

Civil discourse

The League of Women Voters Henderson County believes our community and country thrive because we have divergent views on important issues. However, our democracy is imperiled if the majority of people have disdain for one another.

The best antidote is providing opportunities for healthy conversation where listening and learning take precedence over arguing and disagreeing.

The league promotes civil discourse on essential issues by holding open, public conversations. The goals of these conversations are to help people become informed about issues, learn from each other and build relationships with one another.

On Aug. 10, we held a forum on redistricting where representatives of both political parties discussed proposals and bills and where questions from audience members were asked and answered respectfully.

This fall, we are offering numerous events, including candidate meet and greets, a panel discussion series on immigration, and programs on women's suffrage, climate and civics (for more information, see lwvhcnc.org).

In all of these, we will provide an opportunity for people of different views to talk and listen to each other. Please join us as we practice civil discourse on vital issues.

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