



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."

September 2010

LEAGUE OFFERS A FULL , EXCITING YEAR OF PROGRAMS !

At the first public League General Meeting of the year , we will host the new Superintendent of the Henderson County Public Schools. Dr. David Jones has been working in our local school system since 1978. He started in the classroom, teaching at the elementary and high school levels in our system. He moved into administration as assistant principal and then principal in two of our middle schools. After twenty years in the class room and as a principal, he moved to system administrative positions.

Dr. Jones will meet with us to share his vision for his new job and answer our questions about League concerns for education in our community. Please join us, September 16 at 6:30 PM at the Chamber of Commerce building at the corner of Kanuga and Church Street... and bring a friend to a League Meeting!

WHAT'S NEXT?

**THURS., SEPTEMBER 16th
GENERAL MEETING AT
CHAMBER 6:30-8:30 Meet
Dr. David Jones, the new
Superintendent of HC Public
Schools**

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR
LEAGUE WITH ANNUAL
DUES ...final deadline Sept. 31th
to be counted in our League
membership!**

**THIS BULLETIN CONTAINS THE LEAGUE CALENDAR
FOR 2010-11 AND THE UPDATED BOARD-
LEADERSHIP LIST. PLEASE "CLIP AND SAVE" BOTH
PAGES . AS WE SEND ADDITIONAL DETAILS THROUGH
OUT THE YEAR; MERELY INSERT INTO THE CALENDAR**

For easy reference of League information and materials, we suggest creating a simple 3-ring binder in which to slip all items
...a "one-stop" spot!

**PLEASE...READ THE BULLETIN
COVER TO COVER...
BE IN THE KNOW!**

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

Another well-attended League event was held on August 29 at the Chamber! Forty-six (46) members including new members, prospective members, and guests, honored **Women's Equality Day** and renewed commitment to League! And 4 new members joined ! Thanks to Judy Katz, co-coordinator, and every pair of hands that pitched in so willingly at the event and who brought the food for a wonderful buffet!

APPLE FESTIVAL Sept. 3-4-5 and **PARADE DAY** Sept. 6 – thanks to all who ‘did the tent up and down thing’ and to those whom Carol Cleveland organized to take a shift in the Voter Education Booth . The volunteers included Jan Allen, Judy Katz , Stan and Renee Kumor, Sharon Burlingame, Linda Miller, Helen Wright, Priscilla Burch, Carol Cleveland, Joan McFadden, Ruth Birge, Lee and Jack Luebbe, Marion Huffman, Natalie Zitnick, Kathy Baluha, Martha Sachs, Nancy and Joe Glowacki, About 150 ‘strollers’ took the Opinion poll on Midterm Elections,(results later). We registered about 23, gave out numerous registration blanks to take home, answered questions, attracted 6 more prospective members, received 3 new applications for the Tripartisan group, and engaged in many diverse conversations with the public. Interestingly enough, the people represented all 3 political affiliations in a good balance...it seems that our ‘non-partisan’ message is getting across!

The Parade was challenging and wonderful fun at the same time ! Gratitude and kudos to the positive , upbeat attitudes of Jan Allen, Alice Ann Arrowood, Priscilla Burch, Jeannette Cannon, Carol Cleveland, Nancy and Joe Glowacki, Marion Huffman, Renee Kumor ,Marian Lowry, Melinda Lowrance, Lee Luebbe, Linda Miller, Madeline Royes, Martha Sachs, Francee Sherman, and Helen Wright along with “friend” Bill Guiney who drove his 1931 Ford with us! We dealt with long waits, hot sun, a car that couldn't start, quick thinking parade officials who put Francee into a golf cart to be driven by Helen Wright.(That Francee Sherman is some classy woman!) .so we never ‘missed a beat’ and somehow got it together for the full length of the parade except for beloved Priscilla who had to stay and tend to her car, a lovely 1954 Morris Minor, while help came. The League entourage received many waves and much appreciative applause along the parade route ...it was touching to be acknowledged for our contributions to this county .One of our friends wrote “ The League was a stunning visual delight in the parade yesterday!” (golf cart and all!) Be proud.

