



The League of Women Voters in Henderson County - Since 1966

Bulletin

"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-June 2010

AND WE DID CELEBRATE ! 75 ATTENDED OUR 44TH ANNUAL MEETING AND OUR 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LWVUS !!!

A host of League helpers descended on the Hendersonville Country Club with various 'pieces' and within a short time, the scene was set! Greeters, Dues and Membership Tables, a great current and Historical Exhibit, and native plants galore for auction lined two walls! The table centerpiece was a circular collage of the "dangerous" women who worked for and won the right to vote, surrounding a bouquet of lavender and green flowers...all sitting on a purple pad with a gold star...the suffragette colors. This was their 90th!!!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- **Public Hearing- Prayer and Gov. meetings – May 25**
- **Board mtg. June 3**
- **Leadership Trng. June 9**

See the calendar on the last page for details on May thru August .

DUES ARE DUE!

Please send to LWVHC Box 2238,
Hvl., NC 28793 . LWVHC is
grateful for your participation in
our work!

The League entertainers "Little Bit of Sunshine"., dressed in white and wore a braided sash of purple, cream and gold! And the sentiments sung were 'right on' as we honored our history, people of inspiration , joked and laughed about politics, and reaffirmed that still "we've got a lot of somethin' to do"!

Over 20 guests were present, and several joined League that day , and others took prospective materials...it is so exciting to grow our League! Francee Sherman, an original founder, was there as was Marian Lowry , a 50-year-plus member. Marion Huffman achieves her 50-year status this year also!

Some comments let us know that we 'covered all our bases' well and that newcomers could see we were an exciting combination of serious and fun. And no one could question the seriousness of what League set out to do 90 years ago !

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)

FROM THE LEADERSHIP...Nancy Glowacki, President

“Thank you’s “ are a simple, but all encompassing way to acknowledge every member’s ongoing contributions to League. Four wonderful Board members, **Lee Luebbe, V.P.**, **Marion Huffman, Treas.**, **Charlyne Coleman, Director**, and **Jeannette Cannon** are leaving the Board. Words cannot begin to measure who they are and what they have contributed ,and continue to contribute,... but each of us knows ...and says a heartfelt “**Thank You**”!!!

At the Annual Meeting, we also elected some new amazing people to step onto the Board ! **Judy Katz** will serve as Vice President! **Stan Kumor** will serve as Treasurer...**Carol Ward** as a new Director...and **Gayle Kilcoin** is our Membership Chair. How fortunate we are to continue to have willing people to volunteer to commit, to learn, to carry the team ‘ball’. Every piece of work, little or large, short or long, is a vital part of the whole...so we say “thank you” to each of you for all the ‘parts’ that make us ‘whole’!

We realize that through the process of evolution, our Board will no longer have “seasoned” members present...and since we “newbies” have so much to learn, we are creating a “Mentor Team” of seasoned members who will rotate at Board Meetings and/or mentor Chairs outside of Board. This will keep our resource people close by as we learn the ‘ropes’ ...and we are grateful for that.

On Wednesday, June 9 from 9-3, at the Chamber of Commerce on the corner of Kanuga and Church, all Board and off-Board people in leadership/representative responsibilities (both current and new), will come together for a day of orientation, training, regrouping, and creating . The calendar program will be completed at that time and will be published in the August Bulletin along with a new Leadership List.

The Chamber of Commerce will be our “home” for 12 of our General Meeting Public Programs, our Leadership training, and our all-member Social Events this coming year. We hope this will meet with approval from the membership; The COC provides a wonderful meeting room, electronic capabilities, small kitchen, immediate and extended parking and the opportunity to network with other organizations. We are excited about the prospect of having a consistent place known as League’s “home base”. All committee meetings and trainings will continue to be held in “free spots” around town and county as they are now.

After a busy year, and with political challenges always looming locally and otherwise, let’s take a break before jumping into the fray in fall! The plans are being laid, committees are forming, leaders are preparing, so there’s time...put up your feet, enjoy the sun and fun ! And look forward to coming back together in August!

THE TIME IS DUE FOR , you guessed it....DUES!

