

League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area

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CALENDAR & NEWS

NOVEMBER

- **9 (Sa) Advocacy Training** 10 AM - 3 PM (see p. 6)
- 11 (M) "A Place at the Table" SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center Film Series offering (see p. 8)
- 13 (W) SC Women Lawyers Luncheon 12 – 1 PM (see p. 9)
- 13 (W) Governor's Press Conference at Statehouse - 1:30 (see p. 10)
- 14 (Th) Green Drinks (see p. 8)
- 17-18 (Su-M) Conservation Leaders
 Summit (see p. 8)
- 21 (Th) Public Policy Luncheon

11:45 at the Lourie Center

Need a salad for dinner and nothing's in the fridge? Check the cracks in your driveway or the jungle in your backyard for some NEW greens! Learn MORE at this fun and informative presentation!

DECEMBER

3 (Tu) SPECIAL ELECTION
City of Columbia referendum on
change in form of city government

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Dec. 14 – 6:30 PM

MEMBER & GUEST HOLIDAY SOCIAL

An Open House at residence of League member Pat Forbis 1620 Adger Road, Columbia 29204

see details on p. 3

Public Policy Luncheon Thursday, November 21 – 11:45 AM

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"Urban Farming, Foraging and Permaculture"

Speakers: Eric McClam and Matthew Kip

A graduate of Tulane University School of Architecture, **Eric** returned from New Orleans to initiate the construction and implementation of City Roots, South Carolina's first urban farm. City Roots is a USDA Certified Organic farm located in downtown Columbia, SC. Through its unique location, City Roots has produced a highly diverse farming model that includes the



production of over 100 varieties of fruit, vegetables and microgreens as well as an apiary, composting, vermicomposting, chicken keeping, aquaponics, education and agritourism.

Matthew Kip grew up outside Columbia, SC playing in a vast tract of forest, then watched it being bulldozed to make way for development. This experience instilled in him a concern for the

collision course modern consumer culture and wild nature are on. In 2004 he was introduced to permaculture, a system of design

which began to reconcile the basic needs of people with the well-being of nature. Trained in permaculture design, Matt began a teaching apprenticeship at Earthhaven Ecovillage in NC, in 2006, later designing and co-managing a permaculture-inspired community garden at USC. He teaches a 12-hour Introduction to Permaculture course each spring and is working



on a second course in the fall. He's a public speaker, leads sustainability workshops, and, when not teaching or gardening, wrangles three small children and makes art.

Catered lunch available for \$10, or you may brown bag it. Lunch begins at 11:45, with presentation to begin at noonl.

RSVP, please, to:

SusanBJames@sc.rr.com or 256-6822

The Prez Says... Martha Roblee

On October 24, 2013, a consensus meeting was held on the forms of government for the City of Columbia at the Cooper Branch of the Richland Library. Twenty members of the LWV of the Columbia Area participated in the consensus meeting. *Pat Forbis* was the facilitator and *Pat Mohr* was the recorder. Following a presentation by **Scott Slatton** from the Municipal Association of SC, nine consensus questions were presented to the participants for discussion. As expected, the discussion was both informative and lively.



At the end of the evening, a consensus could not be reached to support one form of municipal government in preference to the other. Notwithstanding, there was

agreement that the eight specific criteria highlighted in 2005 by the LWV of the Columbia Area remain relevant today, with some amended language. Consensus was also reached that the Columbia League should make other recommendations to the public and elected city government officials to improve city governance.

A position statement on form of city government was then drafted by the Committee on Forms of City Government and presented to the LWVCA board for their review and consideration. The position statement was adopted by the board at the board meeting held on November 4, 2013. To read the full position statement on form of city government please see page 3 (also included as attached PDF).

The board also agreed that the goal of any further action needed to influence public policy on form of city government is to continue to educate the public, including providing unbiased information on the basic facts and FAQs of the two forms of municipal government and to share our point of view on city governance by submitting a written op-ed to the newspaper.

