



Calendar

April

Sat., 1: Columbia Citizens Climate Lobby, 2:00-4:00 at Seven Oaks Park with Frank Knapp SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce. See [Page 11](#).

Mon. & Tues., 3 & 4: First Annual WREN Summit – Women in the Workforce. See [Page 9](#).

Thurs. 6: LWVSC CO-PRESIDENT JULIE HUSSEY AND WREN SPEAKING ON WOMEN’S RIGHTS LEGISLATION. 12:00, South Carolina Women Lawyers. **MAKE RESERVATIONS with Suzanne Rhodes by 4:00 Tuesday. \$15** suzrhodes@juno.com

Thurs., 20: Public Policy Luncheon – Bill Stangler, Congaree Riverkeeper

Tues., 25: LWV advocacy training, 7 PM. at Washington Street United Methodist Church. See [Page 5](#).

Wed., 26, Wednesday: 6:00 to 9:00 Planned Parenthood Centennial Celebration – at The State Museum – [Page 10](#).

Sat. & Sun., 29 & 30: State League Convention - **Democracy Pass It On** - The Inn At USC in Columbia [1619 Pendleton Street, 29201]. See web site lwvsc.org/

May

Thurs., 18: Annual Meeting: 5:30 PM at Pat Forbis’ home; a short business meeting at 6:00 PM. Consider bringing finger foods: heavy hors d’oeuvres or finger desserts. Wine will be provided. Carpooling suggested. Flyers to arrive in May

Wed., 24: June LL articles due to Suzanne (suzrhodes@juno.com)



APRIL PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON

Meet Your Congaree Riverkeeper

Thursday April 20, 2017 – 11:45 AM

LOURIE CENTER – PARK CIRCLE (AT PICKENS & BLOSSOM STREETS)



Congaree Riverkeeper, Bill Stangler, moved to

Columbia in 2005 from North Carolina to attend the University of South Carolina. In 2009 he graduated with honors and received his bachelor’s degree in geography. His studies focused on biogeography, landscape ecology and river science and he participated in numerous research projects on Area Rivers.

Before becoming the Riverkeeper, Bill worked for several years as a local river guide. He also currently serves on the boards of Friends of Congaree Swamp and Palmetto Paddlers. In his spare time he is an avid paddler, hiker, and general outdoor enthusiast.

All are welcome, but reservations for a catered lunch are required no later than Wednesday NOON, April 19..

Cost of lunch: \$10.00

(Attendees may bring a lunch)

Please RSVP to Susan James: sc.susanbjames@gmail.com

or call 256-6822

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THE PREZ SEZ

Julie Sellers

JULIE'S JEMS: According to Mr. Eliot, April is the cruelest month. However, most of us see April as beautiful and full of life with proud daffodils, sweet pansies, cute, fuzzy baby ducks and chicks. Nature is preparing for the huge food crops of summer and fall. On the other hand, that preparation comes with tons of pollen and runny noses. And it has been said that the late freeze ruined 90% of our peach crop. It's time for picnics and outdoor games, but watch where you sit because of fire ants. All right T.S., you do have a point, everything that is born eventually dies. Good and bad.



Philosophy aside, I plan to enjoy this spring and not think of hurricane season. However, as I approach my 70th birthday, also in April, some realities are staring me in the face. HEALTH – I will enjoy this spring if my health remains fairly good. Fortunately, we live in a time when doctors can fix or at least relieve almost all our complaints. But what if we were denied that care? What constitutes basic health care? (**Pat Forbis**, thanks for heading the consensus committee on that question.) What if we lose the care we have now?

The plans that Congress is considering this session have alarmed me. The League has policy statements about health care, but here I am writing about me, an average 70-year-old southern woman. Whether it be tax credits to purchase insurance (remember 45% of us don't pay taxes; we don't make enough to do so), or privatizing sections of health care even more than at present, or cutting procedures covered by Medicare, or, or, or, most of us older Americans can barely afford what we must pay now. Many younger Americans could not afford the services now provided by Planned Parenthood. I have a feeling that my dermatologist's wanting to see me yearly could be deemed as not a life-and-death necessity and may not remain covered. I guess those spots that she froze or shaved weren't really that important.

My two hospital stays could have been quite different once it was determined that they were not heart attacks. An EKG is over \$200. I probably had fifteen or twenty in 2016. My heart hears a different drummer. Before retirement and Medicare, when I had to pay ONLY 20% of the costs, I put off seeing a doctor many times. That explains why I have had so much done after acquiring Medicare. I could not even afford that 20% most of the time.

