



**THE ABC'S OF PROGRAM PLANNING IN LEAGUE  
DON'T MISS THIS  
IMPORTANT GENERAL MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS JAN. 20, 2011  
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**A – Always** , every year, Program Planning is part of the calendar – usually in January. Members come together to suggest *local* programs for the upcoming year ,which is then brought to the Board , and finally to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. New programs *must be a proposal in writing with budgets attached*. In February, the Board will either “recommend” or “not recommend” an item suggested by the members –based on budget, timeliness, or lack of member support to carry out the project.

Members also recommend programs for State and National in alternate years. Ideas may be submitted online. This year we will be focusing on State. Usually the cutoff date for any new item is March 1 for National and State items in order to be appropriately reviewed by respective Boards and brought forth to the delegates at convention time in June.

**Be** - present for these important grass roots opportunities either in person at the local planning meeting or online for State and National.

**C – Convention** and local Annual Meeting is the time that these important decisions are made.

This year our program planning on the local and State level will take place **January 20, 3-5 pm at the Chamber Community Room, 204 Kanuga Road.**

Format for meeting includes:

- A review of existing positions – this year local and State
- Decision to keep, modify, or drop existing programs
- Consideration of any new proposed program (Written copy including statement of problem, proposed process, time frame, and budget.)

**PLEASE...Bring your 2010 Local Annual Meeting Booklet (lavender) which we received at our Annual Meeting, to the Jan. 20 planning session. There will be a few extras at the meeting also.**

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## **DIVERSITY DIALOGUE GROUP PLANNING INTERRACIAL FORUMS IN OUR CITY/COUNTY**

League’s Diversity Dialogue Group has been meeting once a month for about a year and gradually has built up membership and intention. In November, Roberta Madden, League of Avl/Buncombe County, shared with us her accomplishments in Black Mountain in setting up Interracial dialogues and forums, potlucks and projects, which seemed to bring people of diversity together for a real exchange of feelings, thoughts, creative ideas, mutual goals and understanding! Our group expressed interest in developing something similar here in our own city and county. Robbie had a knee replacement the Monday after Christmas and says that rehab is going well and that she will be present at the Tuesday, February 22nd meeting (3:30-5:00 pm )of the Diversity group to assist and mentor the group in the process of developing a program of interracial dialogues. The meeting is held at the Laurel Park Town Hall. Please join us and if there are questions, please call Nancy at 693-5257 or 606-5201.

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Diversity Dialogue group **will not convene in January.** Two related events are taking place in the same week when the group usually meets. Instead, we urge members to **attend the Martin Luther King breakfast** early Monday morning, January 17 (call member Madeline Royes to buy a \$10.00 ticket 693-0936) . The second event will be a **special planning meeting of the new ERA NC Coalition** forming under the leadership of Roberta Madden . The meeting is scheduled for Saturday Jan. 22 ., 1:00 pm at her home in Black Mountain. We will carpool from Hendersonville to attend and meet with others from western North Carolina. Those who indicated interest from our League were Simine Heise, Kay Keith, Wendell Holland, Judy Deller, Judith Katz, Madeline Royes, Martha Sachs, and Nancy Glowacki. Others welcome. Everyone interested, please call Nancy at 693-5257...we will arrange a meeting place and time.and provide directions. **SNOW DATE IS SATURDAY, JAN. 29. Please see a more comprehensive article on the promising developments with the ERA on page 4.”**

### **ADVOCATE 24/7 BY USING THESE IMPORTANT WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION BROWSE THESE SITES AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK!**

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

Contact Legislators:

- [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)

**FROM THE LEADERSHIP****Nancy Glowacki, Pres.****HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS...2011 IS HERE AND WE'RE ON THE SECOND HALF OF OUR LEAGUE'S YEARLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS!**