I want to thank all the Columbia League members who gave their time to consider this important local issue by attending the public information forums on forms of city government, reading the background materials and/or participating in the consensus meeting. Special thanks go to *Pat Forbis*, Chairperson, of the Committee on Forms of City Government, and committee members *Pat Mohr*, *Rita Paul*, *Lynn Teague*, and *Sarah Leverette*.

Martha





If you have joined LWV Columbia Area since February 1st, 2013, you do *not* have to renew until 2014, but if you are a returning member, NOW is the time!

As always, you can renew online. Click (or copy into your browser): http://lwvcolumbiasc.org/JoinUs.html and select your level of membership, or by mailing your Individual (\$60), Household (\$100) or Student (\$30) membership check and your completed Membership Application Form at http://lwvcolumbiasc.org/join form.html to: League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area, P. O. Box 12541, Columbia, SC 29211

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COLUMBIA AREA

Position Statement on Form of Government for the City of Columbia [Adopted by Board of Directors on November 4, 2013]

<u>Form of City Government:</u> "LWVCA does not support either a council-manager or a mayor-council form of government in preference to the other. LWVCA does support programs and policies that ensure a municipal government functions effectively, regardless of form."

LWVCA supports:

- 1. Development of a plan for the present and a vision for the future, a road map;
- 2. Assurance that the policy-making branch (city council) works closely with the administrative branch;
- 3. Identification of a liaison between policy-maker and administration in order to provide clear direction to the administrative branch as described in the statute.
- 4. Employment of qualified and trained staff, in terms of education and experience.
- 5. Maintenance of checks and balances, nonpartisanship and diversity in terms of female and minority representation on city council;
- 6. Provision for involvement of citizens;
- 7. Assurance that the system provides a prompt response to citizen requests for service;
- 8. Coordination and cooperation among agencies and among all levels of government: city, county, and state;
- 9. Requirement that a city manager meet International City/County Manager Association (ICMA) certification requirements and adhere to ICMA ethical standards;
- 10. Requirement that city council requires training for all council members;
- 11. Adherence by city council members to the constitutional and statutory scope of their positions;
- 12. Recognition by the mayor and city council members, as the policy-making and legislative body, that they have equal responsibility to build consensus on the council and within the community around a vision of the city's future.

MEMBER & GUEST HOLIDAY SOCIAL - DECEMBER 14, 6:30 PM



AN OPEN HOUSE AT RESIDENCE OF LEAGUE MEMBER PAT FORBIS - 1620 ADGER ROAD, COLUMBIA 29204

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING A DISH IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: ENTRÉE, BREAD OR ROLLS, DESSERT, SALADS, VEGGIE/SIDE DISH. PLEASE EMAIL PAT AT PFORBIS@SC.RR.COM NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 WITH THE NAME OF THE DISH YOU WILL BE BRINGING. PAT IS FURNISHING A HAM.

ETHICS UPDATE:

Lynn Teague, LWVSC VP for Issues and Action

Much legislative business is quiet between sessions, but the Senate Select Committee on Ethics Reform, appointed by Senate President Pro Tempore John Courson, is holding meetings this fall. The focus is an amendment drafted at the end of the last session by Senator Chip Campsen with the concurrence of senators Massey, Hutto and Jackson. This amendment falls short of the excellent recommendations of the SC Commission on Ethics Reform, chaired by Travis Medlock and Henry McMaster. However, it is a reasonable compromise that would substantially improve the ethics standards of our state and local governments in South Carolina.

The amendment (JUD3945.078) would send ethics complaints involving members of the General Assembly first to a reconstituted Commission, appointed with attention to balance between branches of government and partisan affiliations. Complaints would be professionally investigated, and a determination of whether there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred would be forwarded to the ethics committees of the House and Senate, as appropriate. The final decision regarding guilt or innocence and any appropriate penalties would continue to reside in the General Assembly. Standards for income reporting, identification of conflicts of interest, disclosure of donors to political action committees, and other ethics issues would be significantly improved.

