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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat., Aug. 15	League Leaders Day, Swearingin Engineering Center, University of South Carolina, Room 2A31, 301 Main Street, Columbia, 9-3 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 26	New Members Welcome Event in celebration of the 89 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment., 98 Brookhaven Drive, Clemson 5-7 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 27	LWVCA Board Meeting, Clemson City Council Chambers, 5:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 15	LWVCA General Membership Meeting, School District Governance, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson, 226 Pendleton Rd., Clemson, 7 p.m. – Social; 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

### WATCH DEMOCRACY AT WORK

Clemson City Council	1st and 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Seneca City Council	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Pickens County Council	1st and 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Oconee County Council	3rd Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.
Anderson County Council	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Pickens County School Board	4th Monday, 7:30 p.m., except July and December
Oconee County School Board	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Anderson County School Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:00 p.m.
LWV National Office	202-429-1965 (800-424-2937 for state/ local board members)
LWVCA website	<a href="http://clemsonarea.sc.lwvnet.org/">http://clemsonarea.sc.lwvnet.org/</a>

## ***President's Message***

Dear LWVCA Members and Friends,

Your board members and teams are very busy doing good work. The board recently adopted a work plan for the year and a set of measures by which we can gauge the health and effectiveness of LWVCA. We will monitor our progress throughout the year and report to the membership by way of the VOTER and the website. Examples of other LWVCA leader involvement include:

- The Program and Action Team calendar was approved.
- The organizational calendar, which includes meeting dates, dates of board and general meetings, and other activities, has been adopted and is posted at the website and included in this mailing.
- Reggie Turetzky and her team sponsored a very interesting and well-attended Oconee County Council candidate forum.
- The History Team has had two meetings and is archiving important LWVCA documents with the CU Library Special Collections Unit. If you have documents for the archives, please contact me.
- The Membership Team is planning a great new member and prospective member meet and greet activity. I hope that you will attend.
- Our webmaster, Eleanor Hare, is also an appointed board member. She is busy keeping the website updated with important information on the members' only site <<http://clemsonarea-members.sc.lwvnet.org/>> and on the site for public access <<http://www.clemsonarea.sc.lwvnet.org/>>
- Your President has submitted a letter-to-the-editor on health care reform.
- Eleanor Hare has submitted an op-ed on voting machines.

Your board members and others will be involved in the upcoming LWVSC-sponsored League Leaders Day. League Leaders Day is an opportunity for leadership training and education on identifying local League resources and strengths, the basics of conducting effective, fair and exciting candidate forums and debates, social networking, and critical social and criminal justice issues for women in the corrections system and their children. The training will be held on August 15, 2009 at the Swearingen Engineering Center on the campus of USC in Columbia. Any league member may attend. Please see the website for additional details.

LWVCA member, Lyn Norton, has volunteered to serve on a LWVSC team to study school district structure and authority. In addition, the *LWVSC Positions in Brief 2009*, has been published and is accessible at <[www.lwvsc.org](http://www.lwvsc.org)>.

Finally, I want to share with you four areas that I will be focusing on this year as President. The first is member involvement. My goal is that there will be increased participation of current members in LWVCA activities. The Program and Action Team plans to host one major meeting in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. We will invite our membership and the public to attend. Second, we have set a goal to increase membership this year by 5% as compared to last year. I am asking each board member and all members to invite at least one person to join LWVCA. Let people know that LWVCA provides the public with information on candidates and issues where we have a position. We, also, model and promote respectful dialogue and active citizenship. Third, we want to strengthen marketing efforts and encourage more visibility through the web and media. Fourth, we are exploring increased opportunities for fund development. You will be hearing more about this soon. As of this writing, board members are off to attend the Upstate LWV Leaders' Gathering in Greenville. We are involved and we want you to get involved. Join a team, attend a meeting, or express your interest in an issue area. Let your voice be heard through LWVCA.

***Della A. Baker***  
***President, LWVCA***

**Get out Your Calendars!  
The Program and Action Committee  
Has Planned a Busy Year**

In addition to the scheduled programs that appear elsewhere in this VOTER, your Program and Action Team has been busy in other ways. Eleanor Hare has arranged for a quarterly OpEd in the Pickens Sentinel and Easley Progress. The first one, on electronic voting machines, appeared in July. Subsequent topics: clean elections, the tax realignment commission, and the state of our children.

We have also chosen education finance (under the header Goodbye Minimally Adequate!) as our running theme for 2009-2010. Janet Marsh and I will share responsibility for keeping you posted on developments. The most important development thus far was a meeting in Beaufort in June that set an agenda for the state League in terms of action priorities and an action plan for education finance for the upcoming year. About 20 people gathered, mostly from the low country, a few from Columbia, and me--I was vacationing on Hilton Head. The legendary and delightful Harriet Keyserling, who served 16 years in the General Assembly from Beaufort, was also present. Watch for details in the SC Voter. And plan to advocate for the League's priority education financing positions.