From late August to our December Holiday Party, we have welcomed a total of **13 new members**...Simine Heise, Rena Hoffman, Sharon Kay Keith, Jim Lowrance, Elaine Martin, Helen Leino, Becky Reid and Joe Robustelli, Judy and Bill Wilkes, Barbara Baylor, Judith Scruggs, and Sandra Kremer1. It is so heartening to experience the new people who come to League having been touched by what we stand for, what we are involved in doing, and the promise of how they can join into activities that fit their interest, skills and talents. They will become an integral part of our volunteer strength and we welcome them with open arms! Soon, there will be a new Master List of the Membership which all of you will receive. **BE SURE TO NETWORK WITH THEM AT MEETINGS TO ADD YOUR WELCOME!**

The **Nominating Committee** is hard at work to prepare a slate of officers/directors who will be elected at our May 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting only a few months away. Step up and speak to Priscilla Burch, Nominating Chair, if being on the Board interests you. It's a privilege and a challenge to bring diverse people together to develop policy as needed, to support the legacy of what League has already laid down for us, and to be responsible for the fiscal health of our organization...it has the potential for developing close teamwork and mutual respect...and assuring the ongoing future of League. We are entering year "91" on February 14<sup>th</sup>! Step up!

Our first **Fundraising Letter Campaign event** in some years was launched in mid-December with many "hands on deck" to make it happen. Thanks to all of them and to all the members and others outside of League whom we contacted to support League... the contributions are flowing in and we are grateful for the support that will increase our program reach this coming year.

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS****Rudi Simko, P.I.O.**

**Welcome to Helen Leino** and her husband, Rick, who moved to Hendersonville three years ago from Northern Virginia. Helen is a retired elementary teacher and Rick continues to work for an IT company in VA and travels often. They both enjoy attending performances at the Flat Rock Playhouse. Helen enjoys history, reading and exercising, and wants to improve her golf game. For Helen, the League represents an organization where one person can make a difference for people in our local area and in the US in general. Environmental and healthcare issues are two of her interests. Helen lives at 127 Chattooga Run, Hendersonville 28739 and she can be reached at 828-697-7100 or [rhleino@bellsouth.net](mailto:rhleino@bellsouth.net)

**Judy and Bill Wilkes** are both avid travelers and interested in the world at large as well as here at home in Henderson County. Judy is a retired school social worker, and she continues to work PRN for Hospice in Transylvania County. Bill is a retired physicist who spent 17 years managing chemists, chemical engineers, computer specialists and other technicians. Judy and Bill have been very active with Friendship Force International (FFI) and have traveled to Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Chile (Bill only), Mexico, Canada, France, Germany and the Netherlands. With FFI they have also home-hosted many foreign visitors. Judy and Bill both feel the need to be more politically aware, and believe the League offers them an opportunity to learn more about today's issues from a non-partisan point of view. The Wilkes live at 160 Boyles Rd., Hendersonville 28791. They can be reached at 828-891-3578 or by email: Bill, [wrrnc@bellsouth.net](mailto:wrrnc@bellsouth.net) and Judy, [judy126@bellsouth.net](mailto:judy126@bellsouth.net)

**THE ERA LIVES ! PRESS RELEASE FROM WASHINGTON ON 12/14  
FORWARDED TO US BY THE WOMAN WHO IS NOW REVIVING THE NC  
COALITION FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE ERA! THINGS ARE LOOKING UP!**

Roberta Madden is hard at work re-forming a coalition in North Carolina that will bring the ERA to ratification by this state. Only 3 more states are needed! Senator Apodaca said at our December meeting that he thought the climate was ripe and right ! Robbie has spoken at our Diversity Dialogue group and is inviting interested people to a planning meeting on Jan. 22 in Black Mountain. (see the calendar and article on page 3 also. Call Nancy 693-5257 if you want to go. Here's what she sent.....

**MENENDEZ TAKES THE SENATE LEAD ON EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT**

*Equal protection under the law for women has never been added to the Constitution*

**Companion bill in House sponsored by Rep. Maloney**

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) today introduced the Equal Rights Amendment in the Senate, taking the baton on this landmark women's equality legislation from the late Senator Edward Kennedy. The ERA would add a simple 52 word amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing equal rights under the law, regardless of gender.

As a Constitutional amendment, the ERA would require Congressional passage and ratification by 38 states. Companion legislation in the House of Representatives has been introduced by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (NY-13), a long-time sponsor of the ERA. The Senate version is co-sponsored by Senators Tom Harkin (D-IA), John Kerry (D-MA), Carl Levin (D-MI), Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Christopher Dodd (D-CT).