Here’s one of the most important ways to support League and keep our dues down at \$47.00 for a single and \$65. for a family....please **pay your dues as soon as possible by mid July** as our new fiscal year gets under way! Send to LWVHC , Box 2238, Hendersonville, NC 28793 and renew your commitment to League! We encourage you to continue to bring friends to our meetings as potential new members...there is something for everyone and we aim to affirm it. **THANK YOU...remember to add \$10. if you want bulletin mailed!**

LEAGUE’S ANNUAL BULB SALE IS ON NOW...UNTIL JUNE 15TH

It’s **NOW...GET YOUR ORDER IN...we have forms, brochures upon request.** Call Nancy at **693-5257** to get info. People can’t say enough about how beautiful these bulbs are..how great they are as gifts anytime...and how important the funds are to League’s coffers! **Beautiful for bucks...it works !**

APRIL GENERAL MEETING: SUMMARY REPORT ...Lee Luebbe, V.P.

Winners in the National Quiz conducted as part of the General Meeting in April were: Joe Glowacki, Judy Katz, Carola Cohn, Barbara Barnett, and Marian Lowry. Congratulations to all!

The quiz which was a slight modification of one designed by members of the League in Columbus, Ohio, had twenty questions in the four general categories listed below. Some were multiple choice; others were true/false.

In the discussion of the multiple choice related to Transportation, I agreed to check with the originator of the quiz. Apparently I entered the answer wrong as #4. The answer was "all of the above". (To err is human; to forgive is divine!) I apologize for the confusion caused by my error.

Members present at the April meeting gave good suggestions to aid in the education of our members about the many positions League has reached in its 90-year history.

1. Create a poster with the four general categories (International Relations, Representative Government, Social Policy, and Natural Resources) of our National Positions which would be on display at each general meeting.
2. Whenever a local program relates to a National or State position, reference to that position would be good to review at that meeting or in the Bulletin announcement.
3. Review positions in programs similar to the quiz conducted at the April meeting
4. Committees on the local level could adopt study of positions reached on the State and National level.

Yes, we do speak with one voice! And we discovered how important it is to know THAT voice of our National and State as well as the Local positions and to be aware of the "connections".

It is also important to know that if we happen to be in the minority of a consensus, we agree as Leaguers to forego public dissent of that position as a Leaguer.

A REPORT FROM THE APRIL STATE BOARD MEETING ...

Barbara Coulson, State Board Liaison to LWVHC

League President Kathleen Balogh updated members with convention and delegate information, as well as the NBC-17 Democratic Primary forum on April 14 in Raleigh. A Board member took issue that only Democrats were allowed to participate in this forum and felt that it should not have consisted of Democrats only. Kathleen explained that the request was made by station NBC17 that the League be involved, and they had requested that it be a Democratic Primary forum. Rather than refuse to participate, the League consented.

Carole Ellis reported on the Membership Recruitment Initiative and the success some leagues have had using the initiative by increasing their membership. It was also noted that some leagues lost membership due to the misunderstanding and friction over the health reform legislation with some members objecting to the law.

Sunshine day was a day during Sunshine Week in March that League members in some areas of the State visited Clerk of Court offices with a request to view warrants that had been recently issued. Results were mixed, with some having to return because they didn't have specific names, etc., others received what they had requested with no problems.

Under old business, procedures were discussed for Leagues that wish to disband. A form needs to be filled out stating that decision, which Beth Springston provided to Leagues so that the National League will be apprised of that fact. About four Leagues have decided to or have disbanded: Craven, Cumberland, (Currituck board made decision but will have vote of full membership in June,) and Pitt County. The MAL discussion will be continued at the July retreat.

In new business, a new nominating chair will need to be named to replace Ellen Olson who resigned due to her husband's illness.

The recent disagreements over voting forum protocols in some locations emphasizes the need to formalize protocols so everyone is working from the same rules. It was agreed that an ad hoc committee should be set up to do this.

Project updates: Public Advocacy for Voter Protection (PAVP) It had been decided that North Carolina League would concentrate on poll worker training. Responses have come back from the survey conducted with boards of elections in September-October of 2009 with mixed results. Some pay people for training, some have judges (who by law must have training) train poll workers, and some workers are trained by their election boards. The issue was raised about the practice of political parties selecting poll workers. Wake County expressed concern that the increasing number of unaffiliated voters leaves many out of the selection process. No conclusions were reached about the next step

Together NC is a coalition of 100+ organizations that has fought for revenue-based solutions through town hall and media events and rallies. Rob Thompson of Together NC presented the case for tax modernization.