In March, legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act was presented in the House. Americans of all parties, races, religions, genders contacted their Representatives telling them to vote no on the bill. What a relief when it was withdrawn on Friday, March 24! The fight is not over - there are plans upon plans to repeal the ACA or at least dilute it significantly. The bottom line is that all of us will need to be diligent in examining bills and their amendments. We must be willing to contact our Representatives over and over to make our wishes known. We have done it once; we can do it again and again.

There are other issues also on my mind. One step at a time, **Janelle Rivers** is making sure that our Observer Corps is organized so that it will succeed. She wants a person to take over the leadership of this extremely important committee. If Janelle hasn't already asked you, then see her if you are interested. I believe our work in this area will prove to be significant. Janelle and I are also working on a training session for contacting and interacting with public officials.

Sharon Ayling has been working with Newberry College for a spring voter registration. We need others to go into the local high schools and colleges. Students will be aware of the primaries in June and want to get involved with the system. Please contact **Mel Jenkins** if you have a specific school you would like us to go to.

Janie White has registered the voting delegates for the State Convention at USC. We are fortunate to have someone so conscientious keeping us organized. If you have sent in your own registration, please let Janie know. Also, is anyone besides Janie and Robin staying at the convention hotel? Again, let Janie know.

And no matter what T.S. says, enjoy a beautiful April.

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OTHER NEWS

LEARN TO USE CITIZEN POWER -

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK: You can make a difference. Come join us and learn how. The League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area is sponsoring free advocacy training that will be open to the community at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 25, at Washington Street United Methodist Church.

The church is located at 1401 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201, which is on the block between Marion and Bull Streets. There are entrances to the parking lot on Washington Street, Bull Street, and Hampton Street, and there is additional parking in nearby lots.

Lynn Teague, lobbyist for the LWVSC, with the assistance of **JoAnne Day**, who has also been active in this capacity for years, both unpaid volunteers, will offer training on how to communicate effectively with officials in the South Carolina Legislature and in the U.S. Congress. These experienced advocates can explain how to identify decision-makers on your issue, protocol for meeting with legislators, effective methods for communicating a position related to current legislation, and ways to compose effective letters to the editor.

The League of Women Voters is providing the advocacy training and materials at no cost as a service to the community. Free copies of the South Carolina LWV manual titled *Advocacy 101, Constituent-Based Communications*

to Effect Change within the Legislative Process will be available to those who attend. The manual can also be downloaded free at <http://lwwsc.org/files/2017.advocacy101.pdf>. Space is limited so pre-registration is required. To register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/CitizenPower>.

Established in 1920 as the legacy organization of the suffragette movement, The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. Instead, the League uses a careful study and consensus process to develop its positions, which are publicly available on web sites at the national, state, and local levels. National policy positions are posted at www.lwv.org, South Carolina statewide policy positions are posted at www.lwwsc.org, and local policy positions are posted at www.lwvcolumbiasc.org. The League has a “one voice” policy, which has proven to be effective at every level. Questions may be directed to **Sharon Ayling** at rsayling@gmail.com.

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INITIAL REPORTS FROM THE NEW

OBSERVER CORPS: One of the priorities for 2017-2018 is developing an observer corps for the Columbia area, beginning with the Richland County Election Commission. League members have already begun observing meetings.

More observers are needed, and all League members are invited to participate. Information for potential observers will be posted soon on the LWV Columbia Area web site. In the meantime, those who are interested in observing meetings of any public body are invited to contact **Rana Davis** (rana.davis@hotmail.com) or **Janelle Rivers** (rivers12@bellsouth.net) for more information and directions for submitting reports.

Observers from the League are attempting to provide brief fact-based summaries of public meetings as a service to members and the public. The League does not seek to endorse or sanction the organizations sponsoring the meetings or the views of those attending. The goal of the observer corps in providing these summaries is to expand public knowledge and awareness, and support civil discourse.

SUMMARIES**Richland County Voter Registration and Elections Board - February 8, 2017, 4:00 PM.**

Observers: **Janie White, Anne Maletic, and Janelle Rivers**

Executive Director Selph and board members Adams, Emerson, Holley and Kennedy were present. Meeting notice and agenda were not posted on the web site. League members quickly discovered that some of the legal

requirements for public meetings were not being followed carefully. The schedule of regular meetings for 2017 had not been posted, and no Board minutes had been posted since June 2016. Four members were present. The appointment of a fifth member is pending, awaiting the governor's approval. The Board passed a motion to meet monthly through May.

