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Calendar

November

Mon	3	LWVCA board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Richland Library, Northeast Branch
Tues	4	Election Day. Be prepared to vote and go to scvotes.org and click on the link, "Get My Sample Ballot".
Mon	10	Just for fun –Pontoon Picnic – see the Fall colors. See Page 11 .
Thu	20	Public Policy Luncheon, Lourie Center: 11:45 a.m. The Battle Continues :Legislative issues still facing SC Woman in Making Reproductive Choices"- Melissa Reed

December

Sat	13	Holiday Member & Guest Social: Home of Pat Forbis 1620 Adger Rd., Columbia..
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January 2015

Mon	5	.LWVCA board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Location: TBD
Thu	15	Public Policy Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.; Lourie Center, State Legislative Issues Update
Sat	31	LEAD Day



NOVEMBER PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 20, 2014 – 11:45 AM- 1:00 PM



Lourie Center - 1650 Park Circle
(Pickens at Blossom)

**The Battle Continues: Legislative Issues Still Facing
SC Women in Making Reproductive Choices"**

**Melissa Reed, VP for Public Policy and Executive Director
Planned Parenthood Health System and
Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina Action
Funds**



Melissa Reed is dedicated to supporting women and children through her involvement in non-profit organizations. She joined Planned Parenthood Health Systems in 2008; her experience includes a decade in leadership in organizations such as the Support Network for Battered Women in California, the United Hospital Foundation and Ronald McDonald House Charities in West Virginia.

Armed with a B.F.A. in Acting, an M.A. in Non Profit Management, and her J.D. (from NC Central University's School of Law) she was recently admitted to the NC Bar. Currently, she oversees the public policy, legislative and electoral work of PP affiliates in four states, and serves on the board of PP Advocates of Virginia.

A catered lunch will be available at \$10/pp, or bring your own brown bag lunch. Email: sc.susanbjames@gmail.com or call 803-256-6822. ,

All are welcome, but reservations for a catered lunch are required no later than Monday, November 17.



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It was encouraging to see so many members and guests attending the October Public Policy Luncheon on climate change. My sincere thanks to **Chester Sansbury**, Chairperson, Environmental Affairs, for inviting our guest speaker, **Dr. Kirstin Dow**, to talk to us about the science-based observations and findings on climate change. Please see Pam Craig's article on [page 3](#) for more details.

We are working to resuscitate the LWVCA Speakers Bureau by compiling a list of potential speakers who feel they are qualified to talk to the public about their area of interest or expertise. If you believe you are someone (or know of someone) who has had a life experience related to the League's mission, or who are particularly educated or knowledgeable about a subject, please let **Pam Craig** or me know. For a list of possible speaker topics, please see [page 9](#). The LWVCA Speakers Bureau will be used to raise public awareness and understanding about the League and its public policy issues and to increase our visibility in the community. Once we have a list of potential speakers, a roster will be put together to help in scheduling speakers. The roster will include the name of speaker, contact information, area of expertise/experience, and availability.

I would also like to remind our members that we are continuing our "call to service" initiative. Since the League is a volunteer organization that tackles important public policy issues and carries out a variety of voter services, it is necessary to have members actively participate to enable us to accomplish our League's goals. There are both small and large projects that need volunteer support. Please see the listing on [page 7](#) and let me, any member of the board, or a committee chair know how you would like to work for the changes you want.

The 2014 calendar year is fast coming to an end and with that, our final two major events. Please mark your calendars for the November Public Policy Luncheon to be held on November 20 and our annual Member & Guest Holiday Social on Saturday, December 13. By the time you receive this issue of *League Lines*, the general election on November 4th will be almost over. As always, election season was a busy one for the League – but also rewarding in knowing that we sponsored two important events to provide information to voters on candidates, and spoke to many groups on basic registration and voting rules and process. My thanks to all of you who made this happen!

Martha

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RECAP OF OCTOBER PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON by Pam Craig

This Luncheon topic was a hot one because it was about climate change. **Chester Sansbury**, head of our Environmental Committee and also active on the State Board, introduced the guest speaker, **Dr. Kirstin Dow**. Dr. Dow, prefers to be call Kirstin. She is a USC Professor in the Department of Geography. Kirstin said that climate change is the most pressing issue of our time. “We have reached an important point in making choices so that we may address solutions.

