



of  
Henderson County

**BULLETIN**  
February 2018

## Program Meeting

**February 15**  
**4:00-5:30 pm**  
**Hendersonville Co-op**

### **EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

Recently, the National LWV developed this succinct mission statement. How can we build a common framework for advocacy and achieve this mission right here in Henderson County? As members, we came to the League on different paths but have shared goals. Please join us as we explore our mission in small group discussions.

As always, our meetings are free and open to the public. Water is available, but if you would like a drink or snack, please bring your own or support the Co-op for offering this space to us. The Self-Help Credit Union next door has offered us additional parking behind their building.



*Passively waiting for the future to be better is not a strategy— it's a luxury and a privilege.*

Jenna Wortham (NYT)



## Calendar

2018

### February

- 1- Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 14- 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of League
- 15- Program Meeting 4-5:30 Community Co-op Our Mission**
- 19 – Immigration Mtg. 1:30, St. James
- 28- Education Mtg. 9:30, Co-op
- 28 - Voter Services Mtg. 1:00 FCC

### March

- 1- Board meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 8- Lunch and Learn Sunshine Week (location TBD)
- 19 – Immigration Mtg. 1:30, St. James
- 22- Program Meeting - Opioid Crisis, 4 - 5:30, Kaplan Auditorium**
- 28- Education Mtg. 9:30, Co-op
- 28- Voter Services Mtg. 1:00 FCC
- 29 - Lunch and Learn - Education, 11:30 to 1 Community Co-op

### April

- 5 - Board Meeting 10-12, WCCA
- 16 – Immigration Mtg. 12:30, St. James
- 19- Program Meeting 4-5:30 Community Co-op EarthDay/Environment**
- 25- Education Mtg. 9:30, Co-op
- 25- Voter Services Mtg. 1:00 FCC

## Management Team

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# Voter Service

Although North Carolina is months away from its primary elections, the Voter Services team is already coming out of its hibernation. The LWVEF grant allocation needs to be spent by June 30. So the committee is working on arranging voter registration drives in all four public high schools, Early College, Blue Ridge Community College and Wingate. All 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the time of the November general election can vote in the primary. We hope to engage students from all of those schools to assist in the registrations. Money from that grant will also go towards the printing of a revised *Know Your Local and County Government* booklet.

Also the committee has identified several League members who will be active in getting our 411 information ready. The State League will provide questions for all candidates except the local elections. Our League will provide the questions for candidates for county commissioners, school board, and the sheriff. 411 should be activated about a month before the primaries. One of our greatest interests is in advertising 411 to the public so that people will be aware of it and will use it.

Non-profits can now apply for a booth space at the Apple Festival. The League will again be partnering with AAUW to sponsor a booth to register voters and to distribute information about the voting times and locations, sample ballots, and local government. This year AAUW will submit the application and then the League and AAUW split the cost. We will know in a few months whether our request for a booth has been granted.

The filing deadline for candidates is at the end of February. Soon after we'll also need to start planning for candidate events to be held before the primaries.

There's a lot going on and we always need help. If any of these activities pique your interest and you would like to be involved, please let someone on the Voter Services Committee or the Board know so we can contact you.

## Rescheduled

### Addressing the Opioid Crisis

**March 22**  
**4:00-5:30 pm**  
**Kaplan Auditorium**  
**Public Library**  
**301 Washington St.**

# Education

ED team met on January 24 at the Co-op. Discussion included an overview of upcoming education issues before the state legislature, status of the state ED Action Team's proposed policy statement and this fall's Open World program with its focus on Educational Innovation.

We also discussed the upcoming webinar for all ED team members, and all interested League members, on building lobbying skills. Access info provided by the state league is as follows:

**LWV-Ed Team Legislative Overview**  
**Wed, Jan 31, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST**

**Please join meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/528584853>

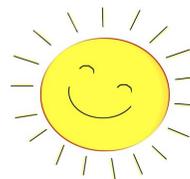
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**Access Code: 528-584-853**

Next ED team meeting is February 28, 9:30 AM at the Co-op. Please join us.

## Lunch and Learn

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**March 8th 11:30-1:00 PM**  
**(Location TBD)**



LWVHC Observer Corps observes Sunshine Week, which celebrates access to public information and open government. Hendersonville City Attorney Sam Fritschner will tell us about Open Meeting Laws in North Carolina and offer advice on observing meetings.



On Monday, January 22nd the LWVHC held a Lunch and Learn at the Community Co-op with guest speaker Dr. Jennifer Bremer from the LWVNC State Fair Elections Action Team (FEAT). Dr. Bremer spoke to a packed room of League and community members alike. While her talk focused on judicial redistricting, she also addressed the complex

issues of racial and partisan gerrymandering at both the state and federal levels. Depending on the awaited decision from the Wisconsin Supreme Court case, the NC gerrymandered maps in congressional districts may be redrawn in time for the 2018 elections. For more information handouts, powerpoint slides as well as “talking points” for calling/writing your legislators, check out our website at [www.lwvhcnc.org](http://www.lwvhcnc.org). Many thanks to Gayle Kemp for organizing and chairing this most informative overview and discussion on gerrymandering! Please join us at our next Lunch and Learn (check calendar for more info.)

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Gayle Kemp  
Great Job! Over 45 people attended this program!



## We Lunched and Learned about Gerrymandering in January