However, there is considerable resistance on the Senate Select Committee to these reforms, especially that of independent filing of complaints and investigation. Chairman Senator Luke Rankin, Senator Darrell Jackson and Senator Brad Hutto have indicated in various statements that their constituents are indifferent to ethical standards. Senators Rankin and Jackson contend that the case in which probable cause was found against Senator Robert Ford, the sole such case in the Senate, is sufficient to prove that the system works as well as it needs to.

Senator John Courson has indicated to the Committee that he regards disclosure of donors to political action committees, improved income disclosure, and provision of campaign checking account information to Senate staff as the only essential elements of adequate reform.

The LWVSC continues to argue that some degree of independent oversight, such as that in Senator Campsen's amendment, is essential. We are joined in our position by Common Cause of South Carolina, AARP of South Carolina, the Coastal Conservation League, and the Conservation Voters of South Carolina. On November 6 the Committee will meet again to discuss these issues, and possibly to vote on provisions that will shape the bill that is debated on the Senate floor in January of the new session.

League members are strongly encouraged to write to their representatives. Tell them that ethics reform matters to you, and that the provisions for enforcement provided in the JUD3945.078 amendment as submitted by Senator Campsen on 4 Jun 2013 are needed to provide adequate reform.

COMMITTEE REPORT- FORM OF GOVERNMENT – (Referendum is December 3^{rd)}

The League sponsored two very informative sessions on the issue of the Form of Government for Columbia in October. The first featured Scott Slatton of the SC Municipal Association, who did a great job of describing the various forms of government used in South Carolina and the ways these forms are supposed to work.

The second session featured three panel members, one who is a proponent for a change in government to a mayor-council form, one who is an advocate for maintaining the current manager-council form of government, and a neutral person who provided insight and commentary on the aspects of each of the proponent's arguments. It was extremely interesting and very informative.

The month's activities culminated in a consensus meeting of the League. Approximately twenty league members participated in the very open and frank discussion. Several consensus questions were discussed and answered.

At the end of the evening, the consensus was that no final recommendation on the change in form of city government could be made by LWV of the Columbia Area. The discussion mirrored the concerns of the citizens of Columbia and indicates the depth of feeling on the matter and the need for the League to continue to educate the public and continue the discussion that the public needs to have on this very important topic.

Please see the president's letter and attachment for full details on the results of the consensus meeting.

VOTER SERVICES... a whirl of activity!

LWV of the Columbia Area's National Voter Registration Day – September 24

Hello.

The LWV of the Columbia Area celebrated National Voter Registration Day activities on two fronts: a 12-hour voter registration (and updating) drive at the Main Branch of the Richland Library and student registration drives at several area high schools and Midlands Technical College (Beltline Campus). Staff from the Richland County Elections and Voter Registration office brought the mobile camera to the library so voters could take photos for the new South Carolina Voter Photo identification cards. The efforts yielded 106 new registrations, the highest single day total for the Columbia League in several years.

These photos were taken at the Richland Main Library at the start of the drive.

Shirley Geiger

Chair, Voter Services LWV of the Columbia Area 803-678-8514

League
volunteers
Sherry
Jacenko and
Karlann
Brenner





Librarian
registers and
prepares to get
Voter Photo ID
from Dawn
Green,
Richland
County's Voter
Representative



Shirley Geiger, Voter Services Chair, greets potential voters with a smile...and information!

October continued to be a very busy month for voter services activities as we headed towards the November 5th elections. The last two Voter Education Sessions, conducted in partnership with the Columbia Municipal Elections Commission, were held on October 2nd. Voter Services volunteers *AI* and *Martha* Roblee and Shirley Geiger covered the District 4 meetings at Asbury United Methodist Church and Heathwood Park. When LWVCA president Martha Roblee arrived at the Heathwood Park event, reporters from several area television stations were waiting to interview her for the 11:00 news. On October 4 during the early morning hours, immediate past-president and Voter Services volunteer Rita Paul represented the Columbia League at the annual "Isabel Law Breakfast," the main event of the Mayor's Campaign Against Breast Cancer. Also, on October 4, Al and Martha Roblee, Lynn Teague, and Susan James greeted visitors and handed out election information at the 2013 Fall Festival at the Lourie Center. On the evening of October 8, the Roblees volunteered to staff a voter information table at the Mayor and Candidate's Forum sponsored by the North Columbia Business Association. Shirley again represented the League at the Cotton Town Community meeting on Sunday, October 13, and she served as time-keeper on Sunday, October 27, at the Delta Sigma Theta Alumni Chapter's candidates forum. In total, over 15 voter services events were conducted by the Columbia League since the end of August. Special thanks are given to all members who assisted with these events.

