

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

From the President

We knew that October looked busy, and it has been! Our Oct. 15 meeting on Health Care gave us good information regarding the differences between *individual care*, such as well check-ups, and *population care*, such as mass vaccination programs, vision screenings, etc. Those who attended were also able to participate in the Community Health Assessment given by the Dept. of Public Health. Our thanks to our presenters: Betsy Alexander, Dir. Of Nursing at DPH, Kaye Brownlee and Amanda Pack, Health Educators; and to our own Linda Weldon, FNP retired from DPH, for organizing the program.

Read more about our Oct. 20 Candidate Meet & Greet in this Bulletin. It was gratifying to see more than 50 people turn out to talk to the candidates! How did you like this format? Let your Voter Services team (Judy Wilkes) know, and thank them for all their hard work.

As I write this, I am anticipating a beautiful walk tomorrow on the Swamp Rabbit Trail as we explore the impact of the trail on the town of Traveler's Rest, and consider the Ecusta Trail proposal for Henderson County. I am anticipating the "Facebook" class on Oct. 29 at the Main Library, voter registration at The Day of the Dead fiesta on Oct. 30, and a Hot Topic Lunch on "Money in Politics" on Nov. 10. There is so much to look forward to!

We hope to see you at many events, but if you do nothing else, save Nov. 19 as your League Day to attend "Educational Challenges Facing Immigrants" (these are the "Dreamers" you hear about) from 3-5 at the Chamber, and then make it a double-header by sliding on over to Sol y Luna in Laurel Park for dinner or a drink as we mull things over at "Brews and Banter."

Don't miss out on the fun - we need YOU!

**Don't forget to VOTE in the municipal elections -
Tuesday, November 3!**

Sharon

Correction - Last month I omitted two important members of the Education Study team: Linda Bruton, and Kathleen Hespelt. Our thanks to ALL the study team members for the countless hours of work they have put into the survey design. SB

General Meeting

November 19, 2015

3-5 pm

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room

Immigration: Focus on Education

Evelyn Alarcon, Co-Director of El Centro, will talk about their work to help individuals receive their GED.

Javier Gonzalez will speak about his personal effort to go to college, and the tough situation students face when they must pay out-of-state rates because their parents are undocumented.

Pat Argue, League member, will talk about the Path To College program for High School students, an initiative of the Immigration Network.

Q&A

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IMMIGRATION

The Immigration Committee presented a second program at Carolina Village Tuesday, October 20. The program incorporated the pilot project of mentoring first generation college students which is a partnership of six churches, the Public School System, and the LWV Immigration Committee. More mentors will be needed as the program grows. Introductory training is provided. Michele Burnette is coordinating this program.

October General Meeting



At the October meeting members listened to a report from the Health Department and participated in a county wide health survey.



*Plan Ahead
for Holiday Shopping*
Holiday Party - December 13
Gift of Words
Books - Books - Books

League in Action!

November Opportunities to Share Ideas

Nov 10 Hot Topic Lunch

MONEY IN POLITICS: Confused about how the role of money has grown in politics? Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 12 - 1:00 at the Hendersonville Community Food Co-Op for a Hot Topic Lunch on this LWV national study topic. You may "brown bag it," or purchase a lunch from the Co-Op's deli. We will meet in the community room to review a factual power-point from LWVUS interspersed with our own questions and comments. Sharon Burlingame and Harold Hellickson will facilitate the discussion. (Resource handouts available at www.lwv.org) Limit: 25 RSVP: haroldmh@bellsouth.net

Nov. 16 Digital Learning

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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828.697.4725 ext 2305
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Nov 19 Brews and Banter

5:30 pm

Sol Y Luna in Laurel Park

A time to catch up with League friends.

Voter Service



Voter Service hosted a Meet and Greet of municipal candidates running in the November elections at the City Operations Building. Interested voters met candidates who were invited to introduce themselves to those present. Great local newspaper coverage for this event!

Education Quality Ed Team Report

Pictured are members of HC Retired School Personnel at their October 6th meeting. They are completing copies of the survey of our local LWVHC study: *Defining Components of a Quality Public Education* to determine what components their members believe necessary for a quality public education.



During October, our Quality Ed Team members have been taking surveys to different community groups including the NAACP, Kiwanis, WCCA, Carolina Village, church groups and others, and the Team will continue surveying into November.

We hope to survey at least 500 community members and compile the results to inform League members during their consensus meeting in March 2016 about the level of community agreement for each of the 25 components.



Quality Ed Team member Rachel Poller championed a Spanish translation, so with Lee Luebbe's help she found wonderful Aurora Belmore who volunteered to translate the survey into Spanish as a service to the community. We now have 50 copies of the survey in Spanish and hope to pilot it out of the League booth when El Centro of Henderson County will celebrate, as part of Mexican tradition, the Day of the Dead with a Fair which will be held on Friday, October 30 from 5-10 pm at the Super Mercado located at 2111 Hendersonville HWY.

Help Wanted

There's a job we really need help with from someone who likes to research and work behind the scenes AT THEIR OWN PACE. Best of all, it's season-specific, not year-round, so it wouldn't interfere with travel or holidays, for example.

Read what Elisabeth MacNamara has to say about VOTE411.org:

More and more, voters are relying on online tools to get ready for Election Day and in ever increasing numbers, they are coming to VOTE411.org.

100% more people have visited VOTE411.org so far this year than during the same timeframe in the last comparable election cycle.

More Leagues join with their colleagues all across the country to use VOTE411.org to create and distribute voters' guides. Finding information on the background and positions of candidates for federal, state and local office is easy.

The League plays a vital role every year not just by providing voters' guides, but also by explaining ballot issues and creating opportunities through forums and debates for voters to hear from candidates directly.

Would you like to explore hitching our Henderson County League up to this powerful network for next year's election season? Please let Judy Wilkes or Sharon know if you are interested.

LWVHC Calendar 2015-2016

Save this Page

November

3 - Election Day - Municipal Elections
5 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
10 - Hot Topic Lunch, Noon, Community 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
16-19 LWVUS National Convention
21 - Immigration Committee Mtg. 3:30 -4:30
22 - Voters Services Mtg. 10-12, FCC
23 - Board Retreat New and transitioning Board
Members

First Call to LWVUS 52nd National Convention - June 16-19, 2016

Plan to join hundreds of passionate and engaged leaders for the LWVUS National Convention, a vibrant gathering in our nation's Capital from June 16-19, 2016. Save the dates and share them with your members. Keep up-to-date with the latest Convention news and innovations on [our website](#). Look for more information there starting next month on the schedule, registration, hotel and special events such as Lobby Day and a fun evening with the political comedy group "Capitol Steps."