Having observers present was a new experience for the board members, and League members were welcomed. Laurence Flynn appeared to request a special tax district election on June 13 for the Lake Dogwood group near Eastover, sometimes called Murray's Pond. This involves a destroyed dam. One precinct with 99 voters.

Executive Director Sam Selph announced that a check had been received from the city for \$34,000 reimbursement for running a city election. Some members commented about a similar check having been put in the general fund.

The current executive director is retiring, and the Board will be seeking to fill the open position. Following these announcements, the Board went into executive session with Rep. James Smith and an attorney.

After the meeting, a League member filed a complaint with the Ombudsman regarding the failure to post the meeting notice and agenda on the web site. Some Board members have expressed appreciation for the presence of League members.

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Richland County Voter Registration and Elections Board - March 1, 2017, 4:00 PM

Observers: **Anne Maletic and Janelle Rivers**

Director Self and Board members Adams, Emerson, Holley and Kennedy were present. Again, the meeting notice and agenda were not posted on the web site. The Board met in a small conference room, rather than in City Council chambers. In addition to Board members, the prospective appointee, Shirley Mack; a reporter from *The State*, Clif Leblanc; two staff members and two League members were present. Public comment was invited, and League members raised the issue of failure to post notices. Ms. Mack and Mr. LeBlanc asked questions about the posting of the Executive Director's position. Staff indicated that they were having difficulty coordinating with the information technology staff.

The estimated cost of an upcoming Forest Acres election is \$41,000.

Board members expressed concern that they had not received an adequate number of applications for the position of Executive Director. Salary range for the position had not been posted.

The Board conducted a lengthy executive session, and the reason given for executive session was "Personnel Matters." (See NOTE 1 below.) After the executive session, the Board reconvened, and a motion was made to pay two attorneys for work that had already been done without any formal agreement and also for work that was to be done in the future. The attorney

fees are related to two lawsuits in which the Board and Mr. Selph are defendants. Discussion indicated that the Board does not have a budget for attorney fees and must request payment by the county. An opinion from the Attorney General regarding the McCormick County Election Commission was referenced as being relevant. The Board was represented by Regina Lewis, and Mr. Selph was represented by William Spillane. There was discussion as to whether either attorney had submitted a bill to the county without submitting a copy to the Elections Board, and the question was not resolved. There was also discussion of whether the attorney Mr. Selph had engaged could represent the Board and what Mr. Spillane had been told in that regard. Comments from board members indicated that there were no minutes from a previous executive session to provide relevant documentation. The motion passed. The vote regarding paying the attorney who apparently had been engaged as the personal attorney of Mr. Selph for unbilled prior work was 3-1.

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Called Meeting of Richland County Voter Registration and Elections Board - March 17, 2017, 1:00 PM

Observers: **Janie White, Robin White**

Director Self and Board members Adams, Emerson, Kennedy were present; Commissioner Holly participated via telephone. Minutes of March 1 meeting were discussed. Discussion centered on which, if any, attorneys represented the Board and/or Director Selph. William Spillane represents only Director Selph.

Regina Wilson represents the Board on certain cases. The governor has not signed off on the new nominee for the Board, Shirley Mack. Clif LeBlanc, reporter for *The State*, reminded the Board about FOIA requirements regarding publishing names of finalists for the Director position. The Board went into executive session at 1:30 PM to discuss legal matters. It was estimated to remain in executive session until at least 4:00 PM. But with the Board still in executive session at 3:45PM, and with no further indication of an ending time, League observers departed. Clif LeBlanc indicated that he would be writing an article concerning the Voter Registration and Elections Board in the near future.

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**Called Meeting of Richland County
Voter Registration and Elections Board
- March 23, 2017, 10:00 AM**

Observer: **Robin White**

The agenda, which included plans to go into executive session for a “personnel matter,” was sent to board members and forwarded to LWV observers, but not posted on the web site. (See NOTE 1 below.)

Board members Adams, Emerson, and Kennedy were present. Board member Sylvia Holley and Executive Director Selph were absent.

The agenda was adopted unanimously, and the minutes of the March 17, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved with one correction: Attorney Spillane no longer represents anyone on the Board in legal matters. In the public

comment period, the issue of failure to post minutes was brought to the attention of the Board. Staff assured those present that the problems with posting minutes has been corrected and future meeting minutes will be available shortly after Board approval. (See NOTE 2 below.)

The Board went into executive session at 10:07AM and returned to open session at 10:43 AM.