The initial team for the statewide School District Governance study recommended by the Clemson League and approved by the convention has been assembled. There are three of us from the Clemson LWV (Holley Ulbrich, chair; Eleanor Hare and Bea Bailey); and Stacey Lindbergh from the Charleston LWV. We will be having a local meeting on that subject in September, looking at the concerns of the seven school districts in our service area. More details in the next Clemson VOTER.

~ *Submitted by Holley Ulbrich*

**A Report from the Membership Committee**

It has been a very long time since I served with the League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area. I attended a party at Elinor Baron's house many years ago with Teresa Klawinski. They asked me to serve as Secretary for the group. I, perhaps foolishly, accepted the job. I knew nothing about the League and I knew only a few members. It would be a challenging time for me, but under the guidance of Frances Plotnik, the President, I was able to manage taking notes for the Board meetings. In other words, I survived.

My knowledge of our President Della Baker from that term of service encouraged me to accept her request that I serve again, this time as chair of the Membership Team. She said that a committee already existed. All I would have to do was to lead them into action. That sounded like a reasonable deal, and it has been. The members of my team are Paula Appling, Aleta Robinson (former chair of the committee), Arlene Stewart, and Michelle Chin (our President-elect). How could I go wrong with such a tremendous team? President Della Baker has joined our group several times as well. What a crew!

Our team was very fortuitous at our very first meeting. Mary Alice Mayberry dropped by to see Aleta for lunch. Since we were talking about how to attract new members, we chatted about having a drop-in, reception, "meet and greet" at someone's house this year. Amazingly, Mary Alice volunteered her house on Brookhaven Drive in Clemson. I felt totally justified in accepting her generous offer. Then we just needed to establish a good date for the party. After Della's well-handled informative Orientation, I discovered that August 26 is the 89th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the one that gave the right for women to vote. Then it was affirmed as a good date for Mary Alice as well. My team's first big event would celebrate one of the most important laws in our country. How could new members stay away? Our "old" members would also be there. It seems, a success was in the making.

On August 26, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., the LWVCA will hold a “Meet and Greet” targeting new and prospective members. The event will be held at 98 Brookhaven Drive in Clemson. We would like all members to be present and to invite and bring someone to find out more about the league. Contact Carol Ward ([wardc@clermson.edu](mailto:wardc@clermson.edu)) by August 19 to let us know if you will attend.

~Submitted by Carol Ward,  
Chair of Membership Committee

### Oconee County Council Candidate Forum

On Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, LWVCA conducted a candidate forum for the vacant seat on the Oconee County Council District 1 at Duke World of Energy Auditorium. Donna London did an excellent job of moderating. Susan Brandt was the time keeper and made sure that the candidates did not exceed their time limits. Charlotte Holmes and Janie Shipley welcomed the audience and direct them to the auditorium. Janie also got a large number of signatures for the “Goodbye Minimally Adequate” petition for presentation to the SC Legislature. President Della Baker welcomed and thanked the audience for attending. She introduced the moderator.

Four candidates attended the forum. The forum was for the Republican Primary but we also invited the lone Democratic Party candidate who will vie for the open seat on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Over 120 people attended the forum. Each candidate gave an opening statement, answered questions from the audience and finished with concluding remarks. Some of the areas covered were: should there be a council-administrator form of government; does zoning protect peoples’ rights; should there be more districts; should the county reclaim “home rule” from Columbia; how do the candidates each plan to keep taxes as low as possible; and how they would protect the county’s natural resources.

The newspapers noted that this was an excellent and well-attended forum. There was a photo of the candidates on the front page of the Seneca Journal with a full report of the forum and LWVCA was

mentioned in the first paragraph. The candidates participating were: Democrat Jack Collins; and Republicans C. Paul Corbeil, Robbie D. Lee and Steve Moore.

~Submitted by Reggie Turetzky

### Thinking Ahead to the October Meeting: Considering Sustainable Energy

The committee arranging the October meeting recommends reading the first chapter of *Sustainable Energy – without the hot air*. These pages can be downloaded from the Internet at: [http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/withouthotair/c1/page\\_2.shtml](http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/withouthotair/c1/page_2.shtml)

This chapter clearly presents the correlation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere with the Industrial Revolution and the generation of carbon dioxide by various countries. We recommend this chapter because it provides a basis for much of the discussion about energy.

The first section this book examines energy consumption by an average resident of Great Britain and compares the consumption with sustainable energy production. In order to make comparisons, energy use and production are converted to a single numerical unit. The second section examines available options if people are to get off fossil fuels and live sustainably. This book presents an interesting overview of the various components of the energy/global warming discussion.