There are people who claim that we don’t have the whole picture of what the effects of climate change will be, but Dr. Dow feels that we do. The fact that there have been weather changes, droughts, early melting snow and the loss of permafrost are pieces of the puzzle”.

One of those pieces is the theory of the effect of CO₂ – the earth’s radiation budget. It’s the measurement of gases (CO₂, methane) against the increase in surface temperatures. There have been an up and down variation of CO₂ over the last 8000 years, but adding the CO₂ levels generated by man has increased the “up” level. When we include the input of human induced consequences we replicate the temperature changes we see now which is consistent with the theory. Some of those consequences are that September 2014 has been the hottest on record in S.C. and globally. The anticipation of open water (no frozen icepack) in the Arctic within ten years and over 30,000 separate data sets are consistent with global warming. Graphics in the *Climate Change* NAS document linked below can help us to understand this concept.

There is a very big difference between temperature changes of two degrees vs. four degrees. One of the choices we have is making a very serious effort to reduce the effects of climate change by trying to stay at a two degree increase. The four degree increase could lead to economic disruptions. The sea level rise would be over a meter in height (a meter is approximately 39 inches). That would affect tidal ranges and coastlines. What impact that would have on loss of tourism, property loss and other coastal effects cannot be fully determined at this time. In 30 more years, there would be an increase of 30-50 days more per year with temperatures over 95 degrees, effecting precipitation and evaporation. The Nation’s capital which sits on peat land would be affected by changes in the sea level. It is estimated that it would cost approximately 7 billion dollars to correct those changes. Droughts will cause consumer prices to increase by 10%. The fiscal effects would be long term and would take hundreds of years to stabilize.

Easy, low-cost things we can do as individuals to reduce our carbon footprint: don’t idle your car, plant trees, shade concrete, plant roof gardens to reduce heat buildup, plug the leaks in your ductwork, and properly inflate your tires. One of the websites suggested was desmogblog.org. Think about the next generation and reduce your carbon footprint.

Chester generously offered free print copies of the National Academy of Sciences Report, “*Climate Change, Evidence, Impacts, and Choices*,” (“doing nothing is not an option”) for attendees at the luncheon talk as well as the special meeting after the luncheon, which included luminaries Raye Nilius from Fish & Wildlife (“The sea has risen more than 1 foot in 100 years near

the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, near Charleston, SC”), Alan Hancock from Conservation Voters, Steven Valk steve.valk@citizensclimatelobby.org (Atlanta), Bob Guild, environmental attorney, and a few League members. Kirstein used the NAS report graphics in her presentation, focusing on SC.

The NAS report is available online at: <http://nas-sites.org/americasclimatechoices/more-resources-on-climate-change/climate-change-lines-of-evidence-booklet/>. The NRC report summarizes the current state of knowledge about climate change; explains some impacts expected in this century and beyond; and examines how science can help inform choices about managing and reducing the risks posed by climate change. The executive summary is at <http://dels.nas.edu/resources/static-assets/exec-office-other/climate-change-basics.pdf>. Chester is hoping for some enthusiastic support from LWV members for the upcoming challenges to meet clean air standards. If you wish to become involved, please contact him.

—*Pam Craig*

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MEDIA STARS:

Martha Roblee, on behalf of the LWV of the Columbia Area, and **Rosalyn Glenn**, on behalf of the Richland County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, appeared on Meaghan Norman's Sunday morning show, 'Awareness,' to talk about the importance of voting, barriers that get in the way, and what people need to have before they can vote..

- **Martha** also had a guest editorial published in the October 16th The State newspaper titled "Voters need to prepare themselves for Election Day – Our jobs, health, education, families, and futures depend upon it (voting.)"

Sally Huguley had a guest editorial published in the October 31st The State newspaper, titled "The Link between Education and Education Funding" reminding voters of the intrinsic value of good public education.

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REPORT ON NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

I attended an October meeting of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board. The Board, which has a deservedly good reputation, provided detailed questions in advance, and the SRS technical staff did a very good job of fully addressing them. The follow-up questions were wonderful, such as "I know you can't officially speculate, but what do you *think* is going on..." and lots of possible long-term implications were investigated. Outstanding! SRS hasn't had a real budget in almost 10 years - it is almost always carried forward, sometimes with new limitations, so SRS staff is always trying to figure out how to allocate inadequate funds to meet the most pressing concerns. Nevertheless their 'big picture' skills endured. I was proud of them and happy to be present. I commented on behalf of LWVSC regarding the DOE 'open arms' policy toward receiving international wastes and undercutting URATOM and other programs to develop regional nuclear waste plans, especially since such wastes are unlikely to leave SRS, even in the next decades.

