



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."

May 2009

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR "ONE VOICE" TOGETHER AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009 !

**Friday May 22 11:30-1
Annual Meeting
Hendersonville Country Club**

**RSVP TO Jean McGrady
696-0672 fccmom2@hotmail.com
By May 19th**

Luncheon Complete for \$16.00
payable at the club, includes Entrée,
starch, veg , dessert and beverage!

**Encrusted Chicken Breast with
Honey Mustard Sauce (or)
Almond Crusted Filet of Native
Trout w/ Sweet Red Pepper Sauce**

*PLEASE! Carpool! Let's get as
many members out for this fun time!
If you want a contact for a ride, call
someone on your membership roster
or call Nancy at 693-5257 .*

This is a meeting you won't want to miss...the culmination and **celebration** of a productive and fun year's work in the service of League! **Congratulations ALL!**

Be on time (or even early) to get into the rather competitive **SILENT AUCTION** to take home one (or more) of the coveted native plants/trees from the Laurel Springs Nursery owned by member Sharon Burlingame and her husband Wes!

Enjoy the **lovely setting** of the lower level dining room of the Hendersonville Country Club and perhaps a glass of wine! Then join friends , new members, and guests to share a **delicious luncheon** while we conduct a **brief business meeting** and elect new officers and raise our glass to some amazing people who have served us so well!

Then it's time for some "**Round Table Fun**" when the tables of eight engage in an exchange of responses to some provocative questions! We enjoyed this participation so much last year...it's a wonderful way to end the year together! **SEE YOU THERE!**

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

League of Women Voters of Henderson County - www.lwvhcnc.org

League of Women Voters (National) www.LWVUS.org

League of Women Voters (North Carolina) www.LWVNC.org

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

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

Contact Legislators:

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

PLEASE GO TO OUR OWN WEBSITE TO OBTAIN THE BULB PHOTOS AND ORDER FORM

**GREAT NEWS! THE ORDER DEADLINE FOR FALL FUNDRAISING BULBS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 25 ! SO KEEP ON BUYING...KEEP ON SELLING !
FORMS AVAILABLE ... AT THE ANNUAL MEETING TOO !**

THIS IS LEAGUE'S BIG ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

FALL BULB SALES TIME!!!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$1,500 IN SALES

IF WE MEET OUR GOAL, WE CAN KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES LOW

<p>Order forms and information will be available at LWVHC APRIL MEETING or contact Gwen Hill at 696-6677 or email</p>		<p>Orders of \$30.00 or more will receive 5 free Minnow Rock Narcissi if sent by May 15th</p>
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If you are running out of space in your yard, these bulbs make an excellent gift for birthdays, Christmas and special occasions. Don't forget to check with your neighbors and friends. All bulbs guaranteed to bloom in first blooming season.

Plant in the fall (many can be planted from early fall to late winter). This year, indoor bulbs available and new special collections. Give a potted bulb as a gift.

Fall Flower Planting Tips:

General Planting:

Tulips: 4-6" deep, 4-6" apart

Hyacinths: 6" deep, 6" apart

Daffodils: 6" deep, 6" apart

Small Bulbs (crocus, muscari, etc.): 4" deep, 4" apart

1. It's a good idea to use a phosphorus fertilizer at the time of planting (examples: bone meal, super phosphate) They are very common and easily found at garden centers and home stores with garden departments. Spreading an all purpose fertilizer on top of the soil in February before any foliage starts to grow will also help for a strong start to blooming.
2. Flowers will have a nice effect if planted in groups or odd numbers.
3. If you want all season color, try planting groups of bulbs with different blooming times (early, mid, and late spring). Height differences will also add striking contrast.
4. Plant in areas of sun to part shade.
5. Bearded Iris: Plant so that the crown (top of the rhizome) is just below the soil surface, or right at surface level. Plant about 12-18 inches apart; they will spread in years to follow. They like sunny locations but will also do well in areas of partial shade. Fertilize once when planting and once more in the spring.
6. Amaryllis: Soak roots in water overnight before planting. (This will help soften the roots making it less likely to break them off when planting.) Plant carefully, trying not to break off the roots. Leave the top few inches of the bulb exposed out of the soil. Keep moderately moist, but do not drown in water. It is always a good idea to have pots with drainage holes in the bottom.

