



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."

APRIL 2010

"GROWING OUR AWARENESS OF LWVUS POSITIONS What DO we know? What DON'T we know?" Lee Luebbe

APRIL 15, 2010

**Thurs. Eve. from 7:00-8:30 pm
GENERAL MEETING**

**"GROWING OUR AWARENESS
OF LWVUS POSITIONS!"
-a totally different kind
of General Meeting**

**First Baptist Church on the corner
of 5th Avenue and Washington St.
(directions in article)**

Coffee and cookies served!

BRING A FRIEND TO LEAGUE !

This promises to be a different kind of meeting...and it's in a different meeting place too!

The meeting will engage every member who attends and the facilitators guarantee you will have an enjoyable and productive time. Prizes will be awarded !!!

You will leave with a greater appreciation of the many positions LWVUS has reached in its 90 years of study, research, and the content of those positions which affects our advocacy today.

Come give yourself the benefit of League's outstanding history in reaching well-studied consensus on positions long before most citizens took notice of the problems. For example, League members became concerned about the depletion and conservation of natural resources as far back as the 1920's and 1930's when the League undertook a study of flood control, erosion, and the creation of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

**Facilitators are: Diana Richmond-Campi,
Marion Huffman, Renee Kumor, and Lee Luebbe.**

Parking is ample in several locations: Fourth Ave., Washington Street, the Circle Drive off Fourth Ave., and Buncombe Street, as well as the small parking lot directly across from the Circle Drive on Buncombe Street. **Do not park in the large lot on the corner of Washington and Fifth Ave. Those contracted spots are for specific businesses and you could get towed.**

There are various entrances to the First Baptist Church and to the League Meeting depending on where you choose to park. For those parking closer to the main entrances on Washington Street, you will ring the buzzer at either of the main entrances and announce you are with the LWVHC, and the door will be opened. Signs will direct you to the League meeting room on second floor – all handicapped accessible with ramps.

For those parking in the Circle Drive or across the street in the small parking lot, you will enter the building again by pressing the buzzer at the doors located in the Circle Drive, take the elevator to the second floor and follow the signs.

SEE YOU THERE!

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

- League of Women Voters of Henderson County - www.lwvhenc.org
- League of Women Voters (National) www.lwv.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)
- internete-mail@ncleg.net (readable by all Legislators)
- ncsenatemembers@ncleg.net (readable by all Senators)
- nchousemembers@ncleg.net (readable by all House Members)

OUR LWVHC ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING MAY 8TH... MARK YOUR CALENDAR... INVITE A GUEST... WE'RE HAVING A 90TH PARTY!

**MEET AND GREET ! SILENT AUCTION OF NATIVE PLANTS! 90TH ANNIVERSARY!
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT! ROUND TABLE TALK! ELECTION OF OFFICERS !**

This year we have the perfect excuse to ‘party’ at our May Annual General Meeting (as if we really need an excuse!) because the US League celebrates its 90th Anniversary as the vital organization it is! We are holding the meeting on **SATURDAY, MAY 8, FROM 11:00 AM – 1:15 PM AT THE HENDERSONVILLE COUNTRY CLUB!** This is such a “connection opportunity” for all of our members to meet and greet each other, and new members, prospective members and guests...and to ‘walk the talk’ of our commitment to League and to each other. We celebrate our past year of individual and collective effort that ,once more, has been a year of inspiring and successful endeavors.

Yes, we know it’s Mother’s Day weekend...but Saturday is our day for the “Mother” of all Leagues , our own LWVHC! **Phone or email your reservation** in by Tues. May 4 to Shirley Younger at 692-4170 Shirley.younger@att.net. to select your luncheon choice of Almond Crusted Chicken Breast or Pecan Crusted Trout – dinner is all inclusive for \$16.00 , payable at the luncheon. Invite a friend...consider bringing a guest Whatever you do, don’t miss this meaningful, celebrative, and fun event !!!

