immigration reform efforts ... Or our **Education Study team**, who are ready to launch their Quality Education Community Survey. Many thanks to Rick Wood, Harold Hellickson, Rachel Poller, Helen Wright, Jody Davidson, Katherine Talyor, and their passionate, tireless, leader, Linda Miller, for their education work... Also to Linda Weldon, now joined by Linda Hansma, who follows regional **Health Care** reform efforts. ... Our **Observer Corps** members who, guided by Linda Weldon and Linda Hansma, attend public meetings on an on-going basis. We'll feature our Observers' names next month. ... And our **Environmentalists**, who, of course, would rather be outdoors than in meetings. Suzanne Hale, Jan Allen, Mary Beth Hayes, and Katie Breckheimer, are planning a fun fact-finding event – lunch and a walk on the Swamp Rabbit Trail on Oct. 22. Kudos to our **Media** folks – Renee Kumor, Jan Allen, Linda Hansma, and Guri Andermann, who fuel our information to each other and to the public... See the **Voter Services** article for another hard-working group under Judy Wilkes' guidance....

All these members, and more, power our organization as they work quietly. Please thank them for all they do to promote democracy in our community. One-third land, two-thirds sea; above the surface or working underneath – where are you at work in League?? Wherever that is, thank you!!

*Sharon*

## 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!**

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**October 22**

Swamp Rabbit Lunch and walk

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# IMMIGRATION

The Immigration Committee is busy planning the program for our November general meeting. Educational challenges facing immigrants is the topic, and several speakers will address different aspects. More details next issue. If you are interested in joining the Immigration Committee come to our next meeting, October 19, 3:30 pm at St. James Church. For more info, contact Nan Jennings at [nanj329@gmail.com](mailto:nanj329@gmail.com).

## League in Action!



Lee Luebbe helps a new citizen from the Republic of Congo register to vote

Thursday **September 17, 2015** was **Citizenship Day and Constitution Day**. Traditionally, the Nationalization Ceremony for New Citizens is held at the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. The LWVHC has been there to do voter registration for our New Citizens. This year Judy Katz organized our group of volunteers: Nan Jennings, Lee Leubbe, Iris Vanick, and Kathleen Hespelt. For the first time we partnered with the Board of Elections. Beverly Cunningham and two of her staff were also present. What a great cooperative effort! Of the 16 new citizens 12 registered to vote. Attendance of new citizens was lower this year as a Nationalization Ceremony was also held in Asheville following this event.

## EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED OCT. 24 IN GREENSBORO

*“Frankly, my dear, I don’t give a damn”* is the attitude of many legislative and congressional leaders regarding equal rights for women and men.

To overcome resistance, ignorance, and apathy on the part of many political leaders, advocates of the Equal Rights Amendment are invited to participate in a statewide conference, “The ERA—Give a Damn” on October 24. *RATIFY ERA-NC*, a statewide organization dedicated to making the ERA part of the U.S. Constitution, is sponsoring the program, which will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Congregational United Church of Christ, 400 W. Radiance Drive in Greensboro.

Featured speakers are North Carolina Rep. Carla Cunningham and Sen. Floyd McKissick, ERA primary sponsors; and NAACP leader **Melinda Lowrance**. The program will include strategy planning sessions and lunch. Nancy Glowacki will facilitate a discussion group.

Reservations are required and must be made by October 16. Fee is \$15 (includes lunch). To register, send contact information and check, payable to *RATIFY ERA-NC*, to *RATIFY ERA-NC*, P.O. Box 758, Black Mountain, NC 28711. For more information, contact [robertamadden@era-nc.org](mailto:robertamadden@era-nc.org).

### NOTE

*Lee Luebbe, Melinda Lowrance and Nancy Glowacki will be attending this ERA conference and have room for 1-2 riders. Melinda Lowrance is speaking at the luncheon and Lee will introduce her. They plan to leave about 1 PM Friday, October 23 and return Saturday afternoon. (For more information. contact Lee -- 694.3710 or 606.8756).*

After much time and effort, the Quality Education Study Team has finished the community survey and will be printing 500 copies to gather input from NC citizens. During the fall, the Team plans to survey community members individually and in groups in order to provide citizens' evaluations of each of the 25 components to HC League members when League members work through the consensus process for the study in March.

