

## League of Women Voters of Henderson County

### From the Co-Presidents

The Candidate Invitations have gone out (Sept. 22, 26, 29, Oct. 13). A Volunteer Training Workshop will be held Aug. 18 for members and coalition friends who will register voters (see notice this page). The League's Apple Festival booth will open Sept. 2-4. Teachers and administrators from HC Public Schools have met with Kids Voting HC (Marian Lowry), and LWVHC (Linda Miller) to finalize coalition plans for "Students Voting for Democracy" – bringing every student the opportunity to vote in school this fall. Your Voters Services Committee is seeking your participation at Candidate Events, as well as Voter Registration Events (see the Calendar).



These are hallmark events that highlight our year - mark your calendars, call your friends, and plan to volunteer with a buddy often. We need booth hosts, greeters, moderators, time-keepers, chair arrangers, voter registration experts and trainees – in short, we need YOU! Submit candidate questions for the Voters' Guide ("Vote 411" this year) to Linda Hansma, or for the forums to Rose Stone. Or come have coffee with Pat Argue and me, and help us write a press release.

Summer may seem like a sleepy time, but by Sept. 15, when we hold our "Kick Off" general meeting at the Chamber, our year of ACTION will be well underway. Want to get involved? Contact Rose Stone, Voter Services, Judith Scruggs or Sharon Burlingame, Co-Presidents.

**Sharon**

### Opportunities for Action!!!

#### Aug. 18 Voter Registration Training

LWVHC & Democracy NC host this workshop for League members and coalition partners; materials/instructions for upcoming Voter Registration events; sign up to serve!

At: The Hendersonville Community Co-Op, Spartanburg Hwy.

Time: Begins at 3:00 pm

Refreshments: Ice Cream

#### Sept. 2-4 Apple Festival Booth

LWVHC information & voter registration; volunteers needed for 2 hr. shifts Fri-Sun. Work with a buddy or meet someone new. Share our vision with voters young and old while you enjoy the festival! Coalition Partner is AAUW. Contact Rose Stone, [Rose\\_stone@juno.com](mailto:Rose_stone@juno.com) to sign up.

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## League and the Environment

### THE CLEAN POWER PLAN (CPP)

The EPA Clean Power Plan includes a set of rules to regulate green house gas emissions from fossil fueled-fire power plants. The CPP is expected to cut carbon pollution from the power sector 32% below 2005 levels by 2030

The new rules will accelerate the country's transition to a clean energy future and will bring significant health benefits by reducing soot and smog. EPA projects US will avoid thousands of premature deaths and asthma attacks in 2030 and every year beyond. The strong emission standards established the United States as an International Leader in Climate Change and provided momentum for the United Nations climate negotiations in Paris in December.

175 countries signed the UN Paris Agreement on Climate Change that set a record for international diplomacy. Bon Ki-Moon said, "The era of consumption without consequences is over." The US will be forced to depend on several laws already enacted and the EPA Clean Power Plan

### GOALS

1. Improve efficiency of existing CFPP.
2. Substitute electricity from existing natural gas plants for reduced generation from coal-fired power plants.
3. Substitute increased electricity generation from new zero emitting renewable energy sources for reduced generation from existing CFPP.

Submitted by Barbara Barnett

**Open World,  
An International Opportunity for our  
League  
November 11-19**

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)

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**Google Doc Class**

Interested in learning how to use Google Docs? If you are, please sign-up for the class being offered by Michele von Boeck at the Library. Computers will be provided by the library. Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 PM, Henderson County Library 301 N Washington Street – Board Room. Call or email Michele at 828-697-4725, ext. 2305 or [mvonboeck@henderson.lib.nc.us](mailto:mvonboeck@henderson.lib.nc.us) to RSVP.