The author, David JC MacKay, is Professor of Natural Philosophy in the Department of Physics at the University of Cambridge and Cavendish Laboratory. This book can be downloaded free by chapters or in its entirety from the above web site.

~ Submitted by Lew Fitch  
and Eleanor Hare

### *LWVCA 2009 – 2010 Calendar*

Board Meetings - Clemson City Council Chambers at 1250 Tiger Boulevard, Clemson from 5:00-6:30 p.m., Fourth Thursdays. General Membership Meetings - Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 226 Pendleton Rd., Clemson, 7:00 p.m. (Social) 7:30 p.m. (Program), Third Tuesdays. VOTER articles are due to the editor by noon on the Saturday following the General Meeting.

August 15	League Leaders Day, Swearingen Engineering Center, University of South Carolina, Room 2A31, 301 Main Street, Columbia, 9-3 p.m.
August 26	New member and prospective member welcome event/ 89th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment
August 27	LWVCA Board Meeting
August 29	VOTER Deadline
September 15	General Membership Meeting /School District Governance - Holley Ulbrich and Reggie Turetzky
September	Voter Registration Month/ Voter Education focus in all 3 counties
September 24	LWVCA Board Meeting
September 26	VOTER article deadline
Sept 30	Hot Topic Lunch – Growth Management - Pickens County
October 20	General Membership Meeting/ Energy, Smart Grid - Eleanor Hare and Lew Fitch
October 22	LWVCA Board Meeting/Voter Education Month
October 24	VOTER Deadline
October 29	Book Discussion – <i>Lakoff, Don't think of an elephant</i>
November 30	Hot Topics Lunch – Growth Management – Anderson County
November 17	General Membership Meeting - Panel of legislators, Donna London and Janet Marsh
November 21	VOTER Deadline
December 3	LWVCA Board Meeting
December 15	Holiday Party at the Ulbrich's
December 19	VOTER Deadline
January 19	Program Planning; Meet to develop the positions of the LWVCA / Let's go to convention!! Planning for the convention in Atlanta, whole P&A team
January 28	LWVCA Board Meeting; Membership Count deadline
January 29	Book Discussion, 4:30p.m. at the Ulbrich's
January 30	VOTER Deadline
February	Youth Voter Month/ Legislative Advocacy/ Hold mock elections with school age youth
February 16	General Membership Meeting/Voter Access - Eleanor Hare, Della Baker and Janie Shipley
February 25	LWVCA Board Meeting
February 27	VOTER Deadline
March 23	General Membership Meeting/Tax Commission and Tax Reform -Holley Ulbrich
March 25	LWVCA Board Meeting; Jennett Award winner identified
March 27	VOTER Deadline
March 30	Hot Topic Lunch –Growth Management - Oconee County
April 20	General Membership Meeting/ How are our kids doing? - Janet Marsh
April 22	LWVCA Board Meeting
April 24	VOTER Deadline
May 10	LWVCA Annual Meeting – Water Issues
May 27	LWVCA Board Meeting
May 29	VOTER Deadline

**Yard Sale Announcement**

Our host for most of our meetings, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Clemson, is holding a yard sale on August 29th. Since the League is not planning a yard sale anytime soon, if you would like to donate, your contributions would be welcome, a token of appreciation for the use of the meeting space. The yard sale theme is fun and games--sporting goods, toys, board games, electronics, children and baby items (no clothes please), puzzles, and always books, DVDs and furniture. You can leave your donations in the garage behind Founders' House anytime. ~Submitted by Holley Ulbrich

**Join the LWVCA Book Discussion Group**

Our fall book discussion selection will be George Lakoff's *Don't Think of an Elephant*. It's a quick read, and it's about framing issues. Be sure to order a copy and plan to participate in the discussion on October 29th. If you have a book to suggest for our spring discussion, send it to Holley Ulbrich, [holleyu@nctv.com](mailto:holleyu@nctv.com). ~Submitted by Holley Ulbrich

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You can support the LWVCA with a tax deductible donation to the League of Women Voters Education Fund! Such gifts sponsor public education projects allowing our League to support activities like the candidate forums and the publication of the Directory of Public Officials for the three surrounding counties. Simply, write a check to *League of Women Voters Education Fund* (LWV Education Fund) and mail your check, along with the gift form below, to:

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Pictured above (left to right) are the LWVCA Officers for 2009-2010: Holley (2nd Vice President), Michelle (1st Vice President), Della (President), Alice (Treasurer). Not pictured: Missing: Ada Lou (Secretary)



Pictured here are the candidates for Oconee County Council who participated in the LWVCA Candidate Forum (left to right): C. Paul Corbeil (R), Robbie D. Lee (R), Steve Moore (R) and Jack Collins (D)