The Chair moved that the Board continue to use the services of Director Selph until April 2, 2017 to allow time to find a successor, and the motion passed.

The Board indicated that it would start interviewing five candidates for the position of Director commencing on March 27, 2017. The interviews will be held in a secret undisclosed location. No information will be published regarding the five candidates because this round is preliminary. Announcement of finalists will be done after consultation with the County Human Relations Office. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

NOTE 1: The federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) has been interpreted by the courts to require more specificity than simply stating “personnel matters” as a reason for executive session.

NOTE 2: As of the date of this meeting, the web site had not been updated with meeting dates, agendas, or minutes for meetings held since summer 2016.

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Richland County Council March 7, 2017Observer: **Robin White**

Richland County Sheriff's Department Community Action Team Deputies were introduced. There was notification of vacancies on boards and commissions. Richland County Sheriff's Department continues to support and staff Community Based Law Enforcement. Restructuring of Departments of the County is still under discussion and not yet revealed. Notably, the Transportation Penny Advisory Committee vacancies were removed from consideration and that issue has been tabled for further potential revision or dissolution.

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Richland One School District Board of Commissioners – February 28, 2017Observer: **Pat Mohr**

This meeting was a model of organization, order, and decorum. The content included recognition of nationally board certified teachers and three public comments (re: bullying, need for sidewalks, and a non-profit); approval of a consent agenda and hires from earlier executive session; a board report; discussion of the academic calendar for 2017-18; a superintendent's report; discussion of some pending state and federal legislation on vouchers and roads; and closed with a presentation on the concept of a kinesthetic classroom. Discussion of the school calendar will be extended until the next meeting.

Questions may be directed to rsayling@gmail.com.
Janelle Rivers

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JOIN WREN FOR INAUGURAL TWO-DAY SUMMIT, [WOMEN IN THE](#)

[WORKFORCE](#): on April 3rd -4th. The first day will provide new data from the University of South Carolina's Moore School of Business on the economic benefits to our state from closing gender gaps in the workforce. High-level panel discussions and breakout session will follow from South Carolina leaders like Ann Marie Stieritz, Lou Kennedy, and Elizabeth Colbert-Busch.

Day two of the summit falls on Equal Pay Day, a day that represents how far into the year, on average, women must work to earn what their male counterparts earned the previous year. WREN will provide an issue education and advocacy workshop that includes best practices on interacting with legislators in person. You'll then get a unique opportunity to meet with elected officials and encourage them to advance women's health, economic well-being, rights, and opportunities.

A limited supply of tickets are still available. Register and become one of the many South Carolinians who are ready to activate change across our state.

Already signed up to go? Share your excitement on social media. Tag us on using the hashtag #WRENSummit, and tell us why you're ready for April 3rd-4th!

Our state is stronger because of you. We look forward to seeing you this April. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wrensunmit-women-in-the-workforcetickets-31846273060?blmaid=20484>

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VOTER REGISTRATION: Voter registration at Newberry College on March 16 for the seat held by Mick Mulvaney. Pictured with students are **Sharon Ayling** and Dr. Naomi Simmons.

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MEMBERS CORNER:



Laura R. Woliver has lived in Columbia, South Carolina, for 32 years. She moved here to begin a faculty position at USC in Political Science. Her specialty is American politics. She is an expert on social movements and interest groups. She has published many articles and two books related to women and politics,

social justice, and political activism. For ten years she has had a joint appointment in the Women's and Gender Studies Program at USC, teaching gender and politics, feminist theory, and feminist research methods.

Laura has been a member of the LWV for a couple of years. She respects the work the LWV does and the impact it has had on foundational issues of fair and democratic politics. Please contact her if you have any questions or wish further information: woliver@sc.edu.

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD SOUTH ATLANTIC COLUMBIA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Planned Parenthood has been at the forefront of protecting women's health and reproductive rights for 100 years. Today, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic continues to stand true to these core values in South Carolina. Join us in celebrating this incredible legacy at this very special event. On this evening, we will proudly celebrate our rich history of serving patients here in South Carolina and welcome our keynote speaker Wendy Davis.

