

## League of Women Voters of Henderson County

### From the Co-Presidents

“Oh, whatever will we do when the Election is over?” I’m glad you asked, because our September **“Kickoff” General Meeting** will welcome you to the rest of our action-packed year.



We will have updates on our on-going work in Immigration, Education, Observer Corps, ERA, and Healthcare. Plans for hosting the November visit by the Open World group from the Republic of Georgia will be outlined. Hear about two substantive programs: ‘Money in Politics’ and ‘Redistricting’ planned for Oct/Nov. There will be social time with wine and cheese, too!

Work? Or Fun? I hardly know which to call our Election events this fall! There is still time to join the ACTION by volunteering for League events on Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 1, Oct. 13, (see the calendar) and working at the polls. Contact Sharon B or Rose S if you would like to join us in the Work/Fun. *When you volunteer, you have a ringside seat in Democracy at work at the local level.*

Sharon

**REMINDER**  
**Candidate Forums**  
**September 22, 26**  
**October 13**  
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**VISIT LWV**  
**BOOTH @**  
**APPLE**  
**FESTIVAL!**

## 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

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# League in Action!

**Observing the Henderson County Board of Elections** meeting on August 16 were LWV Nancy Glowacki, Judith Scruggs, Kathleen Hespelt, Rose Stone, Sharon Burlingame, and Linda Miller. The Henderson County Board of Election members were deciding new hours, times and polling places for early voting recently changed by court order. The board of election members heard from the staff and audience members and then voted on their recommendations to extend early voting



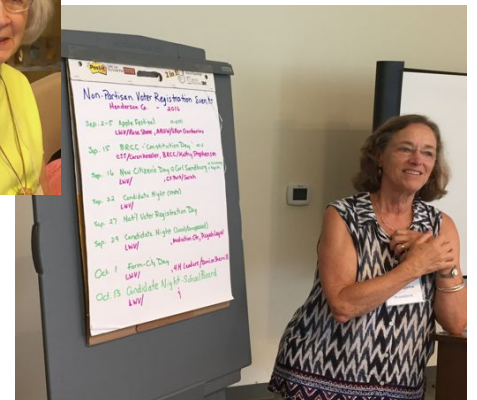
August was a busy month as we prepare for a general election this fall!!



LWVHC & Democracy NC hosted 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,



## Voter Registration Training



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

We hit a minor bump in the road when the dates were changed from October to November 11 - 19, but we are making progress. Thanks to the Millers, Hales, Luebbes, and Hansmas for providing home hosting for our delegates. This was a critical hurdle because we are *required* to provide home hosting - no hotels for the delegates.

This year's theme is Social Inclusion - similar to last year's Cultural Preservation theme. To learn more about Open World and the thousands of delegates it has served over the last 17 years, go to [openworld.gov](http://openworld.gov).

While they are in North Carolina, the delegates will visit Western Carolina University's Cherokee Center and the School of Social Work at WCU. They will also meet Mayor Barbara Volk, Transylvania County manager Jamie Laughter, and Henderson County commissioner Bill Lapsley. They will learn about the Spanish language program at Bruce Drysdale school and how social and health services are provided to the many citizens who are not in the mainstream of Henderson County society. During the weekend, they will learn about Bluegrass music at the Feed and Seed and visit Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Tuesday evening, November 15, they will make a presentation at the Henderson County library as part of Hendersonville Sister Cities library program.

We are planning a welcoming pot luck dinner for the evening of either November 11 or 12 (depending upon finding a suitable location - our usual locations are already booked up), to which everyone is invited. We will have a farewell celebration November 18 at our house for the delegates and volunteers who have helped with the program.

To volunteer or for more information, call us.

Bill and Judy Wilkes

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## IMMIGRATION

The Committee, which always welcomes new members, was pleased to have the League help sponsor the impressive Dream Scholarship fundraising breakfast on August 27. Three first-time Dream Scholarships were awarded for this current school year and three prior awards were renewed.

With the school year resuming, committee members will be presenting the revised, interactive Immigration Seminars to district high school students. These educational presentations also encourage students to participate in the Immigration Network's Pathways to College Mentoring Program, just as we encourage more League members to become PTC mentors. For more information on doing that, please see Lee Luebbe, Mentor Coordinator, [leeluebbe60@gmail.com](mailto:leeluebbe60@gmail.com), Michele Burnette, Immigration Network Coordinator, [jmebur11@gmail.com](mailto:jmebur11@gmail.com).

## New Members

Caren Kessler, who retired in January after 36 years of teaching English at Blue Ridge Community College, is our newest member. Caren met with Sharon Burlingame in April to pursue her interest in voter education and engagement. She had already worked with voter registration efforts with Carolina Jews for Justice in Buncombe County and was interested in learning what was being done in Henderson County and how she could contribute to those efforts. Caren was so impressed with what the League plans and wanted to be part of those activities. She attended the meeting in April and realized that many women whom she has admired for their work in other areas were also active in the League. Joining the League offers Caren the opportunity to learn a lot about how to be active in an area that she really cares about.