LAST CALL !!! STAND AND BE COUNTED...DUES MUST BE IN BY SEPT. 31

We all know that League is much more than a “stunning visual delight” in a parade (although we love hearing that!). The League we support financially and/or with our personal involvement is a strong , viable, vibrant organization in this county. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS WORK BY MAINTAINING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND DUES.** If dues aren't paid by then, your membership is no longer valid. We have had a steady, stable number of 100 for some years ! To maintain that high level of commitment, **about 25 of you need to ‘catch up’ with your dues .** So in case it's slipped past you, please know there's still time to send them in to LWVHC, Box 2238, Hendersonville, NC 28793.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHINY COIN ...RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Besides the “pride and passion” of maintaining long time members in our organization, we delight in welcoming new members into the fold. On August 29th , Sharon “Kay” Keith, Simine Heise, and Rena Hoffman became new members. And a day later, Jim Lorance, husband of new member Melinda, decided to join . He was impressed with our Sunday program and impacted by the awareness of women's struggles and League's efforts! Seven other people are on our Prospective List, both from the 29th event and from the Voter Education Booth at the Apple Festival. We'll be inviting them to the September 16th General Meeting and other events so that they can get to know us and League's efforts...and make sure you go out of your way to meet them too!

WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS BUSINESS AT HAND...PLEASE READ...AND ACT !

There are few pivotal positions and responsibilities that one can hold in League that carry such significance as that of Membership Chair. Unfortunately, Gayle Kilcoin has found it necessary to resign this position because of ‘overload’, a spot many people can understand. However, in spite of this regrettable loss , **LEAGUE IS MOVING TO FILL THIS POSITION IMMEDIATELY WITH A PERSON WHO LIKES PEOPLE CONTACT AND WHO IS AN ORGANIZED , ‘DETAIL’ PERSON!** While the tasks are not difficult, they do require the steady, consistent leadership of this Chair and 2 others to maintain and build our membership. **MEMBERS ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF LEAGUE**, each one fills an important niche and an amazing collective! Consider **YOU** and **YOUR SKILLS...IS THIS A LEAGUE JOB THAT FITS YOU?** Please call Nancy 693-5257 to tell her of your confidence and intention!

AN INSIDER'S "TAKE" ABOUT OBSERVING GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

Sharon Burlingame, Co-coordinator of the Observer Corps

If you could imagine one governmental entity that touches most aspects of your daily life, it would probably be the County Commissioners. They allocate funds for our children's education, oversee operations of our hospital and Health Department, approve appointments of citizens to numerous advisory boards, consider immediate and long-range development issues, supervise tax collection and allocation, and so much more. There is so much, in fact, that the County Commissioners meet twice a month: on the 1st Monday, at 5:30 PM, and the 3rd Wednesday, at 9:00 AM.

The venue on the second floor of the Historic County Courthouse is a very comfortable setting. It provides good technological support for large screen presentations, public speakers, and recording for local rebroadcasts. Commissioners sometimes forget to "kiss" their mics, or turn to make comments to extended staff, and on these occasions their words are often lost. Often, however, their colleagues can't hear them either, and the substantive material gets repeated audibly. Accurate minutes of the meeting are taken by the Clerk and can be referred to later on-line.

Judy Katz has been our Observer on Wednesday mornings, and I have tried to fill in on Mondays for a League member who couldn't complete the year. My greatest challenge for the Monday meetings is the long Consent Agenda, during which many decisions whip by instantly. Background material for all the items is posted ahead of time on-line, however, as is the Agenda, so the Consent Agenda, for those who've done their homework, is actually a real timesaver, with no surprises. The Commissioners then have more time to concentrate on several weightier issues during the 1-2 hour meeting.