SOME THOUGHTS TO SHARE...**Nancy Glowacki, President**

Do we really comprehend what a gift League is to each of us? This is a gift of such clear intention, remarkable consistency, an irresistible invitation to be responsible in the workings of our chosen democratic way of government, as well as an unswerving path in which to grow personally. As Marion Wright Edelman said, “service is the rent we pay for living...it’s not something we do in our spare time”. That can, at first glance, come across as a pretty scary thought, but when you think about it, she just meant that it needs to be an integrated part of our lives... built into our schedule, into our thinking, into our actions, part of our entire being-ness, not something we do when everything else is done first.

In our League, with its 43 years of service to this county, women and men have never ceased to serve to advance, improve, instigate, create, cooperate, partner, and more...in order to make a difference here. That phrase may sound trite, but it is so true, that each of us wants to make a difference. And when you understand the League undertakings and results, one sees an impact of significance that can only be made by a collective effort.

One of the treasured parts of my job as President is to welcome new people into this amazing environment of non-partisan activism. I am inspired by the variety of talent and skills each brings ! And I am sensitive to their need to “grow in League” with small steps gradually increasing their knowledge and responsibility. In our individual “League lifelines”, (the number of years we belong) one can expect to change “tasks” many times as we develop and change. And it is natural that the intensity of our work can rise and fall . This is the way of any organization and our career paths as well. I believe all gifts to the League are equal, i.e. whatever you have to share at any given time has intrinsic value to the big picture. To help yourself and /or each person make a contribution in a way that is a “fit”, every one of us keeps an eye and ear open to our own heart and to each member in order to nurture success and to keep our potential leadership treasure chest full!

For example, Kathleen Lees wants to pass the baton to someone new who will coordinate the Observer Corps...**is that person you?** Mary Ann Engel wants to leave the job of sending packets to new members and maintaining nametags to someone who cares about how we welcome and retain members...**is that person you?** In past years, our League has had volunteers whose passion was to cooperate with others to fight for our local Natural Resource preservation...they did their work with the Land Development Code and the Soil and Erosion Ordinance...now a coordinator is needed for this committee to make sure League is represented on all our local environmental agencies...**is that person you?**

Remember the gift of League to you...and know yourself as a gift to League. To get started, start! To find a new task to challenge you, choose! What you’ll receive in return is immeasurable...and what League will receive will be immeasurable. A WIN-WIN FOR ALL ...and a happy prosperous organization. Thank you for being part of this process of ebb and flow, come and go, think and do, love and serve.!

IT’S IN OUR HANDS....PARTNERING FOR THE 2010 CENSUS

In March, as President of our League, I attended a meeting to have our League become a helping planner and a Census Partner with as many organizations and entities that could be mustered for the 2010 Census undertaking. We brainstormed on ideas that would engage everyone possible for this most important event. And I signed a proclamation saying that we members of League would help work toward an accurate count by supporting the goals and ideals, by encouraging people in League to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness , by support census takers, by creating and seeking opportunities to collaborate with others in this cause. AN ACCURATE COUNT IS VITAL to receiving allocations of funds for local growth and needs, by determining how many seats we will have in U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the redistricting of State legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts, and by creating jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community. All information gathered is confidential by law. Let’s help in every way we can!

**League of Women Voters Room in Heritage Museum – Paid in full!
Marian Lowry and Lee Luebbe**

The two-year effort to raise \$50,000 ended in March. Marian Lowry and Lee Luebbe co-chaired the project – to honor both current and previous League members. Of equal importance , the project will eventually capture the historical significance of League’s contributions made to Henderson County when an exhibit devoted to women will eventually be featured in the Museum.

We met with Jennie Giles, Program Director at the Heritage Museum, and Spence Campbell, Chair of the Board of Directors, to finalize the list of donors and verify accuracy of the spelling of donors already listed prior

to the Grand Opening in April, 2008. Final exhibit will not be displayed until much later. So, if you don't see the framed listing in the League Room – be patient! The exhibit will be forthcoming!