OCTOBER PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON LOOK-BACK

Melanie Huggins, Executive Director-Richland Library, was the keynote speaker for the LWVCA October Public Policy

Luncheon October 17th. Ms. Huggins delivered an illuminating and informative presentation of Richland Library's mission to a group of 25 attendees.

Richland Library is the center of the community. With more than 2.7 million visits per year, RL has provided some 4,600 programs and events, checks out 5.2 million + items, provides wireless access to more than 100,000 customers, and has more than 2.3 million visits @RichlandLibrary.com.

Richland Library maintains a Business and Job Center with staff for personal assistance to individuals. Innovative programs for youth entertain and educate. With ensured access to traditional and eResources, some 24,300 use eBook services, and 215,000 download music annually; and more than 2,000 access eMagazines monthly.

The Job and Business Center is an expanding role for Richland Library. It helps incubate entrepreneurship, filing for unemployment, affords small group meeting spaces, and training and assistance in job and career search.

The computer center provides services to some of the 40% of South Carolinians who do not have home internet access.

Educational programs include individual assistance for school groups to use the library for research and projects. Currently, a number of schools from as far away as Orangeburg travel to Richland Library at least once a week to do research.

The Bond Referendum, if successful will provide RL with \$59 million to expand and continue this work. Upgrading and expanding all of the current facilities and construction of 2 new libraries are planned. Ms. Huggins noted the library's last bond was issued in 1989, when substantial expansion occurred.

Al Roblee

Heads Up....from LWVSC

Lvnn Teague predicts that this may be a bad year for bills on voter registration and elections, following the Supreme Court decision that killed crucial parts of the Voting Rights Act. She has been in dialogue with legislators on ethics reform, voting bills, and public education. She noted that lawmakers say that they have not been hearing from their constituents about ethics reform. Also, Lynn emphasizes that we must honor the League's commitment to a non-partisan stance and change the perception that we work with only one League political party. The cooperate with anyone who will work with us honestly on shared concerns. identifies voting and ethics reform as the two big issues for advocacy this year.

ADVOCACY Has Ethics Reform, tax deductions for private schools, or some other issue fired you up? Ready to take a stand, but you are looking for a little help to know the best ways to be an effective advocate? Join the LWV/Charleston, ACLU, SC Equality, and Planned Parenthood's Citizen Lobbyist Advocacy Workshop Training on November 9th from 10 am-3 pm at The USC School of Law, 701 Main St, 29208, Rm. 231, Columbia, SC. Hear first-hand from state representatives about the importance of getting involved in the legislative process in South Carolina and the *real* impact you can have in state policy making. Learn effective ways to write, call, and meet with elected officials.

For more information, contact one of the presenters, Julie Hussey, President of LWV of the Charleston Area:

husseyhome@gmail.com or 843-416-8736.

Space is limited so register today: http://bit.ly/scadvocacytour

Environmental Corner

Part of a message from Ann Timberlake, Director of Conservation Voters, which LWVSC has joined, including links to SAMMY FRETWELL'S wonderful articles about environmental "violations."

"Folks, pollution is serious business. We think "business friendly" means pairing reasonable regulations with stiff enforcement. DHEC Director Catherine Templeton sidesteps the issue by saying "Our goal is compliance—and enforcement and penalties are one tool in that toolbox." We are disappointed. We expect Templeton to tackle our polluters with the same enthusiasm that she has tackled making DHEC "business friendly" for Governor Haley. It's a matter of fairness—fairness to those businesses that follow the rules and don't pollute."