My greatest pleasure at County Commission meetings is seeing a random, but steady, stream of neighbors, friends, colleagues, and complete strangers whose life business brings them before the Commissioners. Someone with whom I had worked in the schools spoke up about water quality in her neighborhood. Someone with whom I once served on a preschool board now describes our (excellent) tax collection rate, one of my favorite Public Health Nurses popped into the seat behind me to hear a budgetary decision, and Nancy Glowacki was seated just ahead of me to be present for something on the Agenda that perked her interest! I really enjoy those kind of surprises .

My goal in attending these meetings now is to listen for resolution of issues that have been mulled over for months or years, such as the use of sectarian prayer at the beginning of meetings, an Animal Ordinance, or completion of the new Solid Waste Center. Some government decisions are very slow and deliberate, with an end finally reached, whereas some issues just keep cycling through. Over time, we gain an understanding of how the wheels of government turn, who the players are , and how League's voice can be alerted to influence when a position we hold needs to be advocated.

We need more Observers, both for the County Commissioners' meetings and for other governmental meetings. There is sure to be a meeting time to suit your schedule! Please call if you are interested: Sharon Burlingame (692-4012) burlingames@main.nc.us, or Linda Miller (697-1045) millerdh@bellsouth.net.

LEAGUE LAUNCHES LOCAL STUDY

Lee Luebbe, Chair

At the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters last May, the members voted a new local study of advisory boards in Henderson County related to transparency and democracy. The subject of this one year study is *"Do Appointed Public Bodies in Henderson County Encourage Citizen Participation/Democracy?"* This study will include an evaluation component related to the transparency of decision-making in Henderson County's appointed boards. The Sunshine Laws of NC and League principles will serve to guide the committee in developing the interview format.

Three different sets of interview questions have been developed: one for the members of the Advisory Committees, one for citizens attending the meetings of the Advisory Committees, and one for the County Board.

The Committee's criteria for the selection of the advisory boards to be included in the study are: the boards have monthly meetings, the County Board makes some appointments to these Boards and receives recommendations relative to either policy and/or budget. To make the study manageable and yet credible, the study will encompass three different categories:

1. Those Boards which have significant budget requests. i.e., the Social Service Board (2 positions), and the Board of Health (11 positions)

- 2. Those Advisory Boards that meet monthly, receive some \$\$\$ from the County, and are staffed by a County staff person. (13 Boards)
- 3. Those Advisory Boards that meet monthly, receive tax money and are staffed by executive directors who are not supervised by the County. (5 Boards)

Fifteen League members have volunteered to conduct the interviews. At least four or five additional volunteers would be most welcome. League members always conduct interviews in teams of two. Consider this an opportunity to do the grassroots work of League, to meet and get to know other League members, and to become better acquainted with the advisory committees selected for this study.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, 10:30 AM at Flat Rock Village Hall. You are invited to come and explore without making any commitments. You are indeed most welcome and you “just might get hooked”!

NATURAL RESOURCES... STATE-NATIONAL Barbara Barnett, Advocate

NC STATE ISSUE

"Natural gas (methane) has the potential to replace coal as the nation's main source of electricity and fuel the nation's vehicles. In Lee City, deposits of natural gas lie buried less than a mile underground trapped in geological formations known as Triassic rocks." (Times News 8/26/10, p. c3).

What is Hydrofracking?

Mary Anne Sullivan, NYCLWV; Joyce Hale, ARKLWV; Joanna Underwood, Energy-Visions

Hydrofracking is a drilling process for natural gas, which, since the early 1990's, has enabled natural gas producers to access a vast quantity of this fuel contained in shale rock formations buried up to 10,000 feet under more than 30 states. Referred to as: slick water horizontal hydrofracking, hydraulic fracturing, fracking or fracing, this process involves drilling straight down for one to three miles and then horizontally 3000 to 6000 ft. and blasting open the shale rock with a pressurized stream of water, sand and chemicals, releasing the natural gas trapped in these formations. Using this process is forecast to give this country a supply of gas that, at current rates of use, could last more than a century, and the gas industry is gearing up for rapidly increased hydrofracking across the US.

