

## League of Women Voters of Henderson County

### *From the President*



April is the perfect time to watch things grow! We have many seedlings sprouting in our League garden: Our Education Consensus was a big success, and now our thoughtful Education team is planning advocacy carry-over for “Quality Public Education.” We are participating in Medicaid Expansion advocacy. As Earth Day comes round, Global Warming is a “hot” (sorry!) topic, and we have League members monitoring community, state, and national environmental progress and needs. The ERA-NC alliance will launch a new partnership of groups on April 12 in Winston-Salem. Legal challenges to voter rights and redistricting have yet to be resolved, and challenges to the state’s new LGBT law are forthcoming; our state LWVNC officers and the press will keep us posted. Poll watchers are reporting their observations of the primary elections – the first elections with Photo ID required. The Immigration Committee is closely following the candidates’ promises regarding Immigration Reform. Our fundraising committee is planning to bring you bulb and plant opportunities in a new format.

With so much going on, you could catch a bad case of Spring Fever, but I hope it will not keep you from our April 21 General Meeting: “A Voter Services Workshop.” We have the Big Plan – now let’s dissect the job ahead of us, fine tune our approach, invite our partners, incorporate past lessons, and promote a successful election season for our community!

**Sharon**

### GENERAL MEETING

**April 21, 3-4:30 pm**

## **A VOTER SERVICES WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS**

**We are 78 members strong**

**There are 8 months until November**

**There is guidance from LWVUS**

**We have local members with experience**

**We are exploring partnerships**

**We have the tools and know-how**

**Together, we can inform and empower the voters of our area.**

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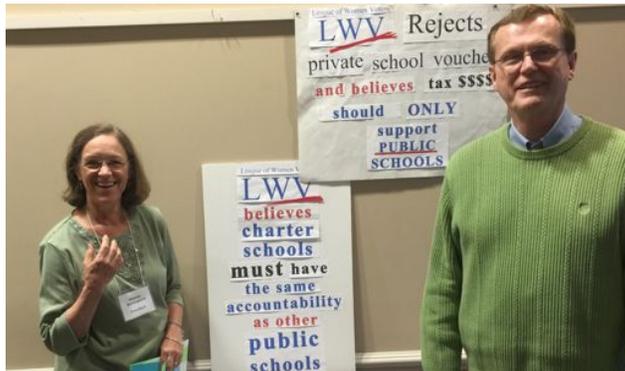
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# Education Consensus Meeting

Animated and focused conversation of the members of five LWVHC Table groups wove consensus around all 26 of the components that were included in the League's 15 month study: *Defining Components of a Quality Public Education*. During League's general meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, members were guided through the consensus process by Rachel Poller, with Linda Weldon keeping members moving through the



process in a timely manner. Table Team Leaders Harold Hellickson, Rick Wood, Kathleen Hespelt, Helen Wright, and Sharon Burlingame with Linda Bruton led members through the ten pages of consensus material, explaining the reasoning behind each component. At the end of the consensus process, Linda Hansma's tallies showed that strong consensus was reached on 100% of the components.



Linda Miller introduced this local education study, citing the National Immigration Study, conducted in 2006 by Lee Luebke and crew, as demonstrating what the power of a League study can do. For ten years, much has been done to aid and support immigrants in Henderson County as a result of that study.



The Team members, who have worked so diligently together to prepare for consensus, will now be planning ways to reach out to our Henderson County community and State League to raise awareness that these components should be implemented in our schools for the best



The Quality Education Committee



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Per the LWVHC ByLaws the Nominating  
Committee Report is submitted to the members  
one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

Proposed Slate for 2016-2017:

**Co-Presidents** - Judith Scruggs, Sharon Burlingame

**Vice-President** - Nan Jennings

**Secretary** - Linda Hansma

**Treasurer** - Bill Wilkes

**Director** - Linda Weldon

**Director** - Harold Hellickson

**Director** - Mary Ann Engel

## SAVE THE DATE

### LWV Annual Meeting

**Supporting Voters for 51 Years!**

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Speaker : Bob Hall, Democracy NC

The Cedars 11:30 am \$25.00

**RSVP by Friday May 13**

To Mary Ann Engel

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## League and the Environment

*League Position: Environmental Protection and Pollution Control – “Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.”*

### LWVHC Global Warming and Climate Change/ Transition

The increased warming of the Earth began with the Industrial Revolution in Europe and the United States and is the cause of the changes in our climate system. (IPCC). The largest polluter of our air and water in North Carolina is Duke Energy’s coal-fired power plants and some have been shut down. But that doesn’t solve the problem because of the coal ash pits leaking toxic waste into our water supply. Decentralization is an option. What the LWVUS has proposed for County Leagues to do is take ACTION on Climate Change and air pollution.