Much conversation has resulted from the articles. JoAnne reports: The state League position in *Agenda for Action* deals with the dual roles of DHEC. It reads in part: "LWVSC supports changes in state law to remove the mandate for DHEC to carry out conflicting missions: protection of public health and the environment and promotion of economic development." Suzanne feels that the lack of interest and understanding of health and environment issues on the part of legislatures past and present is the crux of the problem. Your thoughts?

Here are links to Sammy Fretwell's articles in *The State*:

"South Carolina's effort enforce to environmental laws hasn't stopped companies and government agencies from repeatedly breaking rules to protect the air, land and water during the past two decades" http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/26/30614 55/eco-laws-broken-repeatedly-by.html

Repeated rule breaking doesn't automatically bring higher fines: Gary Poliakoff, a Spartanburg lawyer who has battled DHEC for years in different court cases says "The agency has a reputation of going easy on polluters – and failing to increase penalties is a good example."

http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/26/30614 87/repeated-rule-breakingdoesnt.html#storylink=cp y Much-praised company guilty of repeat environmental violations: "Records reviewed by The State newspaper show that many of McCall Farms' violations revolve around water pollution in the Lynches River watershed, although some of the violations are for air pollution."

http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/26/30616 07/much-praised-company-guiltyof.html#storylink=c py

Check out the top 120 violators in last 5 years. Utilities Inc/Carolina Water Service heads the list with 55 violations over 5 years and average fines of \$11,739. http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/23/30553 07/top-dhec-violators-in-past-five.html

National utility leads state in violation of green laws: "Utilities Inc. is one of the largest privately owned water and sewer businesses in the nation. Headquartered in Illinois, it has 75 subsidiaries in 15 states, mostly in the east but also in Arizona and Nevada...."

http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/27/30631 24/national-utility-leads-state-in.html

Bacteria that washed into the Pocotaligo River from a chicken plant got the slaughterhouse in trouble five years ago, when state regulators penalized the Sumter company for pollution discharge violations and ordered... http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/26/30614 87/repeated-rule-breaking-doesnt.html

Read more: http://www.thestate.com/search_results?q=Fr etwell#storylink=cpy

League Media Stars!

You, too, can be a media star!

President Martha Roblee was interviewed on November 4 at 5:40 PM on P.A. Bennett's radio talk show on WGCV AM620 on what the Columbia League activities to educate and inform voters for the November 5 elections and how people can get involved with the League.

And, she was also interviewed on November 5 at 5:08 PM on U Need 2 Know radio on 1230 AM WOIC on the Columbia League and the 2013 local elections.

"Don't Dump on SC"

A November 4 Press Conference announced the roll-out of media campaign.

"Don't Dump on SC" is a coalition of South Carolina citizens organizations who are committed to protecting the beauty of our state from Big Trash who want to turn us in to the nation's dumping ground. Opening our state to more out-of-state waste will negatively impact us all—whether you are a taxpayer, hunter, work in the tourism industry, are concerned about property values, or just want to protect the quality of our air and environment. In fact, public polling shows over 80% of South Carolinians don't want Big Trash

to dump on our state. We hope you will join with us in our campaign against **Big Trash**.



Members of the coalition oppose **H. 3290**, which concerns solid waste operations and impacts SC counties and how they operate.

November 4 was registration deadline for the

Conservation Leaders Summit

November 17-18 at Kanuga

<u>But</u>, to see Agenda and to find out about possible **LATE REGISTRATION**, contact:

http://conservationleaderssummit.eventbrite.com/

Rebecca Haynes, Director of Government Relations Conservation Voters of South Carolina 701 Whaley, Ste. 207, Columbia, SC 29201

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Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library at USC

Saturday, November 9, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The <u>Hollings Library</u> galleries will be open Saturday, November 9th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and will feature exhibits from <u>South Carolina Political Collections</u>, the <u>Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections</u>, and the <u>Moving Image Research Collections</u>.