The link to an amazingly good article is below. Please let me know if you have any questions. <http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141030/AIK0101/141029272/1002/AIK01/officials-evaluate-srs-waste-work>

Suzanne Rhodes

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ANITA HILL PARTY – After twenty-three years, Columbia women are still celebrating Anita Hill. Over 200 believers of all ages came on October 23rd to 701 Whaley. It was clearly the place for women and a few good men to be. With wine, food and great folks, it continued the legacy of networking and camaraderie.

Included in the brief program was recognition of hosts, and special recognition of 1992 hosts. This was followed by an electrifying video that featured part of Anita Hill's testimony along with expressive clips of cultural attitudes toward working women and females in general. Surely we can all remember, "Throw like a girl". Yes, we are different and we know that the way to make a real difference is to make sure young females know whatever they decide to accomplish is possible. Being female is not a limitation and we are never open to demeaning remarks.

Be sure to catch *Speaking Truth to Power*, a brilliant documentary about the life of Anita Hill, before and after the famous US Senate hearings chaired by Joe Biden. One of the committee members seen in the film is our own Senator Strom Thurmond. Included are scenes from the 20th Annual Columbia Anita Hill Party, which Anita Hill attended in person.

Carole Cato

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The Leag*U*e is You – A Call for Service!

Since the League is a volunteer organization that tackles important public issues and carries out a variety of election-related services, it is necessary to have members actively participate to enable our League to accomplish its goals. Members have the opportunity to get involved at all levels of commitment. We understand that, due to time and resource limitations or just because you are new to the League, you may be able to volunteer for only one task for one event or activity that may require no more than a few hours of your time. Others are able to give more time and may serve as a committee chair or on the board. No matter what the level of commitment you can give, there is a job or task in which you can get involved.

If you don't see something on the below list that you would like to do, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the board, the Volunteer Coordinator, or a committee to discuss your thoughts. Maybe we just haven't realized the role you could play, the skills you could contribute, or your particular interests.

Change cannot be made without hard work. If you have joined the League to make a change, please identify a job [from the list below—or another that you think is needed] and let us know how you would like to work for the changes you want. Please note that training will be provided as needed.

How You Can Volunteer:

Caller – Call new members to welcome them to the League; call members who have not been recently active and invite them to an upcoming event or activity; call members with regards to a specific event, activity or public policy issue (e.g. attendance at events on short notice or member socials, action alerts), or for survey purposes.

Facilitator – Facilitate a consensus or program planning meeting; a facilitator keeps the meeting group on task so that objectives are achieved within the time allotted.

Greeter – Welcome guests and/or greet members at events - guide new members and guests through the initial procedures, hand out brochures or direct to seating.

Moderator – Moderate a candidates meeting or debate or public information forum.

Observer Corps – Attend a governmental meeting (e.g., city or county council meetings or committee meetings, including special legislative sessions as identified by the board), note what happens at the meeting, and report back to the League.

Time Keeper – Serve as a timekeeper for candidate meetings or debates or public information forums. The role of the timekeeper is to make sure that each candidate/speaker does not go over the time allotted for each question, rebuttal, and opening and closing statements to provide equal time for all to speak.

Writer – Write an article reporting on a League event or activity to include the who, what, where, when, and why of the event or activity.

Web master – work with the 1st VP/Communications and the editor; update the web site once or twice a month.

Voter Services – Volunteer to register voters at one or more community events, schools, or colleges; pick up, copy, and/or distribute voter information to members who volunteer to work at a voter services activity.

Recorder – Take notes at a consensus or program planning meeting, including any official decisions and actions taken.

Committee Member – Serve as a member on a committee formed to plan and conduct a “one-time” event (e.g., member social, consensus meeting, or public information forum) or serve as a regular committee member on the Voter Services, Membership, League Outreach or Communications committee or one of the public policy committees.

Development – Use contacts or make fundraising calls; make a contribution to the League; assist with a fund raising event.

Outreach – Identify and use media contacts and other groups or allied organizations to increase the League’s visibility in the Columbia area and to get stories/events/activities carried by the television, radio, print and electronic media.