The survey begins: *The League of Women Voters supports quality public education. As such, the HC LWV is conducting a study and gathering citizen input to see if citizens believe that any of the 25 components below should be included in the definition of a quality public education along with state education statutes. In your opinion, how important to a quality public education is each component listed below? Please complete the following survey by circling the letter that corresponds to your level of agreement.*

**Strongly agree=A    Agree=B    No Opinion=C  
Disagree=D    Strongly Disagree=F**

**On Farm City Day, Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.**, working from the LWVHC booth, the Quality Ed Study Team will attempt to survey individuals for the first time. On Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, the Team will survey its first group, the Henderson County Retired School Personnel. Members of the RSP have volunteered to pilot the survey for the Team and give feedback.

If you belong to a non-profit, religious, or community organization whose members would be willing to take the survey, please contact Linda Miller at [millerdh@bellsouth.net](mailto:millerdh@bellsouth.net)

**October 20: Meet and Greet Candidate Night for the Municipal Elections** 6:30-8:00 pm at the City Operations Building. Again *volunteers are needed*. Hendersonville, Flat Rock, Fletcher, Laurel Park and Mills River are having elections. There are only two contested seats: the Mayor of Flat Rock and there are three candidates for two Hendersonville City Council seats. All other positions are uncontested. Except for two seats on the Flat Rock Council all are incumbents.

For the Municipal Elections Absentee Ballots are available starting Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Early voting is October 22 -31, 2015. Early voting for all Municipalities will be at the Board of Elections. Our legislature recently, due to public pressure, will allow Same Day Registration during Early Voting\*. The Municipal Election is November 3, 2015 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Out-of-precinct voting will be allowed on this day.\*\* To date we do not have a list of the polling places for the Municipal Election.

\*To use Same Day Registration (only available during Early Voting), a voter must provide one of the following identifying documents to an election official at an Early Voting location:

- NC driver's license
- Other government photo ID
- Utility bill, bank statement, or payroll stub with name and current address
- Student photo ID with a school document showing the student's address
- Any document from any government agency with the voter's name and current address.

\*\*Out-of-precinct voting means that on Election Day a voter can cast a ballot that will be counted (at least in part) at any voting precinct in his or her county.

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## DIGITAL LEARNING II

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!! *Flash Drives, Power Point Presentations, Projectors & the Big Screen...*

Have you ever seen a good program falter because the video component on someone's laptop couldn't be screened? Or no one volunteered to be the "tech person" at a program? We want to be on top of those situations!!! On **Mon, Nov. 16**, from 10AM – 12PM, our second League Digital Learning class will be held in the Board Room at the Main Library, skillfully led by Michele von Boeck. Approximately 10 people can be accommodated comfortably. There will be 6 desk top computers available, and if anyone has a laptop, they are encouraged to bring it. This will allow more people to practice with their flash drives.

Participants will need to bring a flash drive with them; these can be purchased at Walmart or Staples. It doesn't matter what size (gigabytes), but folks might as well get one that is at least 6-8 gigs – that should cover most people's needs. The library has one projector, but bring one if you need to learn to use it for another venue.

To sign up for this class members should contact:

Michele von Boeck, Instructional Librarian,  
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# LWVHC Calendar 2015-2016

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## 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
- 10 - Hot Topic - Money in Politics - noon -  
Hendersonville Co-op
- 16 - Digital Training, Public Library 10 am
- 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

**VOLUNTEER TO  
REGISTER VOTERS!**

**Oct. 3 Farm City Day**  
Jackson Park  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Oct 20 Meet and Greet the  
Candidates**  
*LWV Bulletin*

## ANNUAL DUES

\$50 per Single member  
\$75 per family

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