MARGINALIZED VOICES: SC Appleseed Legal
 Justice Center continues its series on issues of poverty in South Carolina. League members
 Allen and Gladys Coles are noted sponsors of this event. [see September League Lines]

For additional info about the series, the filmmaker, etc., please visit:

http://voicesfromthemargins.eventbrite.com/

Monday, November 11: A Place at the Table: http://www.takepart.com/place-at-the-table.

[details in October League Lines]

GREEN DRINKS

Thursday, November 14, 2013, 5:30 PM

Green Drinks now meets on the 2nd Thursday each month at Jake's on Devine, 2112 Devine St. Columbia. SC.

green drinks

Jakes is the new home for Green Drinks. Green Drinks is a once per month opportunity for eco-friendly individuals and vendors. Green Drinks Columbia is sponsored by the Sierra Club, John Bachman

Group, Keep the Midlands Beautiful, and *Natural Awakenings* magazine.

We remember



Katherine Oliver McCoy

Kay McCoy, a good friend of many League members and our policies, died October 9th. Sandra Watts brought her to her first League Luncheon. Always cheerful and "up," she had a self-deprecating sense of humor which was at its height when

she was struggling to give up smoking. Kay had a firm grasp of SC politics and history. She frequently helped our fund-raising efforts (when we were desperately financing an office and staff), including "recycled relics" and staffing the beer wagon at one MayFest. LWVCA president Cynthia Flynn reports that Kay was totally overwhelmed by the crowd and the beer selling, and endured a double shift that night. She continued to fuss—good naturedly—after that! Ardis [Savory] tells about being in Washington, DC, with Kay on a business trip. It was very cold, and as they walked back to their hotel, Kay reached in her purse and pulled out her every-ready spare pair of stockings, which she tied around her head and ears! [Reminiscences by Cynthia Flynn, Susan James, Lilla Hoefer, and Carol Medich.]

Steve Morrison

Many of us remember the 2009 LWVSC Convention in Greenville where Steve [Morrison] spoke and received the Spirit of Democracy Award. His wife Gail, former Governor Riley and Mary Kelly (who also received our Spirit award)



joined us for a great evening. Steve was a great champion of justice. Among his many civic services he gave pro bono legal representation to rural school districts in their challenge to the state's 'minimally adequate' standard for public education. That case, Abbeville v. State of SC, still lingers in the SC Supreme Court.

Steve will be missed. Yours in League, Barbara

Ike McLeese

Donald G. "Ike" McLeese, 69, president and chief executive officer of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, died Tuesday, October 29, 2013, after a brief illness.



In the past few years the Columbia League has partnered with the Chamber on several issues affecting the city and the Midlands, and we will miss his guidance and input into those efforts.

SC WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION MIDLANDS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

The Palmetto Club -1231 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC

12:00 - 1:00 RUTH W. CUPP, Esquire



special guest speaker,

featuring a presentation on **Shakespeare and the Law**

Reservations

Contact angelwarren@msn.com by noon November 12th. Free parking is available on a first-come basis in the parking garage behind the Palmetto Club, which is accessible from Lady Street; valet parking is also available in front of the Club for \$3.50 for this event.



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 for more information.



Lexington County Council

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

For confirmation of meeting dates, please call 785-8103 or check website 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/countyco uncil/index.asp or www.rcgov.us

Veterans Day November 11



Remembering all who have served to preserve our freedoms...thank you.



Late-breaking bulletin: The Governor's office has requested **the honor of the** League's presence at a press conference to be held in the statehouse lobby on Wednesday, Nov 13 at 1:30 PM. The subject is ethics reform and the League may be asked to say a few words. State League co-president (and Columbia League member) **JoAnne Day** is asking the Columbia league to help out with the warm bodies needed to show support for this important topic. The upcoming legislative session is "do or die" time for ethics.

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, Briget 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/ Marzi Knight (Co-chairs); League Lines - Suzanne Rhodes/Sej Harman (Co-Editors).