Archivist – Research and propose document storage software program to board for approval to purchase; implement software; organize and scan League documents, and ensure their proper disposition at end of League fiscal year or on other designated schedule. Coordinate with USC Special Collections director for receipt of League papers for the Political Collections Library.

Volunteer Coordinator – Identify skills, knowledge, and expertise of League members and their willingness to contribute to the League in some capacity. Coordinate with board members, committee chairs, and event chairs to match their needs with member who can contribute in particular ways, ensuring that the information is exchanged and contacts made and followed up on. Maintain an up-to-date list of volunteers as new members join the League.

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LWV OF THE COLUMBIA AREA SPEAKERS BUREAU

The topics are divided by subject category in alphabetical order below. **HELP by making suggestions:**

A:	Environmental	H:
Agriculture	Alternative Energy	Healthcare
Food Labeling	Carbon Emissions	Medicare/Medicaid
GMOs	Climate Change	Affordable Care Act
Sustainable Farming	Drinking Water/Water	I:
C:	Resources	Immigration
Civic Education	Nuclear Energy and Waste	Human Trafficking
Corrections	Savannah River Site	Immigration Reform
Decriminalizing Drugs	Solid Waste	T:
Educating/Training	F:	Tax Policy
Inmates	Fiscal Policies	V:
Treatment of Inmates	Financing of State and	Voting Rights
Courts	Local Governments	Apportionment
Court Funding	G:	Campaign Finance
Diversity	Gay & Lesbian (GLT) Issues	W:
E:	Government	Women's Issues
Education	Advocacy	Comprehensive Health
Evaluation of Teachers	Forms of City Government	Education Act
and Administrators	Freedom of Information	History of Women's
Federal Role in Public	Act (FOIA)	Suffrage
Education	Home Rule	Reproductive Rights
Financing of Public	Homeless	Domestic Violence
Education	Redistricting	
School Choice	Gun Control	



Helen Rader was a fond member of the Columbia League, serving honorably during difficult times for over 25 years at the Richland County Board of Voter Registration. Helen died in Texas at the age of 96. See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary.aspx?n=helen-gill-rader&pid=172488266#sthash.RoDj0Qtk.dpuf>



Ethel Brody and her recently deceased sister Leona Sobel were artists and stalwarts of the Columbia Art Scene for decades after they retired to Columbia and joined the League.

See Ethyl's obit at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary-search.aspx?daterange=30&firstname=Ethel&lastname=Brody&countryid=1&stateid=53&affiliateid=2338>





OTHER NEWS AND NOTIFICATIONS!



Peace Walk in downtown Columbia

Saturday, November 8, from 10 AM to Noon

Sponsored by: The Faith Coalition on Gun Violence



DUES: If you have not already paid your dues, please do so ASAP so that we can balance our books and pay our share to National and the State.

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GREAT LINK: This is a great 5 minute or so YouTube video to share with our members. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=undHUR0ckQs&feature=youtu.be>

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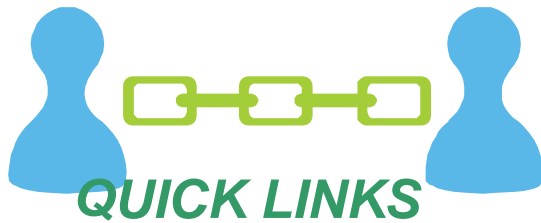
JUST FOR FUN: Want to join a pontoon potluck picnic to enjoy color on the Lake Monday, November 10th (or Wednesday the 12th (in case of inclement weather). No cost, just camaraderie. Max 12 persons. Noon to about 3:00, leaving from Ballentine, 30 minutes from USC.

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Have You Caught the *COMET* Yet? Our transit system has new, smaller buses, new routes and additional riders. In addition to this exciting news, they have just launched a mobile app that allows you to pay your fare, plan your ride, and track your bus right from your phone! [Catch The Comet Info](#)

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Websites:

National: www.lwv.org/

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

Columbia: www.lwvcolumbiasc.org

Facebook: To see our Facebook

Page:

1. 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.]
2. Choose the "Bria Tate" with the LWV Logo.
3. Send a FRIEND request to Bria Tate and it will be accepted. You are then connected to the *LWV Columbia Area* Facebook page).

Twitter:

1. 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



www.saveallvotessc.org

www.VOTE411.org



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

Meet: 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



Richland County Council

Meet: 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/council/index.asp or www.rcgov.us



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