



# LEAGUE LINES

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## Calendar MARCH

### Women's History Month

- 1 (Sa) Program Planning reports due
- 3 (M) LWVCA Board Mtg. - 5:00 PM
- 14 (F) Candlelight Vigil recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Week - 7 - 8 PM (see p. 6)
- 16-22 Sunshine Week
- 18 (Tu) Agricultural Update Consensus meeting - 6:30 PM (see p. 3)
- 16-30 SC Partisan Candidate Filing Period for 2014 General Election
- 20 (Th) PPL - 11:45 AM 
- 22 (Sa) LWVSC Board Meeting - 10 AM-3 PM - Grecian Gardens
- 27 (Th) ROAD TRIP!! (see p. 3)

## APRIL

- 7 (M) LWVCA Board Meeting - 5:00 PM - Lourie Center
- 17 (Th) Public Policy Luncheon - 11:45 AM at USC Hollings Special Collections Library (see p. 5)
- 19 (Sa) Guns for Lilies - (see p. 7)
- 26 (Sa) LWVSC Council, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (see p. 5)

## Public Policy Luncheon

Thursday, March 20, 2014 - 11:45 AM

Lourie Center - Maxcy Gregg Park (Pickens at Blossom)

### "Read to Succeed" - 3rd Grade Retention Issues

Baron Holmes, Ph.D., currently works with the USC Children's Law Center where he provides staff research support to the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children. He has also worked with the SC Budget and Control Board/Office of Research and Statistics and as Director for *SC Kids Count* and the SC Middle Grades Project. His work led to the drafting of the "Read to Succeed" bill (S 516) currently under consideration by the Legislature. His continued research focuses on linking children from birth through young adulthood to determine the risk factors and program participation associated with academic achievement, risk behaviors, and workforce readiness.



"Read to Succeed" is an initiative, promoted by Gov. Haley in her State of the State address, to intervene with children who are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade—a predictor that they will have continued problems in school.

Lunch, catered by **Food for Thought**, is \$10 and begins at 11:45, with presentation at noon.

**Reservations\* for lunch are required by 5 PM, Tuesday, March 18.**

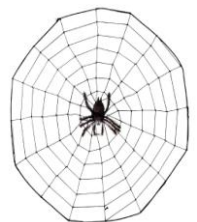
Please EMAIL reservation to [SusanBJames@sc.rr.com](mailto:SusanBJames@sc.rr.com)

**\*\*No reservation needed if you are not eating lunch.\*\***

## TRY AGAIN ON ETHICS REFORM!

*If at first you don't succeed - try, try again.\**

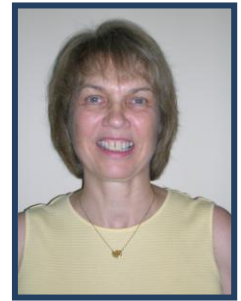
After more than a year of study and recommendations by special ethics reform committees, followed by hearings in General Assembly subcommittees and committees, a comprehensive ethics reform bill (H.3945) made it to the Senate floor in the form of the "working group" amendment developed by **Senator Chip Campsen** and others. This version of the bill provided for independent investigation of complaints against members of the General Assembly by a restructured Ethics Commission. It was not the ideal fully independent (continued on p. 2)



\* The spider refers to the legend of Robert the Bruce and the inspiration he gained from the spider to go into battle again, after several defeats. He won the Battle of Bannockburn.

**The Prez Says...****Martha Roblee**

As I write this monthly letter, I am enjoying the warm and sunny weather and admiring the magnolias, daffodils, camellias, and cherry trees as they come into bloom. This is a welcome respite from our recent icy, cold winter weather and a beautiful way to begin the month of March (let's hope it continues). It is also the time of year when many state and local Leagues, including the LWVCA, are conducting the Agriculture Update consensus meeting. Since agriculture is a large and multi-faceted public policy issue, the decision was made to focus our local League's study and consensus on two key areas of agriculture – agriculture pollution and crop subsidies. I wish to thank **Chester Sansbury** for taking the lead on agriculture pollution and **Al Roblee** on crop subsidies. Study and consensus is one of three parts of League Program, a core component of the League's mission, and I encourage all members to attend. This year's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 PM, at the home of **Chester** and **Annella Sansbury** (please see *League Lines* article on consensus meeting for further details). Please be sure to save the date and mark your calendars for Thursday, April 17, as we continue our tradition of holding the April Public Policy Luncheon at a fun, but educational site. This year **Sarah Leverette** has arranged for us to tour the political collections area of the Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library at USC. Check back later to the April issue of *League Lines* or our website for additional details on transportation/parking arrangements and lunch.



