



# The Bulletin

League of Women Voters in Henderson County - Since 1966

*"The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy."*

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2010

## HAPPY NEW YEAR LEAGUE MEMBERS!

Mary Ann Engel

**January 21  
GENERAL MEETING  
AN "ALL – MEMBER" EVENT!  
Thursday from 2-4 pm**

### "LEAGUE PROGRAM PLANNING"

**Facilitators: Mary Ann Engel and  
Diane Rhoades**

**Unitarian-Universalist Church  
Fellowship Room - Kanuga Rd.**

**Coffee and cookies served!**

*\*See Next Article p.2 for the  
February General Meeting on  
IMMIGRATION!*

It's January and time to put away the holiday things and focus on what we want to accomplish in this upcoming year. For League, that means **Program Planning**. This is our opportunity to come together, review on what LWVUS is focusing , decide which issues on which we wish to concentrate our efforts, and voice our opinions and directives for our delegates to bring to convention in June 2010 in Atlanta. Long sentence; but the point is that this is our time to speak up! What we decide together on January 21 is the keystone for what we pursue this year for LWVHC. And there are many positions to check out, some familiar to us and some new ones on the table. LWVUS is proposing a study of the role of the Federal Government in Public Education. Does this interest you? Other LWVUS positions can be found at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org). How about our positions listed on our website, [www.lwvhenc.org](http://www.lwvhenc.org)? These can also be found in last year's annual meeting program. Come share your opinions and speak your passion. This is **your** League. Come have a say! If you chair a committee and wish to speak, please plan to have handouts of your proposal – pro and con – to pass out to members. Looking

forward to a great turn-out...this is a program for which all of us bear responsibility for the outcome!

### HELPFUL SITES TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED AND ADVOCATING 24/7

League of Women Voters of Henderson County - [www.lwvhenc.org](http://www.lwvhenc.org)

League of Women Voters (National) [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

League of Women Voters (North Carolina) [www.lwvnc.org](http://www.lwvnc.org)

VOTE411.org (non-partisan election and voter information)

Factcheck.org (non-partisan; check accuracy of political ads and allegations)

- [internete-mail@ncleg.net](mailto:internete-mail@ncleg.net) (readable by all Legislators)
- [ncsenatemembers@ncleg.net](mailto:ncsenatemembers@ncleg.net) (readable by all Senators)
- [nchousemembers@ncleg.net](mailto:nchousemembers@ncleg.net) (readable by all House Members)

**February 18 Thursday 3-5 General Meeting  
In the Kaplan Auditorium of the HVL Public Library**

**HOW DO IMMIGRATION QUOTAS  
AFFECT HENDERSON COUNTY'S NEED FOR LABORERS?**

Lee Luebke, Coord. Immigration Committee

**What happens when employers cannot find the number of laborers needed to complete the harvest? Has the economic downturn impacted the need for laborers? What kind of legislation would give the growers adequate flexibility to meet their needs in a timely manner?**

**These questions will be answered Thursday, February 18, 3-5 PM, by two local managers, one from the important apple industry in Henderson County and the other from a large horticulture and greenhouse business. The meeting will be held at the Kaplan Auditorium of the Hendersonville Public Library. The public is invited.**

**The entire program consists of four parts:**

- 1. The Local Immigration Committee members will present the League's 35-minute Power Point program which has been presented to more than 20 groups since the National consensus on Immigration was reached in 2008.**
- 2. The Center for Participatory Change will then introduce a short DVD, "Dying to Get In" which serves as a good backdrop for the conditions in Mexico and the risks persons take to escape.**
- 3. The third part will include the two local employers who will address the questions above.**
- 4. Facilitated Q. and A. – written questions**

**This meeting is jointly sponsored by the Center for Participatory Change, a non-profit whose mission is to help people recognize their own power and work together, and to transform their communities.**

**TOWN HALL MEETING: EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTING**

April 16, 2010 – 8-11 AM - BRCC TECH CENTER....Renee Kumor

**In April 16, 2010 the United Agenda for Children will present "Our Kids.....Our Future," a Town Hall Meeting designed to focus attention and action on early childhood development needs of children in Henderson County. The ultimate goal of this town hall meeting is to increase the availability, affordability and quality of early childhood education in Henderson County.**