NATIONAL: NATURAL RESOURCES ...Barbara Barnett, Chair State & National

(Excerpt from B. McKibbin , The New Republic 5/5/10

"A BILL YOU CAN LOVE"

"How do you change a system that has rewarded energy companies with the greatest profits of any industry in any era? How about a simple tax on coal, gas and oil? Europe began that approach 60 years ago and as a result, the continent has dense, livable cities, great train system, and half the energy use per person. In the US, tax is a scary word, so what is the alternative?

Two bills are being introduced to the Senate, one promotes a strategy called cap and trade, i.e., credits granting the right to emit CO2 are divided up between factories and utilities. Those Utilities that cut their emissions will have credits to sell to others. Last June, the Waxman- Markey bill, a 'Cap & Trade' bill, passed the House of Representatives. The cap now being contemplated only applies to electric utilities, and a minimal tax on gasoline and factories will be exempted.

The second energy bill (40 pages) has been introduced by Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) and Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA). It sets a cap, but makes the energy company bid each year for permits to put carbon in the atmosphere. It takes most of the money from that auction and uses it to write a check to every American every year. It's called 'Cap & Dividend'. So why is the first bill (Waxman-Markey), the porky kludge, viewed as "serious" and reliable, and the second bill (Collins-Cantwell) barely mentioned? " 'They are women.' is heard on both sides of the aisle".

PROPOSED NEW STUDY FOR LOCAL PROGRAM ...Lee Luebbe

Members attending the Annual Meeting Saturday, May 8, voted to adopt the proposed new study: "Evaluating the Transparency of Decision-making in Henderson County's Appointed Boards and Councils". This study will examine the laws of NC and League principles related to transparency. Do appointed public bodies in Henderson County encourage citizen participation/democracy? A draft of the proposed general outline was published in the March Bulletin.

As members , we ask these questions when we consider whether or not to conduct a new study. Is the

study timely? Can League manage the study in a professional way? Does the study gain visibility for League? Will the study produce action or advocacy?

A minimum of five members will be required to form a Core Committee. More members are welcome. Study will most likely begin in August and be completed by May, 2011. Please contact **Lee Luebbe**, 828.694-3710, lluebbe2@morrisbb.net if you are desire to become involved in this proposed study. Meetings will be scheduled to coordinate with the members' availability. You may choose to be member of the larger committee and do a more specific assignment, i.e., observe a specific Advisory Committee meeting, etc. rather than be a member of the Core Committee. There are slots available for many members.

SOME 'JOB' OPENINGS IN AND FOR LEAGUE

- **A Flower-Lovin' Bulb Sales Coordinator:** A "once-a year" job of promoting/receiving orders for our bulb fundraiser...need to use a computer for ease of keeping tract of orders! Call Nancy 693-5257
- **Engaging Citizens Wanted:** Two openings for which League members would be good if they have the time. CCPT (Community Child Protection Team) meets once a month 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM on the second Thursday. Social Services Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 2 - 4 PM, in the Human Service Conference Room of the new Human Service Bldg. on Spartanburg Highway. Application forms are available online and should be completed to be considered by the County Board.
- **Engaging Leaguers Wanted:** To build a vigorous **Membership Team** with **Gayle Kilcoin, Chair** . We have a list of approximately 24 prospectives to date who want to learn about League and consider membership! If you like interaction with people and enjoy informing them about League's work, then this is your call! Gayle 702-0155.
- **Is there a Leaguer or two interested in preserving the history of LWVHC?** Our archives are housed in a special file in the BRCC library. The photos and newspaper clippings could use some TLC to bring them into a form in which to preserve our legacy in this county. It is fascinating to page thru the documents! Please call Nancy at 693-5257 to talk about this ongoing project...perhaps a team of two would be fun and creative.
- **Committees are forming** for some great events! Put your name into the hopper...
 - 1) Help with the **August 29th Women's Equality Day social** for all members where we come together for wine and hors d'oeuvres, meet the new members, orient and inform them about us, and get our year off to a big start! We will hold this on Sunday afternoon 2:30-4:30 at the Chamber of Commerce....call **Judy Katz** 698-9952 to help...
 - 2) The **Apple Festival** will see us staffing our **Voter Service Booth** as usual with **Carol Cleveland** Coordinating. We will 'take shifts' in the booth to pass out voter information, give a citizens quiz, register voters, etc. and have fun ! Call her to help with set-up and/or in the booth -at 697-8828.
 - 3) We also want to **march in the Apple Festival Parade** in white suffragette outfits with our new purple, cream, and gold sashes. We hope to engage an antique auto or two to drive our **Francee Sherman** and our **50-year members** to celebrate our 90th some more! Call Nancy , 693-5257, if you have a contact with an antique auto person ...preferably early 1900 models (the car not the person)!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS ...Growing Our League

Last month **Barbara and Wendell Holland** joined League as a husband-wife team. And we welcomed **Susane Brown** (Director of Recycling Committee at ECO) and **Rose Stone's** decision to join League at the Annual Meeting. Several others are poised to join.