Hope to see you at an upcoming League event and Happy Spring!

*Martha***ETHICS REFORM (continued from page 1)**

solution that the League of Women Voters supported in our initial recommendations in December 2012. However, it was a very good solution, one developed thoughtfully and with attention to both practical and constitutional issues. It provided oversight reform that would have made a great improvement on the current system in which conflicts of interest and institutional relationships have produced unreliable, inconsistent, and generally inadequate enforcement of ethics laws. Let no one deceive you. The current system serves only the interests of the politicians who hide behind it. The citizens of South Carolina at present have no reliably effective recourse when legislators become corrupt. Unfortunately, the bill was "on the Senate floor" in only the most technical sense. Debate was limited, and no public vote was taken. As **Cindi Scoppe** noted in her February 23rd article in *The State*, titled "We Could Call It the Oversight Oversight, If It Weren't a Studied Decision". . "We've never had a public vote on that part of the ethics reform bill or any part of it. Or even a real debate. What we've had are closed-door meetings, as senators tried to work out a grand compromise that they could present as a done deal." As Ms. Scoppe went on to note, there are good reasons for some behind-the-scenes negotiation, but in this case the process served to avoid accountability on an issue that is very important to the people of South Carolina. In the end there was no grand compromise. **There was failure.**

Yes, there are good and indeed necessary things in the remaining bill, such as disclosure of private income sources. However, reform falls far short of what is needed without independent investigation. This is not just the opinion of the League of Women Voters and its allies. A February 21st article in the *Post & Courier* by Jeremy Borden quotes **Senator Vincent Sheheen**: "Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, said that he plans to prolong the debate next week and offer several amendments. He said he's not sure how "historic" the ethics reform bill is without an independent panel to investigate lawmakers and full income disclosure, which would include the amounts, not just the source of lawmakers' private funds, he said. "I call this an improvement," he said.

The most important amendment that could be offered by Senator Sheheen, or by anyone, would be one that identifies an independent investigation solution that the majority of both Democrats and Republicans will accept. With that, we would be much closer to having the genuinely historic ethics reform that the General Assembly owes to the citizens of South Carolina. Other refinements might be nice, but would never have the importance of this one. **Lynn Teague VP, Issues & Action, LWVSC** Read more here: <http://www.thestate.com/2014/02/23/3283266/scoppe-we-could-call-it-the-oversight.html#storylink=cpy>

**AGRICULTURE CONSENSUS MEETING:**

The consensus meeting for the LWVUS topic—Agriculture Update—will be held on **18 March 2014 at 6:30 PM** at the home of **Annella and Chester Sansbury**. Their address is 418 Harrow Drive, Columbia, SC 29210-4212.

Please review the questions and information on the LWVUS website, as well as the research information provided. Additional information may be obtained from USDA, Agricultural Act of 2014, or <http://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu>.

We will not be studying and discussing all of the consensus questions. Chester will focus on Animal Management (questions 5 &6). I will focus on Economic Health of the Agricultural Sector (questions 2-4).

*Al Roblee* [adr29@cornell.edu](mailto:adr29@cornell.edu)

**POLLUTION OF OUR CREEKS:** You may often see *The State* newspaper or *Free Times* articles about the quality of Gills Creek, Rocky Branch, and other waterways in Columbia. However, other Columbia area creeks with pollution problems get little attention. This includes Kinley Creek and Stoop Creek in the St. Andrews and Bush River Roads area. Both are valuable biological and recreational resources but are degraded. They are heavily polluted, especially after rainfall. Here's a summary of what DHEC says about Kinley Creek and pretty much the same about Stoops Creek:

**Kinley Creek** – Studies of aquatic life show biological communities are degraded and dissolved oxygen levels are getting worse. Health standards for protection of recreational users are not being met because of high levels of fecal bacteria. Storm water runoff, leaking sewer lines, and sewer system overflows contribute to the poor conditions.