**League in  
Action!**

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**OBSERVER CORPS**

Our Observer Corps group has not met in over a year and I have lost track of which of our members are attending county meetings. I would like to schedule a meeting in September for our observers to meet and catch up on news of city and county activities. If you are attending a government meeting as an observer for LWVHC, please email me and I will update to my roster of observers. Thanks for your work as an Observer! If you are willing to assist this group as a co-chair, that would be much appreciated. Contact Linda Weldon [iwnclinda@aol.com](mailto:iwnclinda@aol.com), or 828 551-0853.



*LWV Bulletin*

**General Meeting**

**“Kick Off!”**

**September 15**

3-5 PM

Hear all that’s happening this year with League – Open World, Quality Ed, Students Voting for Democracy, Observer Corps, Immigration, Voting Rights legal challenges, Media, and more .. all in the context of the Election Season! It’s a great time to bring a perspective member! Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room

**IMMIGRATION**

The Immigration Committee has established goals for the coming year. Two of them are the continuation of its revamped, interactive presentations to high schools, and its physical and financial contributions to the Immigration Network of Henderson County.

The Committee is proud of the success of the Network's Path to College mentoring program's first year. Four of the mentored students are now in college.

We hope all League members who are not mentors, will consider becoming one due to the likelihood of having more new students when classes resume this fall. Mentors are trained and work with small groups of immigrant high school students twice a month. For more information on mentorship, contact Michele Burnette or Lee Luebbe. More Committee goals will be discussed in the next issue, so stay tuned.

Dream Team Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast  
Saturday, August 27, 8:30 -10:30 AM  
St. James Episcopal Church, 766 Main Street,  
Hendersonville, NC  
Tickets \$15

## Medicaid Expansion notes:

The LWVNC Close The Gap project continues to have biweekly conference calls to discuss strategies to keep the topic of Medicaid Expansion in front of state legislators. North Carolina's Medicaid Reform Waiver was submitted to the federal government's Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 1, 2016. There was a public comment period that expired on July 20<sup>th</sup>, for anyone to send comments to CMS regarding the waiver. Information about the comment period and the web site for comments has been distributed across LWV member social media platforms and widely across western NC by the regional group.

I participated in a medical office practice managers' meeting in July where a NC Medicaid Regional Managed Care Consultant discussed anticipated changes to Medicaid in NC. NC officials are anticipating approval of the waiver by January 1, 2018, and are making plans to incorporate the items in the waiver into the Medicaid program.

Medicaid Expansion will be an issue in the upcoming governor's race. One candidate has made Medicaid Expansion a part of his platform.

*Submitted by Linda Weldon*

## Voter Services

### Plans are underway for Fall Candidate Events.

All Candidate Events will be from 6-8 pm at the Hendersonville City Operations Building on Williams St.

September 22 – A Forum for 48<sup>th</sup> Dist. Norm Bossert and Chuck Edwards, 113<sup>th</sup> Dist. Maureen Copelof and Cody Henson, 117<sup>th</sup> Dist. Chuck McGrady. AAUW volunteers will assist us.

September 29 – A Meet & Greet cosponsored by The Mediation Center and Pisgah Legal Center, for non-partisan Judicial Candidates Brittain, Brooks, Cowan, and Knight, as well as County Commissioner Candidates Messer and Hawkins.

October 13 – A Forum for Board of Education Candidates Absher, Bazzle, Bellmund, Corn, Craven, Harris, Houston, and Wood.

Congressman Mark Meadows has declined our invitation to meet with challenger Rick Bryson on Sept. 26. Whereas Mr. Bryson was willing to appear, Mr. Meadow's Campaign Director phoned to say that he "will only do one debate/forum in this time frame," and that will be at WCU. Voter Services will address this situation.