Why The Concern?

Up until now, hydrofracking operations have been largely unregulated and little information on their practices and chemicals they are using has been made public. But, increasing reports of environmental and health problems near drilling sites are emerging of polluted rivers and wells, water catching fire, explosions, air pollution, sickened humans and animals. There are also increasing reports of reduced property values where drilling is occurring and of non-saleable land.

Concerns have led the EPA to begin studying the effects of the process on water. But before this industry expands further, a broad analysis of the effects of hydrofracking on not just water, but also on air quality, on wildlife, and on human health, needs to be done. Federal regulations need to be put in place, ensuring safe practices and making full disclosure of information on materials, amounts of water and of chemicals use at these sites publicly available. Funds must be allocated to take these steps effectively and to monitor industry activities.

LEAGUE WILL REGISTER NEW CITIZENS TO VOTE AT SPECIAL CEREMONY SEPT. 17

League has been honored with the pleasure of attending a Naturalization Ceremony at Carl Sandburg's Home on Friday, Sept. 17 at 10:30 am. We have been asked to register these new citizens as voters! Carol Cleveland, our Voter Service Chair, Marian Lowry, Nancy Glowacki, and a representative from the Board of Elections, will be the ambassadors for this wonderful task. Connie Backlund, a League member, and the Director of the Carl Sandburg National Site is delighted that the ceremony has come to us here in western North Carolina and that League is involved.

Elected officials and others are invited to this ceremony to be held in the amphitheatre ...so if you are planning to attend, be early, as parking will be a challenge. The shuttle will carry passengers up and down the hill...another reason to be an early arrival!

LWVHC CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

<p>Thurs.Sept. 3, 2010</p>	<p>11-1 Board Meeting at WCCA Conference Room -Followed by a Tech class 1-1:45</p>
<p>Thurs. Sept. 16 LWV General Meeting 6:30-8:30 Chamber</p>	<p>Meet Speaker Dr. David Jones, new Superintendent of HC schools and participate in the Q & A about education in our county....bring your concerns. And bring a friend!</p>
<p>Friday Sept. 17 10:30 am</p>	<p>Witness a Naturalization Ceremony of 30 new citizens at Carl Sandburg’s Home. Shuttle service up the hill will be available. Some League members will be registering these new citizens to vote!</p>
<p>Tuesday, Sept. 21 12-1 pm at the Heritage Courthouse Steps</p>	<p>Gather for a simple International Peace Day recognition with other organizations for a program of various speakers and music . Barbara Volk, Nancy Glowacki, Chuck McGrady, Julie Gordon, Mary Page Sims, and others will take part!</p>
<p>CANDIDATE FORUM Monday OCT. 4 6:30- 8:30</p>	<p>To be held at the City Operations Building on Williams St. Meet and greet two single candidates (Jeff Miller for House. Chris Dixon for Senate) for 30 minutes on the floor. Then participate in a formal Candidate Forum for County Commissioners, School Board, and Clerk of Deeds from 7:00-8:30</p>
<p>Thurs. Oct. 7, 2010 <u>9:30 to 11:00 AM</u> <u>BOARD MTG.</u></p>	<p>9:30-11:00 Board Meeting NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THIS <u>ONE MEETING</u>. We are accommodating a number of members will be attending a special speaker-luncheon 11:30-2.</p>

LWVHC EVENT CALENDAR FROM AUGUST 2010- JUNE 2011

*Note: Most General Meetings , social events, and training held at the Chamber of Commerce at Church and Kanuga *ALL Board Meetings held 1st Thurs. at WCCA Conference Room from 11-1 from August thru June.*