So get out those pink tennies and join us at the State Museum where Wendy



Davis, the celebrated representative who filibustered for thirteen hours on the Texas statehouse floor while defending Planned Parenthood in her state, will be our guest. Decked out in pink tennis shoes

she tirelessly championed an organization that is so important to women of all communities. Wendy promises to lead an inspiring celebration Wednesday, April 26, at The State Museum, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. To purchase tickets, visit Columbia100.PPSAT.org. If you have any questions please contact Pat Forbis at pforbis@sc.rr.com or Brittany.Pringle@PPSAT.org

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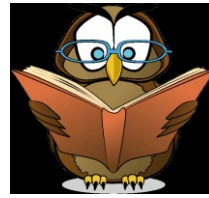


ROBERT THOMPSON -- Rob, husband of Judy Thompson, died March 15 after a six-month fight with cancer. Judy has been a member of the League for almost 50 years. As Executive Director of the South Carolina Nurses Association, and after decades of League leadership including local and state presidencies, Judy made the SCNA offices available to the LWV when other resources were limited. Judy and Rob lost their only daughter, Polly, almost a year ago to a fatal infection.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary.aspx?n=robert-smith-thompson&pid=184578327&fhid=5564>



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EXTRA NEWS:

COLUMBIA CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY - Chapter meeting 2:00 Saturday April 1st at Seven Oaks Park. Guest speaker will be Frank Knapp Executive Director of the SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce.

<http://scsbc.org/about/president-and-ceo-frank-knapp/>. We will also set some goals and tasks such as increasing communication with our Congressmen, especially Joe Wilson. Four of us met with his District Director last week. We will also report briefly on the Regional CCL meeting in Asheville this past weekend. Directions to Seven Oaks: <http://www.icrc.net/seven-oaks-park>

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COAL TAR IN SALUDA RIVER:

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control held a meeting Monday, February 13, 2017 to update citizens about plans to leave coal tar in the bottom of the river below the Gervais Street Bridge. After a public meeting in 2013, SCDHEC urged SCE&G to remove the coal tar, and the utility worked with outside consultants to devise a plan to dam the river while the coal tar was removed. However, the US Army Corps of Engineers found

problems with the plan, most notably the potential for erosion on the West Columbia shoreline or for water to overtop the dam, and has indicated they will not approve the permit. So SCE&G has now requested permission to install a concrete cap over the coal tar, but detailed plans have not been drawn.

At the meeting, many urged SCE&G and SCDHEC to look harder for solutions so that the coal tar could be removed. SCE&G is responsible for the cleanup of the coal tar which was produced at a former manufactured gas plant on Huger Street. SCDHEC indicated that other meetings will be forthcoming.

LWV Columbia members **Margaret Anne Dubose, Susan James, and Debbie Dickinson** attended the meeting. For more information about the coal tar, see this article from The State <http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article132576494.html>

Debbie Dickinson

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. JEFFERSON - April 13th. In 1743, Shadwell was close to the frontier of the colony of Virginia. Peter Jefferson was, in the expression of the time, of the middling class. With no formal education, he became a surveyor and cartographer and married respectably into the Randolph family.

So, on April 13, Peter’s eldest son Thomas was not born into the well-

established FFVs (First Families of Virginia). Those people had connections to wealth and plantations, often along the James River.

Still, education and civic involvement were “in the family” and there was enough money to send Thomas to William and Mary College in Williamsburg. He enjoyed the much more cosmopolitan community. Good professors and social contacts led him to study law.

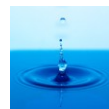
From Williamsburg, Mr. Jefferson (as we University of Virginia graduates prefer to address him) had a career that never seemed to step away from controversy. It still goes on.

For his grave marker, Thomas Jefferson wanted to be remembered for just three things: as author of the Declaration of American Independence of the Statute of Virginia, for religious freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia.

Not included in how Mr. Jefferson is remembered - a tremendous amount of work and writing that are still part of America and the efforts to make democracy work.

Shared by Mel Jenkins

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ANOTHER LARGE WATER DRAW PROPOSED: In order to cool servers in its Berkeley County data center, Google wants to pump 1.5 million gallons of pristine groundwater each day from an ancient aquifer that supports neighboring towns. Mount

Pleasant, Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island and Kiawah Island all rely on the same 83-million-year-old aquifer to support the public's water supply and emergency services.

Google's current permit allows the tech giant to pull 500,000 gallons of groundwater daily. Its request to triple its usage remains on hold while the state's Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) drafts a Trident Area Groundwater Management Plan.

Currently, DHEC is using old data from 2004 to draft this plan despite efforts by experts to generate new data and an updated groundwater model by 2018. *We believe DHEC should not approve any current or additional permit requests until new data is released.*

For more information on this issue, please visit the Coastal Conservation League web site. If you have additional questions, contact Emily Cedzo (843) 725-1290 or emilyc@scccl.org.