We thank all who contributed to reach the goal of \$50,000 – a total of 58 donors. When you walk into the Heritage Museum and especially the Gift Shop, you can be proud of League's history in Henderson County and especially proud of your support to make visible a lasting legacy to the League of Women Voters of Henderson County.

” OBSERVER CORPS IS LEAGUE’S CORNERSTONE TO ADVOCACY LOCALLY! “
Kathleen Lees, Coordinator

The League's standard of study, education, and community engagement coupled with the organization's stellar record of non-partisanship and fairness provides the LWV with a unique opportunity to improve and strengthen communities.

- be an essential part of something larger
- strengthen communication and relationships between League and local government/agencies
- contribute to a higher visibility for League

Serving as an observer is something anyone can do. While there are no qualifications per se, ideally observers are:

- good listeners and able to summarize and "interpret" proceedings in a fair way:
- interested in local government and/or issues discussed by the governmental body that they are observing:
- able to serve as an "ambassador" for the organization (e.g. talking about the organization with other attendees at a meeting)
- discrete and courteous;
- not working a personal or partisan agenda while serving as a League observer.

Call Kathleen Lees at 697-7881 to find out what League member observes any particular meeting in which you are interested and she will partner you up for a visit! **Go Along For The “Ride”! No Strings Attached !**

THE NPV – NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE CONSENSUS MEETING
Natalie Zitnick, Democracy Speaks

On April 16, the League had a nice turnout of members to take part in the Consensus meeting. We are not at liberty to share our results until they have been processed by National and we now await their collation of all the various League's results. When the final position is reached and published, we will publish it in the Bulletin!

NATURAL RESOURCES LOCAL Jan Allen , Chair/Advocate

April was a very busy month, with many activities and events focused around Earth Day. About 325 people brought more than 24,000 pounds of computers, monitors, printers and scanners, totaling 1,300 pieces in all, to the second annual Earth Day Energy Expo, sponsored by ECO. In addition, over 200 people attended the Main Energy Expo event held on April 25 at Blue Ridge Community College.

In related issues, Katie Breckheimer reports that the county promises to have a permanent drop-off site for both household hazardous waste and electronics within the next fiscal year, which starts in July. In the meantime, continue to store (not simply dispose of) any HHWs (hazardous household waste) and electronics (such as TVs) that you couldn't take on the 25th. Also, Adrienne Outcalt, Henderson County Sustainability Coordinator, has resigned and her position is being filled by Alexis Baker, who is currently with the planning department.

April and October are the two months in which bio-monitoring of area streams takes place under the aegis of ECO. I helped with bio-monitoring at two sites on the upper Mills River and also with Adopt-A-Stream efforts along Mill Pond Creek.

On March 28th the Sierra Club (local Four Seasons Committee) hosted a debate on clean coal and other energy issues. While not a League function, several League members attended including Carol Cleveland as moderator. Barbara Barnett, League's Natural Resources State and National Chair, is also the Four Seasons

Committee Chair.

League was asked by David Weintraub, ECO's executive director, to write a letter to the County Commissioners advocating for support of the Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan. Nancy Glowacki will read League's support letter, signed by her as President and by me as NRL chair, at the public hearing on Thursday, May 7.

The Solid Waste Position has been rewritten in a new format . We think it represents the position more clearly and is more representative of the advocacy and results to date . We will adopt this format to rewrite all of our positions gradually. Thanks to Marian Lowry and Katie Breckheimer for their hard work to make this happen, and to Lee Luebbe and Nancy Glowacki for creating the newly designed format.

Finally, I am close to the end of my term as NRL chair. I've decided that being webmaster should be my primary focus, so I'll (of course!) stay on the team but not as chair. We need someone to step up and take over this position. It's not hard, doesn't require too much time, and Nancy provides a lot of help. Please contact Nancy Glowacki if you could chair (or co-chair or coordinate or convene...) the Natural Resources Local team.

MANY THANKS TO YOU, JAN, FOR FILLING THIS VERY IMPORTANT POSITION FOR THE PAST YEAR! YOUR WORK ON OUR LEAGUE WEBSITE HAS ALSO BEEN SUCH A GIFT TO US!

GREETINGS FROM MEMBERSHIP

Mary Ann Engel, Membership Chair

Ah, spring is wonderful and promising the welcome changes toward summer. We at the Membership Committee have some changes coming as well.