**Rawls Creek** is another polluted waterway in the general region and drains the Irmo area. The problems are the same as those in Kinley and Stoop Creeks.

There is also an undesirable discharge of sewage at the Saluda Shoals Park overlook of the Lower Saluda River right next to a boat ramp used by kayakers and swimmers. One can see this sewage waste bubbling up as one unsuspectingly floats by it. Decades of plans to remove this discharge have run up against political barriers.

There is not even a warning sign for river users as they swim or float by this discharge.

All these problems have existed for decades with little to no improvement and citizens, politicians, and environmental organizations have been lax in demanding change.

Important dates to note. **PArtiCipaTe!**

**March 18 - Waste Team Lobby Day**

**March 25 - SCWF Lobby Day**

**April 1 - Energy Team Lobby Day**

**April 8 - Land Team Lobby Day**

**April 9 - Water Team Lobby Day**

**April 29 - Sierra Club Lobby Day**

**May 6 - Common Agenda Lobby Day**

*Chester Sansbury*

**Road Trip!!****March 27****11:00 AM-2:00 PM**

LWVCA and the Columbia Chapter of AARP will meet with COMET representatives  
**Bob Schneider and Missy Lawlor**

**Thursday, March 27, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

We will meet in the PARKING LOT of the Lourie Center and a COMET Shuttle will pick us up for the trip to the COMET headquarters (3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, 29201). We'll tour the facility, have lunch, and return to the Lourie Center around 2:00 PM.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, please send an email with the words "**Road Trip**" in the subject line to:

**Julie Sellers: [jsellers13@sc.rr.com](mailto:jsellers13@sc.rr.com) or 803-240-6813 (cell).** An email with complete details and specific times will be sent to you.

**MESSAGE FROM LWVUS:** The IRS has proposed very significant changes in the regulations that govern what kind of political activity and how much of that activity a Section 501(c)(4) organization can carry out. This is important for two reasons: 1) it is a tremendous opportunity to rein in the secret "dark money" that  
**(continued on following page)**

has been polluting our elections since the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United*, and 2) the current proposal would significantly undermine the League's ability to conduct truly nonpartisan voter service activities across the country.

The LWVUS has submitted comments to the IRS on the proposal, which can be found [HERE](#).

**It would be very helpful if you would submit comments on behalf of yourself. Only the State and Local Presidents can comment for the League; you are urged to speak for yourself.**

Reforming IRS regulations is a critical opportunity to respond to *Citizens United*, which allowed political operatives to raise and spend unlimited amounts of secret money in candidate elections. By stopping 501(c)(4) organizations from spending on "candidate-related political activity," the IRS can stop this abuse of (c)(4) organizations in its tracks.

For 94 years the League has played a unique role in our elections by providing truly nonpartisan voter services and information to voters across the country. Unfortunately, the IRS proposal as it stands would jeopardize our work because it does not provide any exception for truly nonpartisan voter service activities like those carried out by the League. This is a terrible mistake, both for voters and for our democracy.

Please make some or all of the key points listed below and send them to the IRS:

- 1) Truly nonpartisan voter service activity must be allowed. The proposed IRS definition of "candidate-related political activity" errs by including truly nonpartisan voter service activities by organizations like the League.
- 2) The "dark money" system must be stopped, and the exploitation of the 501(c)(4) status by organizations that intervene in candidate elections must be eliminated. The IRS should prohibit "candidate-related political activity" by 501(c)(4) organizations.
- 3) The IRS should ensure that other 501(c) organizations don't become a new vehicle for groups to hide the sources of vast sums spent on candidate elections.

4) Since any organization or group of individuals can form a tax-exempt 527 organization, the elimination of "candidate-related political activity" by 501(c) groups does not ban any activity, it simply directs funds to a 527, where they are disclosed.

5) "Candidate-related political activity" should be defined as:

a) mass paid public communications, such as broadcast advertising, phone banking, mass mailings, outgoing mass electronic messages, and mass leaflets

b) the use of the name or likeness of a candidate or otherwise clearly identify a candidate or political party.