**The presenters have been selected and invited based on their ability to bring enlightened information to our community regarding topics related early childhood issues:**

- 1. Rob Grunewald, Associate Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis writes and speaks nationally about the economic impact of good early childhood development policies on the individual and on the whole community.**
- 2. Stephen J. Bavolek, Ph.D., President, Family Development Resources, Inc., will present results of research on how the presence or absence of a nurturing environment during childhood not only shapes**

a child's psychological and emotional development, but also alters brain development in ways that affect long-term health profoundly.

3. North Carolina Lt. Governor, Walter Dalton will address the current and future North Carolina initiatives relative to meeting the needs of young children in our state.

4. Stephanie Fanjul, President of North Carolina Partnership for Children, the organization that leads Smart Start, will be the hostess and emcee for this discussion. Stephanie is currently the President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Board of Directors. Leaguers are encouraged to attend to ask questions of the speakers. **In addition, this project would welcome some volunteers to assist that day with tasks, from helping presenters to working the microphone at the Q and A.** If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email Renee Kumor: [rkumor@morrisbb.net](mailto:rkumor@morrisbb.net)

The morning meeting is being designed to allow for a Q and A session to ask the Lt. Governor and other NC legislators present for additional information on early childhood issues. As this program is being developed, there is interest being generated throughout the region. Attendance is free, but **reservations are recommended.** A light breakfast will be provided. Please contact Elisha Freeman at 698.0674 ext. 107 or [elishaf@childrenandfamily.org](mailto:elishaf@childrenandfamily.org) to make a reservation and/or volunteer.

### FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Nancy Glowacki, Pres.

As this bulletin conveys, League is always a "happening" place to be and there is such a variety of venues in which we involve ourselves! Here are a few follow-up "notes of note"! Our **League Holiday Party** Sunday, Dec. 6 was delightful! We celebrated Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa with our symbols, our stories, our foods and our music! And the sharing provoked much warmth, understanding and new knowledge of each other as well as an opportunity to let the laughter 'ring'!

The **Elected Officials' Breakfast** Dec. 11 was bustling with congeniality and fun while our guests shared their opinions about current challenges in their respective arenas, their solutions, their stance on public financing, and their support (or not) of the Town Hall for Children in April.

The Dept. of **Peace and Non-violence Float in the Christmas Parade** was adorned with 8 "children peace angels" representing the cultural diversity of our community won First Prize for the best use of the theme! **Four League members** were representing our organization and our position on peace and walking together with other organizations who also work for peace in our community!

Several of us witnessed the swearing in of **Barbara Volk**, a League member, as the **first woman mayor** of Hendersonville! Truly a milestone both for Barbara and for our city and county and League! Barbara is an inspiration for women running for office...and in this county we certainly need to encourage that inspiration into reality.

Our own **League Nominating Committee** of Priscilla Burch, Sharon Burlingame, and Charlyne Coleman are in the prospects of interviewing some of our members who are ready to hold office in League come May. It's important that we share the leadership, learn new skills, stretch our boundaries...it's challenging and it's rewarding and it's fun. This Committee would be so pleased to talk with any member who thinks "it's time" to take on a bit more responsibility. Just call Priscilla Burch, Chair 698-0398.

Thanks to **all members** who have taken the time to express their opinions and to advocate via numerous recent alerts re: the Health Care Reform Bill and other urgent requests that have come our way! You are League's voice speaking every time you exercise that opportunity!

**AN ADVANCE "HEADS UP" FOR OUR MARCH CINEMA FUN-DRASING EVENT!**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, during **Women's History Month** and in honor of **League's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, our League is presenting an educational – social opportunity for our membership and the public! We will have **two showings of the powerful, acclaimed 2-hr. HBO film "Iron-Jawed Angels"** starring Hilary Swank and a star cast depicting the long struggle to gain the right to vote and the final victory! We will also show the 17 minute inspiring DVD from the Alice Paul Institute, "Unfinished Business" about the additional 87 year-old attempt to pass the Equal Rights Amendment!