First, we have a new member, so let's welcome her. Although **Carol Ward** has always been interested in League of Women Voters, this is her first time as a member. Carol and her husband love our mountains and used to come from Fayetteville for the apples. Nineteen years ago, they decided that Hendersonville would be the place to retire. They call 40 Indigo Way, Hendersonville 28739 home. Carol's background is in Mental Health as a Clinical Social Worker and she is interested in LWVHC's area of health care. She is also interested in observing the Board of Commissioners through our Observers Corps. You can reach Carol at 696-3475 or at jxcmward@att.net. Carol, we're pleased to have you.

Next, as all good things come to an end, my term as Membership Chair ends on June 30th. Although we have no Membership Chair in place at this time – “hint, hint” all of you who might be interested in the position as coordinator – some of the committee members are taking on or expanding several of the tasks they currently do which have grown and nurtured our membership over the years. Celia Hinds-Engelman will be the Coordinator for prospective members and Dolores Gelly will be working with Celia sending out those prospective packets. Starting July 1st, please send Celia (GypsyGal3@mchsi.com or 697-0209) any names of people you would like to receive information about LWVHC. It is most helpful if you include the name, full address, telephone number, and an e-address if available. An information packet will be sent to those prospectives, they will be called as a follow-up, and they will receive our bulletin for three months. Celia will also be overseeing the monthly additions/deletions to our bulletin list and furnishing that information to Glenn Rodgers and Charlyne Coleman.

In addition to her position as Bulletin Liason, Charlyne Coleman will be responsible for maintaining our Membership Roster, the directory which is sent out to all members twice a year: February and September.

In addition to the Membership Chair position, the areas covering new members and name tags are still open and looking for willing people. It's a great opportunity to get to know more of your fellow LWVHC members.

The Membership Committee has been excellent and I couldn't have found a better group of women with whom to work. Over the past 4 years, Celia Hinds-Engelman, Charlyne Coleman, Sharon Burlingame, Dolores Gelly, Betty Reid, Mary Terjesen, Sally Guyette, Toni Cole, Marjean Smith, Ruth Haines, Mary Garrison, Nancy McGaughy, and Judy Westrate have all served on the Membership Committee at various times. I will

miss all the team spirit and camaraderie and I thank each of them. And, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Membership Chair these past years. See you at the meetings!

AND TO YOU MARY ANN...BOUQUETS, KUDOS, AND HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR THE WAY IN WHICH YOU HAVE HONORED AND MASTERED THIS VERY VITAL RESPONSIBILITY! WE ALL SALUTE YOU!

**NATURAL RESOURCES; STATE & NATIONAL
BARBARA BARNETT, CHAIR-ADVOCATE**

A REGIONAL REPORT... The Henderson County WATER SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION TASK FORCE

The drought continues despite downpours and rainy days. The County, City, and private interests have been meeting monthly to determine what the water demand is and whether it can be met. On Tuesday April 7th, the Task Force met at the Historic Courthouse and discussed:

1. the ability to move water from the Asheville System to Henderson County/Hendersonville Water System via water intake systems.
2. the differing rate structures between the two counties.
3. an update regarding negotiations with Asheville – Commissioner McGrady is liaison to the Asheville City Council.
4. negotiations with Polk County have not begun.
5. Mills River/Fletcher Feasibility Study
6. copies of amended and restated agreement
7. pending legislation/state regulations re withdrawal from private wells
8. Davidson River Engineering Rpt.

Excerpt from Times News

“HC presented Polk County with a draft water agreement in February. Polk County wants to build a water treatment plant on Lake Adger. If an agreement is reached, HC would have the right to purchase up to 500,000 gallons of water a day from the plant. The water could be used to supply future development.. If the treatment plant is constructed, the State would reclassify the Green River Basin as a drinking water watershed, if HC agrees. Much of the watershed is in Henderson County”.

NATIONAL NEWS...

The America Clean Energy & Security Act is being debated in Congress to solve problems of global warming, to wean the nation off foreign oil, and to create a clean energy economy. Legislation is needed to limit emissions of green house gases and alter the nations energy source. If CO2 were brown instead of invisible, we would have solved the problem. The EPA predicted that warming will worsen other pollution problems such as smog. Call Congressman Shuler and ask for his support for clean energy & security.