6) "Candidate-related political activity" should not include taking a position on or advocating for a ballot initiative or referendum.

### LWVUS CONVENTION 2014

The 51<sup>st</sup> National Convention of the LWV will be held June 6–10, 2014, in Dallas, TX, at the Omni Dallas Downtown Hotel. The 2014 Convention theme is **Power: Our Voices, Our Votes**.

Please visit [www.lwv.org/content/your-guide-lwvus-convention-2014](http://www.lwv.org/content/your-guide-lwvus-convention-2014)? for full details including schedule, registration, reservations, and activities and events. There is a \$335 registration fee.

If you are interested in attending this year's national convention, please contact **Martha Roblee**, President, LWVCA, at 803-414-6242 or [mroblee@sc.rr.com](mailto:mroblee@sc.rr.com). The LWVCA can send two voting delegates to the convention.

**As the song goes, "make new friends, but keep the old, some are silver and others gold."**

Long-time member, LWVCA past president, and friend, **Jo Conner** has moved from Columbia. We don't have a phone number for her, yet, but her new address is

**Jo Conner**  
**c/o Elmcroft**  
**7127 Lee Highway Apt 83**  
**Chattanooga, TN 37421**

**APRIL'S PUBLIC POLICY LUNCH** will be a "field trip" to the Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library at USC's Thomas Cooper Library. A special tour of the South Carolina Political Collection will be conducted by Herb Hartsook, director of the Political Collection Library. The lunch and tour are scheduled for **Thursday, April 17.**

The South Carolina Political Collection is the most comprehensive compilation of the papers, artifacts and oral histories of our state's prominent politicians, journalists, citizen activists and organizations. Its archives include documents from the state League of Women Voters. Its current website features a biography of **Sarah Leverette**, a long-time League member and a current member of the S.C. League board of directors.

Lunch will precede the collections tour at Preston's dining room, located on the second floor of the Russell House next to the Thomas Cooper Library. Preston's at Noon is a formal dining room, serving a buffet-style lunch with a wide variety of entrées, salads, vegetables and desserts. Cost of buffet, including tax, is \$10.50.

Due to parking at the university and reserving tables at Preston's, it is very important to have an accurate count of League members planning to attend. Members and guests are welcome to attend only the collection tour; however, it will help Mr. Hartsook to plan the tour if he knows the approximate number in our group.

Because parking on campus is limited, it is recommended League members carpool to the parking garage behind the Thomas Cooper Library **OR** from the parking lot of the Lourie Center. Metered parking is also available. **Please arrange your own carpooling plans.**

If you have questions about the tour or the lunch, please email **Sally Huguley** at [shuguley@sc.rr.com](mailto:shuguley@sc.rr.com).

**Reservations for the lunch and tour can be made by contacting Susan James at [susanbjames@sc.rr.com](mailto:susanbjames@sc.rr.com)**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED...REALLY!!!**



Spring 2014 is just around the corner (we hope) and with it comes the biennial meeting of the **LWVSC Council of Leaders. Council** will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2014** at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbia. Plans are underway for an exciting, energizing, and educational time for LWV members from across the state.

This will be the time for you to help set the path for the League for the next year. You will

- adopt the new budget and much more
- attend informative and well presented sessions
- network with Leaguers from across the state

See the AGENDA at the end of this issue of *League Lines*. We have lined up some very interesting topics and exceptional speakers this year including **Marci Andino**, Executive Director of the South Carolina Election Commission.

According to LWVSC Bylaws, voting delegates include: the president of each local League or an alternate, and two additional delegates from each local League; the chair of each Member-at-Large unit or an alternate; and members of the state LWV board. **In addition, any League member is encouraged to attend as a non-voting guest.**

Council is a time for serious work and organization building as well as a time to connect with other South Carolina League leaders. This is a chance to be inspired and educated and to feel the strength of the League statewide.