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT FIRST LOOK

AT FRACKING: Workers tend to a well head during a hydraulic fracturing operation at an Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. gas well outside Rifle, Colo., March 29, 2013. Photo - *Brennan Linsley/AP*



Editor's note: At the local Program Planning meeting, the issue of fracking

was raised. We do not need to amend our policies to study fracking, as LWV leaders in the Pennsylvania and New York areas have studied and been opposing fracking for years.

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SPILLS RELATED TO FRACKING ARE MORE FREQUENT THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT, a new study finds (quoted from February 22, 2017) and understanding the causes of these spills may help prevent future incidents.

In a study published in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology*, a team of researchers [identified 6,648 spills](#) in Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania between 2005 and 2014. The researchers calculated that between 2 and 16 percent of wells will spill contaminated water, hydraulic fracturing fluids, or other substances every year, with the majority of incidents occurring in the first three years after a well becomes operational.

The definition of a spill varies from state to state, presenting a challenge for the study's authors in comparing states. But analyzing this data, they say, is vital to addressing the challenges posed by fracking spills and makes a data-driven conversation about fracking possible.

Fracking has created tremendous job growth in states like North Dakota and Pennsylvania and is a key component to many American energy independence strategies. But environmentalists are concerned about the side effects of the process that they say contaminates drinking water and contributes to earthquakes.

“North Dakota requires that companies report any spills that are a barrel or more, even if they never impact the environment - and [the vast majority of spills have not](#),” said Katie Brown of Energy in Depth, a body funded by petroleum producing companies, the BBC reported. Many North Dakota “spills,” she said, are confined to the well pad, never touching land or water. But understanding where spills come from, and when in a well’s lifecycle they occur, is key to limiting incidents at conventional and unconventional wells alike, the researchers indicated.

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FROM RAISING CONSCIOUSNESS TO RAISING HELL – ELLISVILLE, Mo. — they called it consciousness-raising.

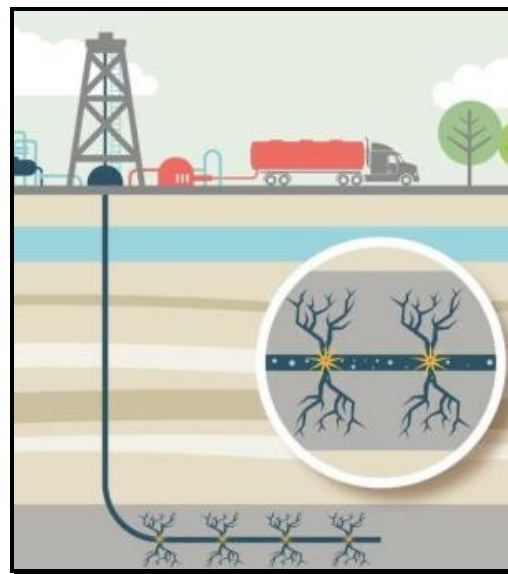
Nearly 50 years ago, Ruth Rosen and her friends sat in a Berkeley, Calif., living room and tried to imagine how their lives would have been different if they had been born as men. The stories spilled forth: a father who would not pay for college because girls didn’t need a degree; a nurse who told how the doctor treated her like a little girl; a woman who mused about an 11th Amendment to the Bill of Rights sparing women from cleaning toilets.

It’s a long way from that Berkeley living room to a bar in this conservative suburb of St. Louis, where a small band of women (and a handful of men) gathered to plot the way forward in the age of President Trump. But as women emerge among the most active standard-bearers of the resistance to

this presidency, they are drawing on tactics honed in the 1960s-era consciousness-raising groups that awakened women to their thwarted aspirations and power...

By Susan Chiramarch
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/02/opinion/sunday/from-raising-consciousness-to-raising-hell.html? r=0>

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Ground Pollution



Spills related to Fracking

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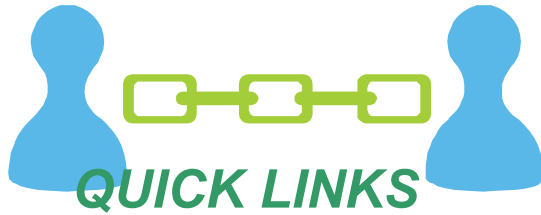
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Marianne McGrath, Chair, Pat Manley & Janie White

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1. Go to YOUR Facebook page and begin typing "**League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area**" in the search box until a list pops up.
2. Click on the name **League of Women Voters of Columbia, SC** with the familiar blue LWV Logo on the left.

That's it!

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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

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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) 576-2060 or check:

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