- AUG. 29, 2010 Sun. Chamber** **Women’s Equality Day : All Member Orientation/Social 2:30-4:30**
Judy Katz,VP, and Nancy Glowacki, Co-Coordinator
- SEPT. 3-4-5-6** **Apple Festival :Labor Day Weekend - Voter Education Booth** Carol Cleveland,
Coord. and **Parade** Nancy Glowacki, Coord.
- SEPT. 16 Thurs. 6:30 -8:30 pm Chamber** **Gen. Mtg. “What’s New In HC in the Education Department?”** New Supt.
Dr. David Jones presents his vision as well as answers questions/ issues raised by
League. Coord: Renee Kumor,
- MON. OCTOBER 4 6:30-8:30** **6:30 Meet and greet : Jeff Miller (House race) and Chris Dixon (Senate race)**
7:00 Candidate Forum: School Board, County Commissioners, Clerk of Deeds.
Carol Cleveland, Coord.
- OCT. 21 Thurs. 7:00-9:00pm Chamber** **Gen. Mtg. “Health Care Reform: Myths Versus Truths”** Presented by the N.C.
Center’s Health Access Coalition. Coord.: Martha Sachs, Rudi Simko, and Carol
Ward.
- NOV. 18, Thurs. 8 am and 1 pm Chamber** **Gen. Mtg. “Tax Policies in NC: Fair and Just?”: Managing the NC Budget Crisis**
Speaker: Robert Thompson - Inviting small business, officials, etc.
Lead: Lee Luebbe (two sessions)
- DEC. 5 ,Sunday Chamber** **2:30-4:30 Holiday Social for all Members, “diversity in action”- Watch for details**
- DEC. 10, Friday 7:30 -9 am** **Gen. Mtg. Breakfast with Elected Officials - Dixie Diner – Coord. Nancy**
Glowacki, Pres
- JAN. 20, Thurs. 3-5 pm Chamber** **Gen. Mtg. All Member Program Planning – We plan for the year...be there!**
- FEB. 17 ,Thurs. 3-5 pm Chamber** **Gen. Mtg.”Getting to Know League: the Myths and Realities - “Women of**
Courage” film Marion Huffman, Iris Vanek...inviting political parties, women’s
groups, Elected Officials , etc.
- MAR 17, Thurs. 3-5 pm Chamber** **Gen. Mtg.- Affordable Housing Forum** collaboration with Housing Coalition – Iris
Vanek
- *NOTE: Watch for special Women’s History Month Events**
- APR.21, Thurs. 3-5 pm Chamber** **Gen. Mtg. Consensus Meeting on Local Study (Lee Luebbe)**
- MAY 15 Sat. 11:30-1:00** **Annual Meeting Luncheon - Hendersonville Country Club**
- (May or June TBD)** **All Leadership Training 9-3pm Chamber)**

LWVHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEADERSHIP TEAM July 1, 2010 – July 1, 2011**Board of Directors**

President - Nancy Glowacki - 693-5257 - 606-5201(cell) - jonaglowacki@morrisbb.net

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Immigration Committee Co-Coordinator - Lee Luebbe, - 694-3710 – lluebbe@morrisbb.net and

Co-Coordinator- Jeannette Cannon - 696-2684 – cannonj@neqn.net

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Local League Study 2010-11 – Lee Luebbe, Coord. – 694-3710 – lluebbe2@morrisbb.net

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- 2) Renee Kumor –Dev./Educ. News Column/TV Access 692-7640 – rkumor@morrisbb.net
- 3) Nancy Glowacki - Bulletin Editor
- 4) Webmaster – Jan Allen

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Natural Resources State/National , Chair/Advocate - Barbara Barnett - 694-3738 maubar53@bellsouth.net

Nominating Committee Chair - Priscilla Burch (see Kids Voting)

Observer Corps Coordinators – Sharon Burlingame - 692-4012 – burlingames@main.nc.us

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Tri-Partisan Citizens Study Committee – Coord. Renee Kumor and Nancy Glowacki (Aug. 10, 2010)

"Promoting Political Responsibility through Informed and Active Participation..."