We will send you the final agenda and budget in a couple of weeks, but until then please plan to save the date of Saturday, April 26th for attendance at the 2014 LWVSC Council in Columbia!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

**JoAnne Day**, Co-President, [jvday@yahoo.com](mailto:jvday@yahoo.com)

**Susan Richards**, Co-President, [susan@srconcepts.org](mailto:susan@srconcepts.org)

**Barbara Zia**, VP Community Relations/Council Coordinator, [ziab1@comcast.net](mailto:ziab1@comcast.net)

## FEBRUARY LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Do you think about what happens to your trash after it leaves your home? Most people don't, and neither should you. What you *do* need to think about is what other states are doing with their trash because **those other states are dumping their trash on you.**

Our guest speaker was **Shawn Drury, Field Director for the Conservation Voters of South Carolina (CVSC)**. You might have seen their "**Don't Dump on South Carolina**" media campaign, which has included ads on television and an on-line presence. This is part of a coalition of which the LWVSC is a member. The coalition is fighting against **House bill 3290**, known as the **Business Freedom to Choose Act**, which would remove counties' ability to control the flow of trash. At present, it costs New York State \$140/ton to dump trash in its own state, but only \$40/ton to dump it in South Carolina. There are 17 landfills throughout the state, 9 private and 8 county-run. Waste Management is the largest of several private waste companies in SC.

Shawn, originally from Pennsylvania, said that where he had lived, trash was put in the coal mines; when these began to fill, the trash was set on fire. Some of those fires are still smoldering. Shawn's mission is *not* to let a similar situation exist in SC.

The CVSC pointed out in their Report Card on Governor Haley that forestry, agriculture, outdoor recreation and tourism account for \$54 billion—about one-third of our State's economy—and provide 25% of our jobs. The Governor was given a "D" grade with regard to protecting this industry. Something to think about, in economic terms: If protecting our environment is not important, how much do you think houses are going for in the counties of West Virginia that have the polluted water?

Visit the CVSC website [www.cvsc.org](http://www.cvsc.org) for more information.

**Q: What glows in the dark and stinks?**

**A:** South Carolina, if we don't stand up for ourselves. That's not a joke.

At the luncheon our own **Suzanne Rhodes**, who is carrying the torch that the late Dr. Mary Kelly ignited many years ago, spoke on her update of the *State League Nuclear Waste report*. The complete report can be found on the State League website [www.lwvsc.org](http://www.lwvsc.org). The report educates citizens about waste storage issues; some facts pointed out were:

1. The Federal Government is ultimately responsible for spent reactor fuel.
2. There is weapons waste at SRS, but SC already has more than its share of curies.
3. More efficient use of reactor fuel has made it hotter, and it must wait 20 years instead of five before it can be put into a cement cask for permanent storage.



Did you know that Canadians want to ship their liquid medical waste to the Savannah River Site (SRS)? They, along with 39 states with their own nuclear waste, want to dump it at SRS. If we get dumped on, no one but us will care if there is no permanent storage site.

**Pam Craig**

## PROGRAM PLANNING OUTCOMES

Those attending the Program Planning meeting on Tuesday evening, February 25, engaged in lively discussion on several topics (see February *League Lines*). The meeting met the League's goal of *grass roots participation* of members. We could submit only **two** recommendations to National, which were:

**1) Review of an existing League position:** Under the heading "Representative Government," it was recommended to emend current policy by inserting a sentence (underlined) to read: "Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct popular vote. If this is not possible, adoption of a Constitutional Amendment that would abolish the use of individual electors and would also state that in case of an Electoral Tie, the ticket with the most popular votes be declared the victor." [position initiated by LWVCA member Jody Thomas]

**2) Concurrence** with proposal of New Jersey on Human Trafficking.

**Participants also reached consensus on:**

**1) Alternatives to Partisan Primaries** - to support a new national study, with limitations. Focus needs to be narrowed and use of "best practices" of states should be reviewed for recommendations as a possible solution.

**2) Campaign Finance** – to support the proposal to review and update the LWVUS's existing position.

(Synopsis of report by **Sej Harman**)



## League Media Stars!

You, too, can be a media star!

**Way to go, Suzanne!!** *Free Times* reporter Porter Barron, Jr. had 600 words Feb. 5-11 issue) and nailed the essentials of the report, “Nuclear Waste in South Carolina: An Issue Brief for Citizens.” The League’s follow-up report to Dr. Mary Kelly’s 1997 report on South Carolina’s nuclear affairs was authored by *Suzanne Rhodes*.

