



# THE VOTER

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Serving the Citizens of Pickens, Oconee and Anderson Counties

## Message from the Co-President

As we approach the end of the LWV year, it's a good time to recognize a few of the many contributions of our leaders.



Our wine tasting was a delightful Saturday evening, made possible through the efforts of many people. Cheryl Lee suggested the location. Catherine Watt worked with David Moore to choose the wines. Lois Martin, Paula Appling, Catherine Watt, Ansley Fraser, Marti Usher, Janie Shipley and Catherine Farris set up the tables and chairs. Catherine Farris collected items to put in the basket for the silent auction and also decorated the tables. Board members brought food. Ken Marsh took photos. It was a beautiful mild, sunny day and many enjoyed the seating on the deck, overlooking the wooded property and a small arm of Lake Hartwell in the distance. What a fun way to raise money to support league activities such as sending members to state meetings and holding candidate forums!

The Program and Action committee has been ably led by Catherine Watt this year. When I think of Catherine, there is one word that comes to mind: dynamo. As VP for Issues & Action, Catherine and her committee have been responsible for producing our monthly programs. It is amazing to go to one of her committee meetings. She comes prepared with a chart showing tasks, timeline, and what has been accomplished. I am always in awe of her organization skills.

Dear Readers: This month's issue of *The Voter* is an abbreviated version until our regular editor returns.

Excuse any inconvenience.

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#### OFFICERS:

Eleanor Hare, Co-President

Holley Ulbrich, Co-President

Catherine Watt, VP/Program & Action

Ann Russell, Secretary

Bill Hare, Treasurer

#### ELECTED DIRECTORS:

Lyn Norton

Patty Warner

Sandra Gray

Cheryl Lee

Janet Marsh

Catherine Farris

#### APPOINTED DIRECTORS:

Paula Appling, Mem. Co-Chair

Elaine Laiewski, Publicity Chair

Diana Stafford, *Voter* Editor

**Co-President's Message (continued):**  
**Eleanor Hare**

The membership committee, ably led by Janet Marsh, has taken on added responsibility, collecting bios and photos of members who have joined the LWV in the past six months. These will soon begin to appear in the newsletter.

Ellie Taylor organized a trip to the Energy Innovation Center in Charleston. (Read about it in our next issue.) She also leads our Environmental issues group. Holley Ulbrich leads a Good Government issues group.

In the near future we plan to begin some new advocacy activities. We will be asking our membership to fill out a questionnaire that will guide us to recommend advocacy activities.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date & Time	Place	Description
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 7:15 p.m.	OLLI Building <a href="#">100 Thomas Green Blvd.</a> <a href="#">Clemson, SC 29631</a>	GENERAL MEETING -- Panel of Mayors. SC is a state of small towns. We have 268 incorporated municipalities, of which 46% have fewer than 1,000 residents. Our meeting on the anniversary of Paul Revere's ride will give us the opportunity to meet with some of the local small town mayors and discuss accomplishments and challenges of governing at the grass roots level. Join us and meet the mayors.
Monday, April 24, 2017 6 - 7 p.m.	Moe Joe Coffee Shop <a href="#">385 Old Greenville Hwy</a> <a href="#">Clemson, SC 29631</a>	Earth Dialogue. LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION. What's happening right now in the Upstate?
Saturday, April 29, 2017- Sunday, April 30, 2017	Columbia, SC	LWV STATE CONVENTION. This year's State convention will be held at The Inn at USC in Columbia. Speakers include the President of LWVUS, Wycleia Harris; the President of the Florida League, Pamela Goodman, speaking on their successful redistricting fight in court; Shawna Howell on using social media; Anton Gunn from USC on health care; and retired Senator Wes Hayes, recipient of the Spirit of Democracy Award.
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 6 p.m.	Occasions at Wedgefield <a href="#">1551 Eighteen Mile Rd.</a> <a href="#">Central, SC 29630</a>	ANNUAL DINNER MEETING. Join the League for wine, women, and a catered dinner under the tent. Our special guest this year is Betty Bagley. As a former Superintendent of Anderson 5, she saw many opportunities for growth. But she now serves as a member of the Pickens County School Board, and she will speak briefly about her experience going from superintendent to public official and the opportunities for public education in our area.

# LWVCA TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR 2016-17

3/7/2017

		Budget	YTD	Proposed budget	
<b>Income</b>	Dues	\$4,323	\$4,195	\$4,135	
	Member contributions	\$300	180	250.00	
	ED Fund contrib	\$900	1275	1,000.00	
	Fundraising	\$1,000		1,000.00	
	wine tasting				
	Non-member contributions	\$300	60	100.00	
	*Annual Meeting	\$1,000		1,000.00	
	DPO Publications Contrib.				
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,823</b>	<b>5,710</b>	<b>7,485.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	PMPUS**	\$2,288	#####	2,208.00	
	PMPSC***	\$1,001	#####	966.00	
	Voter				
	Printing	\$640	412.29	700.00	
	Mailing	\$400	274.06	520.00	
	Website	\$225	260.32	230.00	
	Convention	\$1,000		750.00	
	Board Tools				
	Program/Action	\$200		200.00	
	President	\$150	8.3	150.00	
	Membership	\$200	40.13	200.00	
	Voter Ed/Services	\$250	130.44	100.00	
	DPO Publications				
	Fundraising	\$100	100	100.00	
	Misc	\$319	250	311.00	
	Citizenship Award	\$50		50.00	
	*Annual Meeting	\$1,000		1,000.00	
	Off Budget Expenditure				
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,823</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>\$7,485.00</b>	