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 to be approved at the Annual Meeting – Barbara Volk, Chair

INCOME	
Account	Budget
DUES	
- Single Member (\$47 Each)	\$3,760
- Family Member (\$65 Each)	\$455
Total =	\$4,215
DONATIONS	
- Member Cash	\$100
- Member-In-Kind	\$100
- Non-Member Cash	\$50
- Non-Member In-Kind	\$50
Total =	\$300
OPERATIONS	
- Member Meals	\$1,200
- Bulletin Hard Copy	\$80
Total =	\$1,280
FUNDRAISERS	
- Bulb Sales	\$1,700
- Note Cards	\$150
- Finance Drive	\$7,000
- Kids Voting	\$50
Total =	\$8,900

INTEREST	\$40
APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS	\$300
TOTAL INCOME =	\$15,035
FUND BALANCE	\$2,295
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$507.13
EXPENDITURES	
Account	Budget
OPERATING EXPENSES	
- P.O. Box	\$100
- Postage	\$20
- General Supplies	\$200
- Bank Charges	\$30
- Website	\$70
Total =	\$420
INSURANCE	\$160
BOARD EXPENSES	\$100
DELAGATE/CONVENTION	—
LWNC STATE CONVENTION	\$1,000
LOCAL MEETINGS	
- Annual Meeting	\$250
- Workshops	\$400
Total =	\$650
LWV ASSESSMENTS	
- PMP State	\$1,075
- PMP National	\$2,700
Total =	\$3,775
BULLETINS	
- Copying	\$175
- Postage	\$100
Total =	\$275
COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES	
- Membership	\$300
- Public Relations	\$150
Total =	\$450
PROGRAM SUPPORT	
- Voters Service	\$150
- Natural resources	\$20
- Observer Corps	\$50
- New Local Study	\$100
- Immigration Advocacy	\$100
- Social Policy	\$20
- Judicial Advocacy	\$20
- ERA	\$75
Total =	\$535
MEETINGS/MEALS	

- Member Meals	\$1,200
- Speaker Meals	\$100
Total =	\$1,300
<u>FUND RAISING</u>	
- Bulbs	\$1,000
- Note Cards	\$75
- Finance Drive	\$3,000
Total =	\$4,075
<u>TRANSFER TO FUND BALANCE</u>	\$2,295
TOTAL EXPENSES =	\$15,035

*Please excuse the format for the budget...it's just the way it is by golly! Couldn't get it side by side!

CORRECTION TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Editor's apology: We published the Nominating Committee slate in March of those to be elected at the Annual Meeting and in this issue we publish an additional name to be included in the slate, that of:

Gayle Kilcoin, Director, and Membership Chair, will be nominated to serve a 1 year term thereby completing an incomplete term of office.

In addition, as this bulletin was going to 'press', Diana Richmond-Campi announced, regretfully, that she was withdrawing her name as Vice President elect. We will inform the membership as soon as a new person is determined.

ARE YOU READING THE BULLETIN? IT'S OUR "CONNECTOR"! FROM THE LEADERSHIP... Nancy Glowacki, President

I have heard occasional comments such as "Why do we need a Bulletin?"...or "Why is the Bulletin so long?"...or "I know people who don't read it all the way through! I must admit that my initial reaction is one of impatience with thinking that produces those types of questions! But my saner side wins out and my patience encourages me to explain and to encourage.

Perhaps a Bulletin could be called "The Connection", or "The Connector", or maybe even "The Includer"....because that's what it is! Our membership of 100+ reflects a continuum with a wide variation of involvement from "very active and at every meeting and in sub-meetings" all the way to "financial support only and faith in an organization believed in!" On this continuum from one end to the other, each of us falls somewhere! So the one vehicle that attempts to communicate to ALL from all corners of the organization is the Bulletin. And are you aware that almost 90% of our members receives the Bulletin electronically? How easy is that to include almost everyone instantly and keep the membership up to speed?

Why do we do it? We must do it, we want to do it, and we DO do it to create an all-inclusive circle of informed members. In this way, in spite of the level of our involvement, we stay connected to each other and to our ongoing work...we remember what we're all about and we feel proud of our team. The length of the Bulletin is as long as it needs to be. Every Chair tries to enter a report to the membership as to their effort and progress believing you care enough to want to know about it. The Calendar keeps you informed of what you might be able to attend. Every General Meeting is advertised so you can make plans to participate...your choice. We include people news for those who need our concern and care. And we also ask for your contributions too! Some months are busier than others....and hence the number of pages! It is a new creation each month!