Suzanne says Barron’s article is “easy reading—much easier than the whole ‘official’ report,” and can be found at:

<http://www.free-times.com/news/league-of-women-voters-shines-light-on-nuclear-sc-020514>

[A copy of the article can be requested from Sej Harman: [sejharman@att.net](mailto:sejharman@att.net)]

## QUICK LINKS

### Websites:

**National** [www.lwv.org/](http://www.lwv.org/)

**State** <http://lwvsc.org/>

**Columbia** [www.lwvcolumbiasc.org](http://www.lwvcolumbiasc.org)

*League Update* (National) of February 27, 2014:

[http://hq-salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/5950/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email\\_blast\\_KEY=159858](http://hq-salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/5950/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=159858)

### Facebook:

- Go to YOUR Facebook page and **search** for the name **Bria Tate**. [This is the alias that will “travel” with the League’s Facebook page.]
- **Choose** the “Bria Tate” with the LWV Logo.
- **Send** a FRIEND request to Bria Tate and it will be accepted. You’ll then have connected to the **LWV Columbia Area** Facebook page).

### Twitter:

- Go to YOUR Twitter account and **search** for the League of Women Voters Columbia Area and connect.

Facebook and Twitter **email address**:

[leagueofwomenvoterscolumbia@gmail.com](mailto:leagueofwomenvoterscolumbia@gmail.com)

## Announcements of Interest

**VISIT CUBA WITH LWV FLORIDA:** their “Sister across the Straits” May 3 – 9. More at: <http://www.thefloridavoter.org/events/sisters-across-the-straits> (~ \$3000 double occupancy from Miami, 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners)



## Candlelight Vigil for Gun Violence Prevention Friday, March 14, 7 – 8 PM

A gun violence prevention candlelight vigil will be hosted the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia on **Friday, March 14 from 7-8 p.m.** on the patio (Woodrow Street side of the building). **All who seek the end of gun violence are welcome to attend the event**, part of the nationwide **2014 Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath Weekend (March 13-16)**.

People of faith and others across the nation are joining with the Washington National Cathedral, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence—a coalition of 50 national denominations and faith-based organizations, to remember those who have lost their lives to gunfire and those whose lives have been forever changed because of the loss of a loved one, and to **continue the discussion on how communities** of faith can work together to help reduce gun violence.

**UUC, 2701 Heyward Street (at Woodrow)**

**Contact Lisa Eason [dre@uucolumbia.org](mailto:dre@uucolumbia.org)**



On **April 19**, there will be a *voluntary* gun turn-in event—“**Guns for Lilies**”—conducted by the Richland and Lexington County Sheriffs’ Departments. This event is sponsored by the **Faith Coalition on Gun Violence**, a group open to anyone wishing to work toward a reduction in gun violence by: **raising** awareness about gun violence; **promoting** responsible and safe use and storage of guns; **educating** the public about alternatives to violence; and **advocating** for civil discourse, cooperation, and collaboration for real security and a less violent society and culture. For more information, contact **Sej Harman** at [sejharman@att.net](mailto:sejharman@att.net) or 730-7208.

**“Please don’t leave me,” she sniffled.**

League membership year is January through December, but we ask for dues beginning in August to give you time to “get your act” together (i.e., checkbook, envelope and stamp or credit card and PayPal account info, and League membership form).



***BUT, we have to report our official membership numbers to National by the end of January in order for the proper number of voting delegates to be determined for state and national***

***conventions.*** So, sad to say, we must drop you from membership if we have not received your renewal. Of course, you can stave off this “horrible fate” by ***renewing your membership now!!***

Rejoin and enjoy the full benefits of membership, including a hearty ***“Welcome Home”*** from the League! You’ll get *Leagues Lines*, the *SC Voter*, your county (Richland and Lexington) *Directory of Elected Officials* (DEO), a member directory, and the resources and downloadable materials available at League websites (local, state, and national). Important and timely ***Action Alert*** emails will remind you to take action on critical issues and to communicate concerns (and thanks, when warranted) to ***your*** elected officials and representatives. Or follow us on social media, such as Facebook and Twitter. You also get to participate in informative meetings on a variety of topics, social events, networking and professional development opportunities, and lively discourse—all with diverse, informed, and intelligent individuals!!