Our "Fun-draiser" will be held at the **Flat Rock Cinema** for two shows: **12:30 and 7:15**. We want to arrive about 45 minutes before each showing so we have the opportunity to purchase lunch or dinner (if you choose) from the Cinema's very reasonable "bistro" food and beverage menu and enjoy a social time with friends at the tables. A few seats in front do not have tables, but do have tray and cup holders. If people choose not to eat, we still want them to arrive early to socialize!

TICKETS will be only \$10.00 and will be created in two colors, gold for one showing and lavender for the other (using Suffragette colors). There are 75 seats per show and **WE WANT TO HAVE A FULL HOUSE EACH TIME!** This requires our membership working like a "well-oiled machine"! Every member possible will purchase one ticket and also commit to selling 1 to 3 more to friends, neighbors, family, and interested citizens. So the message is "sell" and "show up"! Start thinking about who you might like to contact about this great event!

**SPECIAL "PM" MEETING FOR LEAGUERS IN THE "WORKFORCE" TO BE HELD**

We on the Board are well aware that almost 25% of our members work in the daytime and find it difficult to attend League General Meetings and other activities! Some others are seeking employment and are between jobs. This is a dynamic and valued group of members and we are seeking to demonstrate our gratitude and support.

We believe it would be productive and rewarding for the workforce (and seeking) members to come together for networking and mutual support, to talk "League", and perhaps examine ways to be involved in League that are within reasonable and meaningful limits with their busy schedules....and importantly to re-connect with each other.

We will be sending a letter to these members inviting them to an evening meeting in February....the exact date and location to be announced soon. For further information, call Gayle Kilcoin, Membership Chair, at 702-0155

**WE WELCOME THREE NEW MEMBERS!**  
**Rudi Simko, Public Info. Officer ...for Membership**

**Diana Sierra** is originally from New York and first came to NC in 1996 to begin her doctoral studies at UNC Chapel Hill in Public Health. Diana has also lived in Puerto Rico and she recently moved to Hendersonville from Florida where she worked in the nonprofit sector. She is now self employed providing a variety of services to local businesses, including property management and translation services. Diana loves the mountains, light hiking, all types of animals and reading. She has one daughter who is a freshman at UNC Charlotte. Diana lives at 810 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Hendersonville 28739 and you can reach her by phone at 828-216-2004 or email at [diansier@hotmail.com](mailto:diansier@hotmail.com).

**Diana Richmond-Campi** has lived all over the world as a military “brat” which included schooling in Switzerland. Dians adopted two children with her first husband who later was killed in Vietnam and two more in her second marriage. Diana got her undergrad in Political Science from University of Connecticut and later an MSW from Temple University in 1996. Her background includes working in Student loans and evaluations and also as a legal assistant. She has worked with teens and the elderly, and volunteered at the Sheriff’s Department. Diana enjoys teamwork, helping people, managing projects and looks forward to using these skills on a League committee. Diana resides at 2649 Middleton Ct., Hendersonville 28791 and she can be reached at 828-693-6879 or [puttermis@yahoo.com](mailto:puttermis@yahoo.com).

**Gail Kilcoin** has been in Western North Carolina on and off for 23 years and decided to make Hendersonville her permanent home last June. Gail’s background includes being an elementary education teacher and project manager for a Federal block grant and later the Director of Operations and Business Development for a large commercial floor maintenance company. Gail now has a leather and upholstery cleaning/repair business in Hendersonville. She has agreed to help League’s Membership Committee as the new Membership Chair in 2010. Gail lives at 2504 Laurel Park Highway and can be reached at 828-702-0155 or at [gaylekilcoin@hotmail.com](mailto:gaylekilcoin@hotmail.com).

**GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE MLK BREAKFAST FROM MADELINE ROYES!**

Come to the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast** 8:30 at BRCC Jan. 18. The Program begins at 9:30 and the speaker will be Pamela Laughon, UNCA Psychology Department Chair. Laughon is known for her work to gain the release of Edward Chapman who spent 14 years in Central Prison after he was wrongfully convicted on two murder charges. Chapman, who is celebrating his first year of freedom, will be present. Tickets can be obtained from League member Madeline Royes (693-0936), or other members of the Human Relations Council and at the “Once Upon a Sign” ((Eva Ritchey’s shop) at 622 N. Main next to Higgins Printing .

**REMINDERS!**

Whenever a **member needs to inform League of a change** in their data, such as email, address, phone ,etc., please inform Linnea Angermuler, our electronic wizard, at 692-3519 or [ronlin2@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronlin2@bellsouth.net) and she will keep our League records in order! Thanks!

**REMEMBER....** If needed, any extra alerts or notifications will be emailed by Linnea to the membership.

**LWVHC CALENDAR FOR JANUARY – FEBRUARY- AND MARCH REMINDERS**

<p><b>THU. JAN. 7 11-1</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD MEETING – WCCA Conference Room 11-1</b></p>
<p><b>MON. JAN. 18 AT 8:30 AM MLK BREAKFAST</b></p>	<p>The <b>10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST</b> held at BRCC beginning at 8:30 am in the Killian Bldg. Cafeteria then moving to the Bo Thomas Auditorium for the program starting at 9:30. Tickets are \$10. available from member Madeline Royes, 693-0936 , other Human Relations Council members and Eva Ritchey’s store next to Higgins Printing.</p>
<p><b>THURS. JAN. 21 from 2-4 PM ALL-MEMBER PROGRAM PLANNING EVENT</b></p>	<p>See <u>first lead article</u> on page one. This is such an important meeting for all of us to attend. This process is an important League tool for identifying issues for study. We must balance the pros and cons of issues, assess potential support, and consider the viability of issues...all to meet the deadline of March 1, 2010 in order to be</p>

<p><b>THURS. FEB. 3 11-1</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD MEETING – WCCA Conference Room 11-1</b></p>
<p><b><u>FEB 14,</u> <u>1920 – 2010</u></b></p>	<p><b>HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY LWVUS !</b> Be sure to visit the Library and view our <b>February month-long lobby exhibit about League;</b> National to Local History and achievements! We'll be celebrating all year 2010....<b>WATCH FOR EVENTS!</b></p>
<p><b>FEB. 18 3-5 pm GENERAL MEETING ON IMMIGRATION</b></p>	<p><b><u>See the second lead article</u> on page two by Lee Luebbe explaining the focus of this meeting and speakers! To be held at the Kaplan Auditorium at the Public Library .</b></p>
<p><b>FEB. 25? SPECIAL MEETING FOR LEAGUERS IN THE WORKFORCE!</b></p>	<p>The Board of Directors will host a special meeting for the 25 or so Leaguers who work part-time or full-time, or who are out of work and seeking employment. To come together to network, to support each other, and to “round table” some creative thinking! Location and exact date <b><u>to be announced</u></b> . For further information, call Gayle Kilcoin, Membership Chair, 702-0155</p>
<p><b>REMEMBER THE FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL</b></p>	<p><b>LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH !</b> Come to the Historic Court House to participate in a <b>Silent Vigil to support Immigration Reform</b> and raise awareness to citizens of Henderson County. Coordinated by Justice Initiative Coalition. Signs are available. All are positive.</p>
<p><b>MARCH EVENTS</b></p>	<p><b>WATCH FOR WOMENS' HISTORY MONTH EVENTS...</b>the March 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting on the Sunshine Laws with a panel at the Library...the “Iron-Jawed Angels” fundraiser at the Flat Rock Cinema Mar. 23 (2 showings)...an exhibit of women on stamps at the Heritage Museum...</p>
<p><b>LWVUS CONVENTION</b></p>	<p><b>JUNE 11, 2010 – JUNE 15, 2010 IN ATLANTA ,GEORGIA...</b>Let's get a contingent formed from LWVHC ! Visit the US website ...we'll have more information soon!</p>