"To read or not to read" is your choice of course. But let's not hear a comment such as "I didn't know

about this or that" because you chose not to read the Bulletin! No patience with that! Carl Sandburg's most 'unfavorite' word was "exclusive"...**his and our most favorite word is "inclusive"**. League's purpose is to develop an informed citizenry...that's us too! Enjoy....

THE TOWN OF FLETCHER-An Observer Corps Report from Tricia Minnick

The Town of Fletcher has only been incorporated since 1986. The community started in the eighteenth century as a beautiful farming community and later as an industrial area providing many jobs for the area. Located between Asheville and Hendersonville, the Town of Fletcher has seen a steady growth in its population. Many of its citizens, especially retirees, want the benefits of both being close to a larger metropolitan area and living in a safe small town.

The town council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm. The town council consists of the five elected council members, which includes the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem. The town manager and town clerk also sit with the council to add facts and information as needed. There is an agenda sheet available to everyone prior to the meeting and also a "follow-up" bulletin available after the meeting (later in the week) at city hall. There is an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting for anyone to bring up a new topic they feel needs to be addressed at the meeting by the council. There are reports from the different town departments as needed, such as the Department of Public Works discussing snow plowing and the upcoming work needed for the baseball fields. There is also a period of recognition, each meeting, for special events like the League of Women Voters 90th anniversary, and the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts.

The council is always attentive, well informed on the agenda items, interested in hearing from the public and always polite to each other and the public during topic discussions. The council is definitely concerned for the best interests of the town.

Going to these town council meetings for this past year has really made me appreciate how hard people work to make the Town of Fletcher a good place to live. I am very happy to be a resident of this town.

NATURAL RESOURCES...STATE-NATIONAL Barbara Barnett

LWVUS: NATIONAL- GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

The National League has taken action on climate change after delegates reported on the Copenhagen Accords. The LWVUS urges Congress to provide sufficient funds for International Programs in 2011. The League sent a letter to both Representatives and Senators urging our Congress to provide at least the amount proposed by the Administration for international programs in 2011. The League is particularly concerned about funding for international adaptation to deal with global climate change.

Vital Energy Legislation is stalled in the Senate.

LWVNC : STATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010 SHORT SESSION

BUDGET CUTS:

\$50 Million Clean Water Management Trust Fund
\$31,000 Land Loss Prevention

ACTION ON BILLS – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

S835 Extend Climate Change Commission

AWAIT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

S1067 Sustainable Local Food Policy
H512 Incentives for Energy Conservation (Tax credits for renewable (geothermal).
H1387 Solar Collectors on Residential Property (exempts multi-story condos).

S836 Recycle Products containing Mercury.
 S1068 Permitting of Wind Energy Facilities
 H905 Study Renewable Energy Credits
 H1440 Renewable Energy Market Creation.

The General Assembly returns to Raleigh for the Short Session May 12, 2010.
 The Climate Change Commission Report should be available this month.

COUNTY BUDGET MEETING REPORT Stan Kumor, Treasurer Elect

Stan Kumor attended the Henderson County Budget Workshop to observe for League. His report summary stated that basically the HC budget is in good condition i.e. all departments are within budget expenditures and revenues are ahead of 2009 collection rate. Other summary facts : 2010/2011 expenditure budget if \$6M less than 2009/10 budget... continued withholding of \$750K ADM School Funds by State... County reserves in excellent shape (total \$29,21,000)...no property tax increase foreseen...no new programs...flat fuel costs...10%increase in electrical power costs...the CNG Station, the New Law Center, Renovation of Human Services Building, and the Apple Valley/North Henderson High School expansions- all were capital projects approved.

The full 5 page report is available for your perusal...call Stan (692-7640) or Nancy (693-5257) for a copy. Stan's attendance at this workshop and his detailed summary contributed greatly to League's monitoring budget process. Thank you Stan.