***You will MISS the League*** and the reward and satisfaction of working with concerned women and men who seek to improve and enhance the quality of life for ALL of us. Renew ***TODAY!***

**Renew/join on-line at:**

<http://lwvcolumbiasc.org/JoinUs.html> **OR**

**Mail your Individual (\$60), Household (\$100) or Student (\$30) check & application to:**

LWV Columbia Area, Post Office Box 12541  
Columbia, SC 29211.

Forms in Word or PDF format may be obtained from: [seiharman@att.net](mailto:seiharman@att.net).

***Sej Harman***

 **Columbia City Council**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 PM  
City Hall  
1737 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Check website at [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net) for more information.

 **Lexington County Council**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 4:30 PM  
2nd Floor County Administration Building  
212 South Lake Drive  
Lexington, SC 29072

For confirmation of meeting dates, please call 785-8103 or check website [www.lex-co.com](http://www.lex-co.com)

 **Richland County Council**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 PM  
2nd Floor County Administration Building  
2020 Hampton Street  
Columbia, SC 29202

**For more information, please contact the Clerk of Council Office @ (803) 576-2061 or check:**  
[www.richlandonline.com/departments/countycouncil/index.asp](http://www.richlandonline.com/departments/countycouncil/index.asp) or [www.rcgov.us](http://www.rcgov.us)



*Happy  
St. Patrick's Day!  
(But beware  
the Ides of March)*

**2013-2014 Board:** President – Martha Roblee; 1st VP – Julie Sellers; 2nd VP – Sally Huguley; Secretary – Al Roblee; Treasurer – Marianne McGrath. Directors: Pat Forbis (Women’s Health), Sej Harman (Communications/Membership), Sarah Leverette (State Liaison), Pat Mohr, Bridget Tripp (Social Media). Nominating Committee (2013-2014): Rita Paul, Susan James. Off-Board: Voter Services – Shirley Geiger; Website – Suzanne Rhodes; Environmental Affairs – Chester Sansbury; Membership – Pam Craig; Outreach – Marzi Knight; *League Lines* – Suzanne Rhodes/Sej Harman (Co-Editors).



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration** *Terri Eisman*
- Continental Breakfast**
- 9:30 Welcome and Introductions** *JoAnne Day/Susan Richards*
- Roll Call of Local Leagues and MAL Units
  - Introduction of Guests
  - Review of Rules/Adopt Rules and Agenda
  - Credentials Report *Barbara Zia*
  - Treasurer's Report *Terri Eisman*
  - Membership Report *Keller Barron*
  - Introduction of Proposed LWVSC Budget *Holley Ulbrich*
- 9:45 Conditions in SC Prisons for Inmates with Mental Illness Issues**  
*Facilitator: Shirene Hansotia*  
*Presenter: Stuart Andrews, Partner, Nelson Mullins law firm*
- 10:30 Nuclear Waste in SC: An Issue Brief for Citizens** *Facilitator: Suzanne Rhodes*  
*Presenter: Tom Clements, Coordinator, Nuclear Campaign, US branch of Friends of the Earth*
- 11:15 Building Your League's Leadership Pool: Successes and Challenges**  
*Presenter: Janie Shipley, Membership/Leadership Development Project Coordinator*
- 12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00 Panel Discussion - Voting** *Facilitator: Paula Egelson*  
*Panelists:*  
*Marci Andino, Executive Director, SC Election Commission*  
*Dr. Duncan Buell, Ph.D., Department of Computer Science and Engineering, USC*  
*Tim O'Brien, PAVP Project Manager, LWVUS*
- 2:00 New Voting Technology Demonstration** *Facilitator: Eleanor Hare*  
*Presenter: Dr. Juan Gilbert, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Human Centered Computing, Division in the School of Computing, Clemson University*
- 2:45 Issues and Actions Update** *JoAnne Day*  
**Reports from Board Policy Specialists**
- 3:15 Adoption of 2014-15 Budget** *Holley Ulbrich*
- 3:30 Council Adjourns**

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