So these are exciting times as we welcome new people into the fold, spend time getting to know them and

their areas of interest and how they want to contribute to League’s work. On August 29, all members will come together for orientation and socialization to bond us together and prepare us to move forward on this year’s great program of effort.

The next bulletin will be published in early August and contain stories about the people above and maybe some other new joiners as well! Read them and make it a point to welcome them!

CARE AND SHARE...about our members

By this time the membership is well aware of the passing of Sally Godehn, a founding member and a ‘mover and shaker’ who made a powerful and positive impact on Henderson County. Sally was 90 years old...and at her Memorial Service, her son Dr. John Godehn delivered a heart-warming story of her roots, her inborn sense of justice for all, and her indomitable spirit that drove her to simply “do what needed to be done”. Among many governmental endeavors, she also nurtured the YMCA and the OP House into being! Thank you Sally, for the stories, the accomplishments, and the inspiration . Our archives have many historical papers that Sally left us to remind us of our HC legacy.

Our supportive thoughts and prayers are with Julianne Day-Evers and Brian constantly. Her physical challenges are great, and so is her patience with this difficult process. Send a note of support and lend her your strength.

LWVHC CALENDAR FOR MAY – JUNE 2010

<p>Tues. May 25 7 PM Public Hearing on ‘Prayer before Governmental Meetings’</p>	<p>The Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 pm at the BRCC Bo Thomas Auditorium. The subject will be “ Prayer before Government Meetings”. League member are encouraged to attend and make a statement (3-min. only) as a citizen rather than speak as a League member. It is predicted there will be a “huge crowd”, so adjust your arrival times accordingly. Sign up to speak before hearing starts.</p>
<p>Thurs. June 3 Board Meeting</p>	<p>11-1 Board Meeting at WCCA Conference Room . It’s gratitude time for those Board Members who are going off Board!</p>
<p>Wed. June 9 9am -3 pm Chamber of Commerce Conference Room</p>	<p>ALL On -Board and Off- Board Leadership...all people in a Leadership Position...are expected to attend an Orientation-Training Session to form the new team, review Job Descriptions, create the content of the program Calendar , get to know each other ! Bring a simple something to help create a super pot luck luncheon! Call Shirley Younger 693-4170 to tell her you are coming and what you are bringing...thanks!</p>
<p>June 11-15 LWVUS National Convention</p>	<p>ATLANTA GEORGIA HERE WE COME! Lee Luebbe and Nancy Glowacki are delegates. Joe Glowacki is an alternate. Barbara Garrison is attending also . We hope to bring back additional ideas and inspiration to add to what we already do!!! Lee and Joe will present our Immigration Program and hopefully, sell many CD’s and scripts to other Leagues to help them in their Immigration education.</p>
<p>HAPPY JULY 4TH AND HAPPY JULY OFF!</p>	<p>Have a lovely summer, whatever you choose to do....League will take a well-deserved ‘rest’ for the month...no Bulletin until August.</p>
<p>August 5 , 11-1 Board Meeting</p>	<p>WCCA Conference Room - 11-1 Our new Board meets</p>

<p>August 29 Sunday, from 2:30-4:30 at the Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY , the very important Orientation/Educational Social Program for all members and all NEW members; it's a "get acquainted time". We will bring 'substantial hors d'oeuvres, wine, and other beverages to have a glorious spread! The Program will be substantial as well, to get us all "on board" with the League principles, policies, goals and the coming year's program! Judy Katz, V.P. 698-9952 and Gayle Kilcoin, 702-0155 , Membership Chair will share the leadership for this program. <u>Call Shirley Younger to rsvp</u> and state what you are bringing...692-4170</p>
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"Promoting Political Responsibility through Informed and Active Participation..."