"IRON-JAWED ANGELS" FUNDRAISER REPORT

A grateful "thank you" and acknowledgement for Lee Luebbe who coordinated the ticket sales and to all who helped promote and sell our cinema event! We had hoped to sell 150 tickets and sold 115. With a modest ticket price of \$10.00 and expenses for the theatre and permit to show the film, League still managed to raise \$525.00. Attendance was 47 at 12:30 and 45 at 7:15...23 tickets were purchased but not used...and four of those were given to individuals who would not have been able to attend!

An important outcome was that it appeared to be "universally" acclaimed by all who attended as truly a film that moved them to "tears and cheers", essential for young and older to see; many expressed surprise that they "had no idea" of the true history behind women getting the right to vote. It's was a hard-won privilege and one to be re-affirmed!

FLOWERS GALORE!... LEAGUE'S 'PRETTIEST' FUNDRAISER! A NEW MAY SALE OF YOUR FAVORITE FLOWER BULBS....

When League sponsors activities to raise funds to support our budget and keep our dues down, we try to find ways to have **"fun, when we fund"**! Every year we sell hundreds of dollars worth of daffodils, tulips, and a wide array of spring and summer flowers beloved by all. And it's that time again!

Gwen Hill, who has been our faithful bulb lover and seller, needs to resign from coordinating this project and is more than willing to help a new volunteer who loves flowers and loves their computer! Gwen has ordered the forms and will have them ready for us soon....please, if there is a Leaguer who sees this opportunity as 'fun while funding', please call Nancy at 693-5257 or Gwen 693-1711 x111 or home at 891-8083 right now!

THESE ARE NEW BULB SALES IN MAY! NEW BULB COORDINATOR NEEDED TO HELP !

We're behind in our fun-raising for bulbs...dig in...find your flower loving, gardener friends..

ONGOING 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 and she will keep our League records in order! Thanks!

When extra alerts or notifications are needed to reach the membership, notify Linnea and she will email to the membership.

LWVHC CALENDAR FOR APRIL – MAY - JUNE

THU. APRIL 1 11-1	BOARD MEETING – WCCA Conference Room 11-1
APRIL 13 TUES. 6:30-8-30 pm	City Operations Building ...Candidate Forum for Register of Deeds, County Commissioner, and Sheriff of Henderson County
APRIL 15 THURS. 7:00 – 8:30 PM	General Meeting: “Growing Our Awareness of LWVYS Positions- what do we know? What don’t we know?” Promises to be a fun approach to this knowledge base. First Baptist Church: more details and directions on front page of Bulletin.
APRIL 16 FRIDAY 8 am- 11 am Conference Hall, BRCC	Town Hall for children “Our Kids, Our Future”: email Elisha freeman at elishaf@childrenandfamily.org to register.
APRIL 21 Candidate Forum, AVL/B League at UNCA	Co-Sponsoring a Candidate forum with A/B League to be held at UNCA Reuter center. Meet and Greet from 6-7:00 pm; then forum for 6 candidates for US House District 11. Call Carol Cleveland with questions...697-8828
APRIL 24 SAT. Earth Day Event with ECO	ECO’S EARTH DAY 40th CELEBRATION! At BRCC Field...from 10 am – 6 pm. Watch the newspapers too.
MAY 6 THURS. 11-1 PM	BOARD MEETING - WCCA Conference Room 11-1
MAY 8 SATURDAY 11- 1:15	ANNUAL MEETING...Reservations Required by Tues. May 4 Phone Shirley Younger at 692-4170 or email at Shirley.younger@att.net. See article page 2 of bulletin.
EARLY JUNE... DATE TBA LEADERSHIP TRAINING	All Board members, coming and going, and all Leadership invited – and recommended.. to attend a workshop from 9-3 on a date in early June TBA. We will inform you of the final time and place and date via Linnea.
JUNE 3 THURS. 11-1 PM	BOARD MEETING- WCCA Conference Room
LWVUS NATIONAL CONVENTION ATLANTA , GA	June 11 thru June 15. Visit the US website at www.lwv.org for information and to register, or call Nancy at 693-5257. Registration of \$295. due by May 15. (or it will cost \$50. more to register on site.



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