**"Most people are surprised when they find out that, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, American women still are not constitutionally guaranteed equal rights under the law,"** said Menendez. **"It's a sign of the great advancements made in public attitudes, but also of the distance we still must go to ensure that women's rights continue to advance and never backslide. It is time to bring our laws in line with our times by guaranteeing equality for women."**

**"Though women have a significant patchwork of legal protections today, nothing compares to protection under the U.S. Constitution,"** Rep. Maloney said. **"These 52 words, when passed by Congress and ratified by 38 states, would ensure women's rights as nothing else would. I'm grateful that Senator Menendez, a like-minded man, is re-introducing the Equal Rights Amendment in the Senate, as I have already done in the House."**

The Equal Rights Amendment dates back to 1848, and in 1970, it passed Congress and was ratified by 35 of 38 states necessary to amend the Constitution.

A few of the ways the amendment would guarantee the equal rights of men and women are:

- Clarifying the legal status of sex discrimination for the courts by making sex a suspect category subject to strict judicial scrutiny, similar to race, religion, and national origin.
- Guaranteeing equal footing for women in the legal systems of all 50 states.
- Ensuring that government programs and federal resources benefit men and women equally.

## **NEW “SMART TALK” DISCUSSION GROUPS FORMING IN EARLY 2011**

A new “Smart Talk” discussion group will be forming in early 2011 with the goal of helping our members (new and existing) grow their League friendships; creating an emotional investment in what League stands for; while expanding League’s membership and strengthening its leadership for the future.

The focus of these gatherings is to create a lively atmosphere for idea sharing and information exchanges, while promoting informed discussion on current affairs, and citizen engagement in our representative democracy as we continue to strengthen our friendships within League. The idea is to have a key question or topic for each discussion group. Suggestions on where to find resource materials could be provided; however, the emphasis will be on discussion, learning from one another, and sharing ideas.

The intent is not to have formal “speakers” per se, but people with special knowledge of the subject could be guests. In the absence of an invited resource person, one of our committee or other League members might take the lead to get the discussion started. A subject for discussion could be outside League’s official platform. We want members to view the gatherings as stimulating and “fun” rather than work or study sessions. The emphasis will be on a discussion of community and/or current affairs in a comfortable social setting.

We envision beginning with small groups--perhaps 8 people, to encourage interaction and bonding among members. This allows everyone attending to participate. Based upon the setting and/or member interest, group size may be stretched to ten or twelve people. Members who wish to participate will need to RSVP in advance. Seating will be on a first-come basis. Hopefully there can be a mix of old, new, and perhaps prospective Leaguers as guests. We anticipate many members may choose to participate from time to time. If you are interested in attending a Smart Talk discussion group, please stay tuned for more updates or feel free to contact one of us with questions or suggestions.

### **MRI Committee**

**Judy Katz 698-9952, Helen Wright 696-3344, Iris Vanek 697-0787, , Rudi Simko 687-2944**

## **SUNSHINE WEEK IS CELEBRATED IN MARCH COME TO AN OBSERVER CORPS MEETING MARCH 10, FROM 11-1 Sharon Burlingame and Linda Miller: Co-coordinators**

**Each member of Observer Corps may invite a key "Sunshine Person" to our regular lunch meeting at Family Fare Restaurant on Thursday, March 10, from 11:00-1:00 . These are the people whose agencies or organizations we observe, people who helped us prepare for last year's program, etc. It will be an informal opportunity to learn more about what they do to promote openness and to thank them for their year-round efforts. We always welcome League members to attend our meetings as well as to consider becoming an observer. We request that you RSVP to Linda Miller: 697-1045.**

**ADVANCE PUBLICITY FOR TWO UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS  
TO MARK INTO YOUR CALENDAR....FEBRUARY AND MARCH  
PLAN TO BRING A FRIEND TO LEAGUE  
FOR ONE OF OUR INFORMATIVE MEETINGS**

**FEBRUARY 17 – “Getting to Know League: the Myths and the Realities”** – this program is designed to answer questions not only for Leaguers, but for people in our community who see League from afar and perhaps have formed misconceptions about this organization e.g. its non-partisan status, studies, positions, and advocacy. This is the month we celebrate LWVUS 91<sup>st</sup> birthday as well. We’re planning a film, a presentation, a Q & A, and an opportunity to network and socialize. Women’s History Month is designated in March, but our celebrations will likely combine in February.