Note: The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the South Carolina case against North Carolina regarding the battle over the Catawba River Basin to stop NC from draining the Watershed. Duke Power has joined the suit and S.C. wants them off the case.

A BIG BOUQUET OF ROSES TO RENEE KUMOR WHO LEAVES THE BOARD IN JUNE AFTER AMAZING SERVICE AS OUR SECRETARY...A POST WHICH SHE HAS FILLED WITH CARING AND GREAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL! THANK YOU RENEE FOR YOUR WISE, CREATIVE AND ENERGETIC CONTRIBUTIONS IN EVERY WAY...OFFERED IN YOUR DELIGHTFUL, INIMITABLE FASHION!!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS SLATE FOR ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING MAY 22

Whoops! Editor asks your forgiveness for errors in reporting this slate in the last bulletin: below is the correct version upon which we shall vote at the Annual Meeting!

The Nominating Committee of Priscilla Burch, Chair, Sharon Burlingame, member and Charlyne Coleman, Board Liaison, presents the following names for election to the Board of Directors at the May 2009 Annual Meeting:

- Nancy Glowacki – President – 2 –year term
- Helen Wright – Secretary – Director, 2-year term
- Rudi Simko – Public Information Officer - Director, 2-year term
- One Board Director position open

Nominating Committee: Priscilla Burch, Chair
Sharon Burlingame, member

The Nominating Committee is **eager to know of anyone's interest in serving on the Board**. There is one Director position still open at this writing. The Board is the "steering committee" that is charged with overseeing that the mission of League is being served through our program and activities, that the programs are supported by creative fundraising and that the membership continues to grow and expand our impact on our County! As importantly, we are always in a team-building process...**learning, growing, and caring. AND!...WE HAVE FUN DOING IT!** Please, do not hesitate to express your interest in becoming involved in any way...and especially at this time, to serve on the Board. Call Priscilla at 698-0398!

Additional areas that are seeking Coordinators or Co-Coordinators (not elected positions) are Natural Resources Local, the Observer Corps, and Membership...all very different, but all seeking some same important skills, i.e. interest and enthusiasm, a liking for people, and organization.

LWVHC CALENDAR FOR MAY – JUNE 2009

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 11:30- 1:30 LWVHC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BRING A FRIEND, A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER, A GUEST, YOURSELF!

We'll have a delicious Luncheon and a fun Silent Auction of native plants/trees donated by Sharon and Wes Burlingame...Don't miss this wonderful "end of year" event at the Hendersonville Country Club! We'll vote in new officers in a brief business meeting and then have "ROUND TABLE" TALKS on the theme "ONE VOICE: NON-PARTISANSHIP AT IT'S BEST".

Luncheon choices are 1) Encrusted Chicken Breast with Honey Mustard Sauce 2) Almond Crusted Filet of Native Trout with Sweet Red Pepper Sauce (both dinners complete with starch, veg., beverage and a Key Lime Pie dessert) for \$16.00 all inclusive with tax and tip. To make your reservations, please call or email Jean McGrady between May 8 and May 19 at 696-0672 fccmom1@hotmail.com. Payment will be made at the Club on May 22.

A MUST !!! WED. MAY 27 ANNUAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND LEADERSHIP ...to be held at The UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ON KANUGA from 10 am – 3 pm. We'll get acquainted, develop program/calendar, learn about developing committees, job descriptions, "team-work"!

Thurs. June 4 11-1 LWVHC BOARD MTG. WCCA Conference Room

June 5-6-7 League State Convention at Greensboro.

These events are fun and informative! We are sending 6 voting delegates, but we'd love to have more members go also. Consult our own Website for details and Registration form. We're carpooling and sharing the gas cost as well as cost of double rooms. Please join us! Call Nancy 693-5257!

NOTE: We will publish a "quickee" page of "SUMMER NOTES" after the June events .

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER EVERYONE!...AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO VOLUNTEER IN THE LEAGUE BOOTH FOR THE APPLE FESTIVAL ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND! CALL CAROL CLEVELAND, COORDINATOR, 697-8828

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