We have to take part in the **transition** to a sustainable economy by promoting jobs in the production of hydroelectric energy, energy-efficiency, solar, wind, geothermal, wave, tidal, bio-mass, carbon capture, and storage. Iceland is geo-thermal, Brazil and Scandanavian countries are hydro-electric, Germany is fifty percent wind in some districts. Unfortunately, China is now the leader in producing dirty air. The way we live in the next twenty-five years, how we invest and use energy, organize transportation and treat forests, will determine if the risks can be managed, i.e. storms, flooding, droughts, and sea level. North Carolina should support wind power in the mountains, decentralize power with solar farms (as Henderson County has done) and geothermal power (maybe under parking lots). TAKE ACTION for our children, or they will be asking WHY?

Barbara Barnett

# PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues		Administration	
Family Membership	975.00	Board Expenses	100.00
Individual Membership	3,400.00	Bulletins	50.00
		Bank Charges	25.00
Total	4375.00	P.O. Box	150.00
		Postage	50.00
Donations		General Supplies	150.00
Members	200.00	Membership	200.00
Other	100.00	Public Relations	150.00
In-Kind	100.00	Website	60.00
		Insurance	266.00
Total	400.00	Refreshments	75.00
		Annual Meeting	250.00
Fund Raising		Rent	300.00
Bulb Sales	1,000.00	Donations	300.00
Other Items	0.00	Subtotal	2,126.00
Finance Drive	200.00		
		LWV Assessments	
Total	1,200.00	PMP National	1,820.00
		PMP State	660.00
Grants		Subtotal	2,480.00
CEF	0.00		
Open World	3,000.00	Member Meals (Legislators)	300.00
Other	0.00	Member Meals (Annual)	750.00
		Subtotal	1,050.00
Total	3,000.00		
		Total Administration	5,656.00
Other Income			
Interest Earned	10.00	LWV Convention/Council	
Bulletin, Hard Copy	20.00	State	500.00
Kids Voting	0.00	National	0.00
		Total	500.00
Operating Income			
Meals (Legislative Breakfast)	300.00	Fundraising Expenses	
Meals (Annual Meeting)	900.00	Bulb Sales	500.00
		Items	0.00
Total	1,200.00	Total	500.00
Carry Over	0.00		
Total Income	10,205.00	Program Support	
		Affordable Housing	0.00
		ERA	0.00
		Immigration Advocacy	150.00
		Judicial Advocacy	0.00
		Natural Resources	0.00
		Observer Corps	0.00
		Social Policy	0.00
		Voter Service	500.00
		Unallocated	100.00
		Speakers	200.00
		Legislator meals	100.00
		Grant Programs	0.00
		Total	1,050.00
		Adj to Equity	2,399.00
		In-Kind	100.00
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10,205.00</b>

## ANNUAL DUES

\$50 per Single member  
\$75 per family

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# LWVHC Calendar 2015-2016

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## April

National Volunteer Week  
7 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA  
15 - Tax Day  
16 - Holocaust Remembrance Day  
16 - Gyn Safety Meeting, 2 PM, Library  
18 - Immigration Committee Mtg. 3:30-4:30  
21 - General Meeting - **Voters' Services**, 3-5 pm  
22 - Immigration Silent Vigil, 4 pm Historic Courthouse  
22 - Earth Day  
27 - South of the Border Breakfast, 8:30 AM, St. James  
27 - Voter Services Mtg. 11 AM, FCC  
29-30 - LWVNC State Conference

## May

5 - Board Meeting 10-12  
19 - **Annual Meeting**  
27 - Immigration Silent Vigil, 4 pm Historic Courthouse  
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  
24 - Immigration Silent Vigil, 4 pm Historic Courthouse  
15-19 - LWVUS National Convention

## IMMIGRATION

More activity planned for the Immigration Committee. Two Committee members are scheduled to do presentations at East Henderson High School in May.

A new bill was introduced in Congress last week (**HB 4731**) which severely limits numbers of refugee immigrants, removes executive action on immigration and allows states and communities to opt out of accepting immigrants. Comments on this bill from the American Immigration Lawyers Association blog: "**The Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act**" passed out of committee in the House of Representatives with a vote of 18-9. Unfortunately, this bill does anything but restore integrity. This bill does not restore integrity to the refugee resettlement program as its name, designed as a distraction, might suggest. To me, H.R. 4731 is "**The Refugee Fear-Mongering and Discrimination Act.**"

Remember the fourth Friday **silent** vigils at 4:30 at the historic courthouse. Signs are provided, so please come and hold one for a half-hour. Participants needed now more than ever.

**Saturday, April 27 at 8:30 AM at St. James Church** is the Dream Scholarship's Fun-raiser, "**South of the Border Breakfast**" featuring great food, fun and scholarship recipients as speakers. The scholarships benefit those students who, though Henderson County students, must pay out-of-state tuition, which is four times the in-state rate. Tickets at door or from Pat or Ed Argue.

## Open World, An International Opportunity for our League

We hope that several members will want to help us with this exciting program. For more information, or to volunteer, call us at 891-3578, or e-mail us at [wrwnc@bellsouth.net](mailto:wrwnc@bellsouth.net) or [judy126@bellsouth.net](mailto:judy126@bellsouth.net)

A Gun Safety meeting will be held Saturday, Apr. 16, 2:00pm, Hendersonville Public Library, to discuss further the need to take common sense measures to limit the spread of firearms, including resources available from Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America.