Off Budget Funds			Income	Expense
	Directory of Public Officials Bal.		\$913.47	
	PVAP Grant		\$49.56	
	Voter Services Grant lwvus		\$600.00	
<b>Off Budget</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1,563.03</b>	
<b>Off Budget</b>	<b>Balance</b>			1,563.03
Checking Account--Available Funds				<b>\$13,773.75</b>
Checking Account Balance				<b>\$15,336.78</b>
Ed Fund Balance				\$1,032.30

## **Nominating Committee Report**

### **Officers for June 2017 to 2018:**

Co-Presidents: Eleanor Hare and Janie Shipley

Program and Action VP: Catherine Watt

Secretary: Ann Russell 2016-2018

Treasurer: Bill Hare 2017-2019

### **Elected Directors:**

Cheryl Lee 2016-2018

Janet Marsh 2016-2018 Membership

Catherine Farris 2016-2018

Elizabeth Vogt 2017-2019

Patty Warner 2017-2019 Webmaster

Fran Rundlett 2017-2019

### **Nominating Committee:**

Reggie Turetzky  
Elizabeth Adams  
Christine Prado

FaceBook: Heidi Williams

VOTER: Diana Stafford

*Submitted by Linda Gahan, chair; Mary Ann McKenzie, Rosellen Aleguire, and Janet Marsh*

## Wine Tasting Photos



*Submitted by Ken Marsh*

### **Next Meeting: Small Town Leadership April 18<sup>th</sup>, meeting starts at 7:30pm**

We are surrounded by several small towns, and we thought it was important to discuss how their needs are changing. Many small towns around us are growing, and that brings challenges many may not be prepared to address quickly. After all, the legislature is only paying counties (and their municipalities) 71% of what they should be paying. Our conversation will cover issues related to infrastructure, education, and how to work with the local delegation.

We hope you will come prepared with questions and ideas for our guests. What can the League do to advocate for local governments? What innovative partnerships are they pursuing? Join us on the 18<sup>th</sup> and let's find out more about local government needs and initiatives. Please contact Holley Ulbrich with any questions.

See you there!!

*Submitted by Catherine Watt*

**Annual Spring Meeting: Occasions at Wedgefield**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>, dinner starts at 6:00pm**

If you remember last year's wonderful event at Occasions in Central, then we just know you'll join us again this year for our year-end dinner. We will start with some wine, and the amazing Cheryl Lee has organized the fabulous menu. Our guest this year is Mrs. Betty Bagley, who will share with us her adventures in moving from leading Anderson 5 schools to serving on Pickens County School Board. We certainly want to know how the transition has gone for her, but also how it is to be one of the most qualified people ever to serve for one of our local school boards.

So join us! May 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact either Catherine ([Catherine.watt67@gmail.com](mailto:Catherine.watt67@gmail.com)) or Bill ([whare@earthlink.net](mailto:whare@earthlink.net)) to make reservations. We will post more information on our Facebook link and send out email reminders as well.

*Submitted by Catherine Watt*

**Government Issues Group:**  
**Met March 14<sup>th</sup>**

The government issues group met on March 14th and discussed issues of redistricting and home rule. They were urged to share information with others about some of the issues in home rule, particularly control of county appointments by the legislative delegation. Our final meeting for this year on April 11th will address the seventh seat on the school board and the ethics controversy over John Courson and the Rick Quinn firm. As the legislature winds up, we will also be compiling a list of advocacy issues that we want to urge them to address in the 2018 session, and take advantage of their presence back home in the next eight months to hold those conversations.

*Submitted by Holley Ulbrich*

**State Convention:**  
**April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

We have a large delegation at state convention on April 29th and 30th in Columbia at the historic Inn at USC. We are particularly exciting to hear about the Florida League's successful seven year court battle over redistricting from the Florida president, Pamela Goodman. We will also hear from Patrick Cawley, CEO of MUSC-Health on the state of health care in South Carolina and present a Spirit of Democracy award to recently retired state senator Wes Hayes. And, of course, do routine things like approve a budget, elect state board members, set action priorities, and enjoy good food and good company as we celebrate this 97th year in the history of the League of Women Voters. Your Clemson delegation, headed by our two co-presidents Eleanor Hare and Holley Ulbrich, will be sharing their experiences with you-all in May.

*Submitted by Holley Ulbrich*

### **Voter Service Continues/Jazz at Ram Cat Alley:**

Voter Service has been and is planning to be busy before summer. We will be offering voter registration to new citizens, revisiting high schools and local colleges, and working interesting venues such as Jazz on the Alley and others.

April's voter registration at the Upstate Office of Homeland Security Immigration and Naturalization for new citizens is covered for April 14th, the 2nd Friday of the month. We need volunteers for May, June, July, etc. One seasoned registrator needs to go and take new people with her/him.

Our high school revisitation will begin later in April and then in May and each school has been contacted. We are in the process of creating a pamphlet of information to distribute, registering new students, and giving a short educational presentation to our students. Our grant covers many of our expenses for this endeavor.

Jazz on the Alley at Ram Cat Alley in Seneca begins Thursday, April 13th from 6-8 p.m. If you are interested please e-mail me, Cheryl Lee, at [cheryl\\_lee1234@bellsouth.net](mailto:cheryl_lee1234@bellsouth.net) or call my cell, [864-903-5076](tel:864-903-5076). All materials, tables, and chairs will be set up for you.

These are all interesting cultural experiences and you will be contributing to one of, (if not the most,) important jobs we have in League,

In League,

*Submitted by Cheryl Lee*

## Contribution Form

**League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area LWVCA, P. O. Box 802, Clemson, SC 29633**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Email address\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (opt)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish my contribution to remain anonymous.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish my contribution to be tax deductible where allowed by law. My check is made out to the "*League of Women Voters Ed Fund*" which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to support the League's action priorities. My check is made out to the "League of Women Voters" and is not tax-deductible.

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