# Voter Services



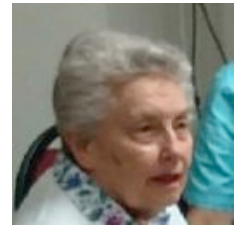
## VOTE411.org: Coming Soon to Help You Make Informed Voting Choices!

The League of Women Voters of Henderson County, NC 2016 Voters Guide is under construction. This year LWVHC is using [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org), the League's

nonpartisan election resource. This "one-stop-shop" for election information will provide simple tools to help local voters navigate the voting process.

VOTE411 is designed to provide detailed candidate information, including candidates' direct response to issue-related questions. Users will be able to visit [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) and enter their address to find information from the candidates they will see on their ballot and compare candidates side by side.

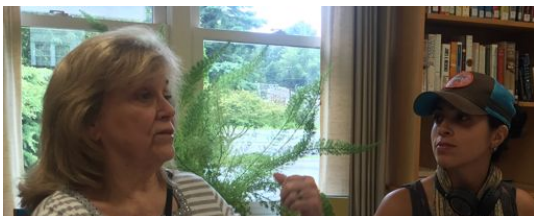
## Students Voting for Democracy



Students Voting for Democracy (SVD), a coalition of the Henderson County School District, League, and *Kids Voting*, will be kicking off its interactive civics unit on September 16<sup>th</sup> when the schools celebrate Constitution Day. The 12-member steering committee, pictured here meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, has laid the foundation for the program. Three teachers will be serving as SVD facilitators: one for elementary, middle, and high school. They will be working with the SVD liaisons, one from each of the 23 schools; the liaisons will be planning civic lessons with their faculties, culminating with students in grades K – 12 casting informed votes in an online mock election. Kids practicing democracy this fall will make us smile and shine light into what looks like a rather glum election season.



## Voter Services Meeting



# Voter Services, cont'd

## Fall Candidate Events Calendar.

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 26** – A Meet & Greet - Nonpartisan Judicial candidates and Bd of Education candidates, and unopposed candidates for county commission - Carolina Village, 6:30-7:30 pm

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

## Education

### Quality Education Team

Henderson County schools are opening their doors this week to students, and the Quality Education Team is brainstorming ways to present the LWVHC Quality Public Education positions to the community. The Team met on August 11<sup>th</sup> after a three-month hiatus, and is now working on presentations to different groups, a

pamphlet, website, and other means to reach the HC community. Team members are searching for funding for some of its outreach projects. The Team is also working on questions for the candidates about some of the education positions the HC League has taken. It's going to be a busy 3 months. After two years of working together, the Quality Education Team members will hold its last meeting in November and celebrate its successes at the general meeting in December.



**The last three meeting dates for the Quality**

**Ed Team are at Flat Rock Village Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. on Thursdays: September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>th</sup>, and November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**To those of you who have renewed your membership, we thank you.** To those who have not, our September meeting is the perfect chance to pay your dues! October 31 is membership deadline; it helps us get a new, updated membership list compiled to send to you in November, and it lets us notify the national LWV of our enrollment. **Our goal this year is 100 members**, so remember that meetings are open to the public, and that you are welcome to bring a friend. In fact, isn't that how many of us were first encouraged to join League?!

### **ANNUAL DUES**

\$50 per Single member  
\$75 per family

# LWVHC Calendar 2016-2017

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## September –

- 1 – Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 2,3,4,5- Apple Festival – LWV Booth, Voter Registration
- 5 – *Labor Day*
- 8 - Quality Education Team 1:30-3:30 pm, Village Hall
- 15 - Constitution Day - Voter Registration at BRCC - 10 am to 2 pm
- 15 - Voter Registration at Wingate University, 11-2
- 15 – General Meeting** – “Kick Off!” 3-5 pm
- 16– *Citizenship Day* – 10 am - Voter Registration at Carl Sandburg Park - 10 :45 am
- 19 – Immigration mtg.
- 22 – Candidate Event Dist. 48, 113, 117, 6 -8 pm, City Ops Building
- 26 – Meet and Greet Judicial and Commissioner Candidates, Carolina Village 6:30 pm
- 27 - *National Voter Registration Day*
- 28 - *Voter Services mtg 11:00, FCC*

## October –

- 1 - Voter Registration at Farm City Day
- 2 – *Rosh Hashanah begins*
- 3 - Quality Education Team 1:30-3:30 pm, Village Hall
- 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*
- 10 - Quality Education Team 1:30-3:30 pm, Village Hall
- 11-19 - LWVHC Hosts Open World Group**
- 17 – General Meeting** – Redistricting, Walter Sallinger, LWVNC. 3-5 pm
- 21 - Immigration
- 24- *Thanksgiving*

## December –

- 1- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 2- Breakfast with Elected Officials @ Golden Corral
- 7 – *Remembrance Day*
- 11- Holiday Gathering – 3-5 pm
- 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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Since 1920

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\$75 per family

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