**MARCH 17 – Affordable Housing Forum:** Sponsored jointly by the Affordable Housing Coalition and The League of Woman Voters. Affordable housing is an on-going issue for Henderson County. The Forum will focus on information learned from a recent “Needs Assessment Study”, plus studying the “work force” housing concerns that impact each of us. The Forum should help in directing and developing our advocacy so that we might improve the existing situation in Henderson County.

**WHEN-----Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**2:30PM---Refreshments and Networking**

**3-5PM----Forum presentation and discussion**

**WHERE-----Chamber of Commerce Community Room**

**204 Kanuga Rd. (Enter at rear door with ramp; parking at side and rear lots)**

**SPEAKERS-----Hoyt Bynum, Executive Director, Henderson County**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Anthony Starr, Planning Director, Henderson County**

**Planning Dept.**

SEE THE FULL JAN. FEB. CALENDAR ON THE NEXT PAGE.....



## LWVHC CALENDAR FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2011

<p><b>JAN. 6 THURSDAY 10 AM TO 12 NOON</b></p>	<p><b>BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE WCCA CONFERENCE ROOM</b></p>
<p><b>JAN. 17 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST</b></p>	<p><b>At BRCC- 8:30 Breakfast in Killian Bldg. Cafeteria, 9:30 Program in Bo Thomas Auditorium Call Madeline Royes 693-0936 or Kathleen Lees 697-7881 for \$10.00 tickets. A wonderful celebration with breakfast and entertainment and tributes.</b></p>
<p><b>THURS. JAN. 20 , 2011 3:00-5:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>ALL MEMBER PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>SEE ARTICLE PAGE ONE....A very important meeting where the membership comes together en force to propose, to choose, to create the program for the next year! Their recommendations go to the Board and then to the May Annual Meeting for membership approval. Think about what you would like to see addressed in the 2011-12 year of our active League! PLAN ON BEING PART OF THIS DECISION-MAKING! At the Chamber of Commerce; parking and entrance in rear of bldg.</b></p>
<p><b>JAN. 22, SATURDAY ERA NC PLANNING MTG. IN BLACK MTN.</b></p>	<p><b>AT ROBBIE MADDEN'S HOME IN BLACK MTN. - see articles pages 2 and 4. If interested, call Nancy at 693-5257...we'll be carpooling from Hendersonville. Snow date is Jan. 29.</b></p>
<p><b>JAN. 24 IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MTG.</b></p>	<p><b>3:00 pm Regular monthly meeting held at St. James. All are invited to attend.</b></p>
<p><b>FEB. 3 BOARD MEETING 10-12</b></p>	<p><b>WCCA CONFERENCE ROOM</b></p>
<p><b>FEB. 17 THURSDAY - GENERAL MEETING</b></p> <p><b>3:00 -5:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>At Chamber of Commerce on Kanuga and Church</b></p>	<p><b>"GETTING TO KNOW LEAGUE...THE MYTHS AND THE REALITIES" an opportunity to invite political party leaders, women's groups, elected officials, community leaders ,etc. to share a dialogue about League as well as socialize in a celebration for our 91<sup>st</sup> birthday (US League) .</b></p> <p><b>Parking in rear of bldg....ramp entrance in rear of bldg. also.</b></p>
<p><b>FEB. 22 TUES. DIVERSITY DIALOGUE GROUP MTG.</b></p>	<p><b>3:30 – 5:00 pm Robbie Madden will facilitate a planning meeting to help us develop Interracial Dialogue Forum/s in HC. Held at the Laurel Park Village Hall next to the Police station, corner of White Pine Drive, Laurel Park Hwy and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Parking in front and in rear of bldg. and across the street at the park.</b></p>