

## League of Women Voters of Henderson County

### From the President



Members, both new and longstanding, want to see some Action! They've come to the right place in League. Let's talk about **writing and event action**, for example.

The latest League Updates (April 13 and 27) have links to guide your writing: opposing the Healthcare repeal bill, highlighting Equal Pay Day, opposing Congress' attempt to terminate the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), supporting

FEC Commissioner Weintraub's request to put an end to false voting claims from the White House (which undermine faith in the election system), supporting Great Lakes Restoration, and more. Subscribe to the Update, and you will see background facts to get you started on a personal Letter to the Editor or to an elected official, which you would **sign using your own name**. If you feel it would be stronger coming from the League, send your draft to the Board to be sent in using the League name. Either way, LWVUS' resources are there to inform you. If you haven't subscribed to the Update, [database@lww.org](mailto:database@lww.org) then you are missing some of the know-how and action.

Marches and gatherings seem to be other great vehicles to take action as spring arrives. April 29 is scheduled for the 2017 People's Climate March in Washington, DC. The League is cosponsoring the International Women's Summit May 4-7 in Phoenix, AZ. Locally, we just hosted a "Civil Discourse in Divided Times" program, with broad based community sponsorship. More than 10 members from our League will attend the LWVNC Convention in Greensboro on May 5-7. The Immigration Silent Vigil, Pisgah Legal Services' Immigration Law luncheon, NAACP and MountainTrue lobbying training, and a booth at "Hola Carolina!" Festival with Democracy NC and the non-profit voter coalition are all recent activities we have been engaged in with coalition groups. Watch for an ERA event on May 23.

Best of all, our **Annual Meeting on May 18** will give you all a chance to **Be Part of the Action** as we elect new officers, pass a new budget, and toast the successful "Students Voting for Democracy" school elections. Bring a guest if you like, and we'll see you there!

*Sharon*

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, May 18**  
**3:30 - 5:30 PM \*\* (Note new time)**  
**The Cedars, 227 Seventh Ave. W.**

3:30 Meeting for Business - Election of New Officers, Approval of New Budget; a Quorum is required. **See April Bulletin for Budget and Nominating Committee reports.**  
4:00 Featured Guests - "Students Voting for Democracy"

**Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Buffet will be served.**

\$25.00

RSVP Mary Ann Engel  
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# ERA

The Progressive Women of Hendersonville and LWVHC will be showing "Equal Means Equal" at the Kaplan Auditorium, Main Library, on Tuesday, May 23, 5:30-7:30 PM. Robbie Madden, ERA-NC Alliance Co-President, Co-Director RATIFY ERA-NC, and a League member from Black Mountain, will be present to answer questions and update us on the push for two more states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, as well as Amanda Krause, also with the ERA-NC Alliance. For more information, go to ([www.era-nc.org](http://www.era-nc.org)) or ([www.eracoalition.org](http://www.eracoalition.org)).

## League in Action Opportunities!

### IMMIGRATION

The Immigration Committee continues to be current on rapidly developing issues. The Path to College Mentoring Program will be celebrating seven seniors graduation on May 21 and is discussing methods for increased student recruitment. Members were updated on the recent Pisgah Legal and ICE meetings. The ICE Memo of Agreement with the Sheriff's Department may be found at [ICE.gov](http://ICE.gov).

The silent vigil on the last Fridays of each month at 5:00 was well-attended Signs are provided or bring your own..

The Dream Scholarship fundraiser breakfast was on April 29. Next meeting, May 15 at 12:30.

### Voter Services

Over the summer, the committee will be planning for the next year's activities. We'll be planning events for voter registration, voter education, candidate meet and greets for municipal elections, and voter advocacy. The next Voter Services Committee meeting is June 28 at 1:00.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please contact either Caren Kessler [Caren11230@gmail.com](mailto:Caren11230@gmail.com) or Judy Wilkes [Judy126@bellsouth.net](mailto:Judy126@bellsouth.net)

### LWVHC Calendar 2016-2017

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## Open World

October 27 - November 4, 2017

We need League members to volunteer to help make this program successful. If you are interested in exploring how you can assist, please contact us.

Lee Luebbe, [leeluebbe60@gmail.com](mailto:leeluebbe60@gmail.com) or Linda Hansma [llhansma@gmail.com](mailto:llhansma@gmail.com). You will be invited to learn more about the rewards and opportunities to participate in OPEN WORLD at a coffee Lee will host in the spring.

#### May –

- 4- Board meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 5-7 LWVNC State Convention in Greensboro
- 14 – *Mother's Day*
- 15 - Immigration Meeting. 12:30 @ St. James
- 18- Annual Meeting** (our League's 52<sup>nd</sup>)
- 28 - Immigration Vigil, 5 p.m., Historic Courthouse
- 29- *Memorial Day*

#### June –

- 1 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 14 - *Flag Day*
- 15 - Board Retreat
- 18 - *Father's Day*
- 28 - Voter Services Meeting. 1 PM



**Voter  
Registration  
Training**

# LEAGUE YEAR OF ACTION IN REVIEW



**Observing the Henderson  
County Board of Elections**



**VOTER  
REGISTRATION@  
THE APPLE  
FESTIVAL**



**REGISTERING NEW  
CITIZENS TO BE  
NEW VOTERS!**



**HEARING FROM THE  
CANDIDATES!**

**Women's March -  
our members  
attending!**



**Quality Education**

**Holiday Party**



**Attendees at the Annual  
Elected Official Breakfast**

With support from the Henderson County League of Women Voters, the Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway have developed a brand new website.



**Annual Planning Meeting**



At the March General Meeting Times-News columnist, Dawn Kucera spoke to members on advocacy.



Judges Athena Brooks and Emily Cowan gave members an in-depth look at Juvenile Justice



Members attended a Conversation on Immigration

Members participated in the monthly Silent Vigil in support of undocumented immigrants in front of the Historic Courthouse



Leadership training for members



Members enjoyed a visit and update from Gray Jernigan and Katie Breckheimer on environmental concerns and successes of MountainTrue.