### Coalition work with the League and community non-profits is building.

**Kids Voting of HC, HC Public Schools, and LWVHC** have already set in place "Students Voting for Democracy" so that every child will get to vote in school this fall. **WNC Carolina Jews for Justice** will hold Voter Registration events at BRCC (Hend. & Trans. Counties) on Sept. 19 for Constitution Day. The **Mediation Center** and **Pisgah Legal Services** will cosponsor our Judicial/County Commissioner Meet & Greet with us. **AAUW** members will assist us at Apple Festival and Candidate Nights. Those volunteers, as well as others will join us on Aug. 18 for Voter Registration training with Darlene Azarmi, Democracy NC, and the LWVHC Voter Service team. **Please let other non-profits know that this opportunity is open to them.** Contact Rose Stone, [rose\\_stone@juno.com](mailto:rose_stone@juno.com), or Sharon Burlingame, [sburlingame401@gmail.com](mailto:sburlingame401@gmail.com).





# LWVHC Calendar 2016-2017

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## August –

- 4– Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 11 – Ed Study Team, 1:30, FRVH
- 15 - Google Docs Class, Public Library, 2 p.m.
- 18 - Voter Regist. Training event/Democracy NC at Co-op
- 24– Voter Services mtg 11:00, FCC
- 26 -*Women's Equality Day*
- 27 - Dream Team Scholarship Breakfast -8:30 am St. James

## September –

- 1 – Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 2,3,4 - Apple Festival – LWV Booth, Voter Registration
- 5 – *Labor Day*
- 15 – General Meeting** – “Kick Off!”
- 17 – *Citizenship Day* – Voter Registration at Carl Sandburg Park (Date TBA)
- 17 – *Constitution Day* – Voter Registration at (TBD)
- 19 - Constitution Day - Voter Registration at BRCC
- 19 – Immigration mtg.
- 22 – State Candidate Event
- 27 - *National Voter Registration Day* (possible partnership event)
- 28 - Voter Services mtg 11:00, FCC
- 29 – Meet and Greet Judicial and Commissioner Candidates

## October –

- 2 – *Rosh Hashanah begins*
- 6 – Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 11– *Yom Kippur begins*
- 13 - Candidate Forum - School Board
- 20 – General Meeting** – “Making Democracy Work for All”
- 26 - Voter Services mtg 10-12, FCC

## November –

- 3 – Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 8 - *Election Day*
- 11-19 - LWVHC Hosts Open World Group**
- 17 – General Meeting** – “Money in Politics”
- 21 - Immigration
- 24- *Thanksgiving*

## December –

- 1- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 2- Breakfast with Elected Officials @ Golden Corral
- 7 – *Remembrance Day*
- 11- Holiday Gathering – time TBA
- 24 – *Hanukkah begins*
- 25 - *Christmas*

## January – 2017

- 5- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 9- *Carrie Chapman Catt's Birthday*
- 16- *Martin Luther King Breakfast*
- 19- General Meeting** for Program Planning
- 25- Voter Services mtg.

## February –

- Black History Month; Youth Voter Month*
- 2- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 14- *97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of League*
- 16- General Meeting** – Fundraising/Goals/Coalitions
- 20 – *Presidents' Day*

## March –

- Women's History Month; Sunshine (Open Government) Month*
- 2- Board meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 16- General Meeting** – “Leadership Training”
- 21 – Immigration mtg.
- 22- Voter Services mtg.

## April –

- National Volunteer Week;*
- 6- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 9 – *Palm Sunday; 10 - Passover*
- 14 - *Good Friday;*
- 15- *Tax Day*
- 16 - *Easter*
- TBD – LWVNC State Convention
- 20 - General Meeting** – “Earth Day” (specifics TBA)
- 22 – *Earth Day*
- 24 – *Holocaust Remembrance Day*

## May –

- 4- Board meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 14 – *Mother's Day*
- 18- Annual Meeting** (our League's 52<sup>nd</sup>)
- 24- Voters Services mtg.
- 29- *Memorial Day*

## June –

- 1 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 14 - *Flag Day*
- 15 - Board Retreat
- 18 - *Father's Day*

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### TIME TO RENEW ANNUAL DUES

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\$75 per family

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