

# LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF BEAUFORT, SC AREA

## Quarterly Newsletter

### Winter 2020



## Happy New Year from our League President, Catherine Forester



#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2020, a year of Action and Empowerment! I want to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning members. We are so happy to have you on board. I hope you're rejuvenated and ready to roll up your sleeves and get to work on the business of Voter Issues and Voter Turn Out. We have several Events planned and more in the planning stages.

Our New Year 2020 Meeting is the first calendar event and it's a meeting you won't want to miss! We will be creating new opportunities and putting final touches on Events already in the works. This will also be a member orientation. We will have a question and answer time to talk about the League and League activities. We are non-partisan, political and inclusive organization. We are strong advocates in the community having members attending County and City Council Meetings. Join us whether you are a member or not and have a fun time. Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6pm-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue 401 Scott St. Beaufort.

Have you ever wanted to be in a parade? Here's your chance! Our first opportunity to Get Out The VOTE!

Join the League of Women Voters Beaufort, dressed as suffragists (hats/coats and sashes), walking or riding in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. parade downtown on January 20th. We will be handing out voter information while walking and riding. Check out our sample postcard.

We will get together on January 13<sup>th</sup> to make signs and decorations. Email [lwwbeaufort@gmail.com](mailto:lwwbeaufort@gmail.com) for details if you're interested in helping us prepare.

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OF BEAUFORT SC AREA**

**“Give us the ballot!”**

*“If you would be truly free, if you would leave an inheritance of dignity and equality for your children, you will register and vote.”*

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Feb. 12, 1965

Dr. King's vision of voter justice came to be with

- ▲ The Civil Rights Act of 1964
- ▲ The Voting Rights Act of 1965
- ▲ The 24th Amendment banning economic barriers to voting
- ▲ The 26th Amendment lowering the voting age to 18

*The League of Women Voters remembers Dr. King today, every time we register a new voter, and each time we cast a ballot.*

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ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

## Fun gathering at our December Holiday Social

For our December meeting, League members celebrated another successful and productive year. A wonderful time was had by all. We also welcomed two new members!



### Don't Miss - January Happenings

- Jan 9 – Monthly Meeting - Membership Focus and Engagement 2020, 6:00-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue, Scott St
- Jan 12 – MLK Parade Sign/Decorations Making – Email [lwwbeaufort@gmail.com](mailto:lwwbeaufort@gmail.com) for details.
- Jan 15 – Deadline to mail Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.
- Jan 20 - MLK Parade
- Jan 25- LEAD, Columbia (Register by Jan 20th) – League Education and Advocacy Day
- Jan 27- Charleston League, Advocacy Training
- Jan 28 – Board Meeting
- Jan 30 – Deadline to register to vote for PPP. By mail applications must be postmarked this day.



## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership News

Welcome new members, Mary Ellen Mc Manus, Sara Dashiell and Paola Cassaro. We are happy to have you join our League of 59 active members!

January renewal notices have gone out. Watch for emails from **Square** if your renewal month is January.

We welcomed the following new members in 2019 and look forward to their involvement in the areas where their interests lie: Miriam Mitchell, Kate Hudson, Jane Hearn, Judith and Brian Winslow, Kathy Barton, June Labyzon, Marianne Hamilton, Lillian Kindwall, A'Mya Singleton, Daniel Conrad, Donna Conlon, Cassandra Conroy, Lucretia Townsend, Diane Schmid, Julia Rion, Barbara Childs, Anne Tyler, Lynne Quigley- our new Treasurer, Joy Kraft and Maureen Woodlock.

We say farewell to new members this year, Janet Wedlock and Joe Whetstone who relocated to Indianapolis in December. We wish them all the best and know they will get involved in their new community soon!

If anyone has an interest in assisting with the Membership Committee, please contact Jennifer Sharp at [greensharp16@gmail.com](mailto:greensharp16@gmail.com). Jennifer has returned to the workforce and could use assistance.

## HELP WANTED

### News from the Board

Our Board of Directors meet at least once a month and works to prepare programs and keep the League running. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

We are excited to welcome, Lynne Quigley, to our Board, as our Treasurer for 2020.



As we embark on a new year, nominations for our 2020/2021 positions for our next Board, starting May 2020 will be: President, Vice President, Secretary, as well as 6 directors, including Nominating Committee Chair.

## **CURRENT OFFICERS**

Co-President - Catherine Forester (2019-2020)

Co-President – Vacant (2019-2021)

Treasurer – Lynne Quigley (2019-2020)

Secretary - Ann Bander (2019-2021)

## **DIRECTORS**

Chair Voter Services – Tedi Light (2019-2021)

Communications - Jane Caffrey (2019-2020)

Membership - Jennifer Sharp (2019-2021)

Education - Bernadette Hampton (2019-2021)

Observer Corp - Jean Stokes (2019-2021)

Member at Large - Willie Moultrie (2019-2020)

Member at Large - Alison Davidow (2019-2021)

Redistricting – Vacant (2020)

ERA – Vacant (2020-2021)

Natural Resources – Vacant (2019-2021)

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Chair - Vacant (2020)

Let's continue to grow! Our members are our best resource to encourage new memberships. Please tell a Friend and share our newsletter with your community and friends.

# Voter Registration is Where it's At

Tedi Light – Voter Services Chair

Jeanne Elmore, Tedi Light



Penny Nye, Jean Stokes, Barbara Childs



Voter Services is looking forward to a new and even more effective year in 2020! Our committee is working to establish places for existing and incoming volunteers as we build out our calendar for the upcoming election season.

We will continue to add to last year's success in voter registration, while also looking to build on our Get-Out-The-Vote outreach and assisting in the building of the Vote411.org database in Beaufort. Those interested in taking part in the upcoming work of Voter Services can email Chairperson Tedi Light at [tedi.huszagh@gmail.com](mailto:tedi.huszagh@gmail.com) or text/call her at

(303)437-8726.

Jane Caffrey, Kate Hudson, Catherine Forester



Our next Voter Services meeting is Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6-730pm at the Pan-African Family Empowerment & Land Preservation Network Office, inside the Regions Bank Building in Beaufort, 69 Robert Smalls Pkwy., Suite 4E (Enter the building from the Duke's BBQ side and take the elevator up).



## Equal Means Equal Documentary Film

Back in September, LWVB hosted our first showing of the eye-opening documentary film, Equal Means Equal, at the Technical College of the Low Country. Thank you to Irene Goodnight, all of the volunteers and those who purchased tickets for a successful fundraiser. For those who missed it, we will be having another showing in the future. Stay tuned!

*Venaye McGlashan, Irene Goodnight, Chanda Griffis*



*Chanda Griffis, John Glover, Irene Goodnight, Lynne Quigley, Willie Moultrie, Jean Stokes, Patricia Jaudon, Alison Davidow, Anne Tyler*

## Education Committee Update



The League of Women Voters Beaufort Education Committee worked very diligently on the passage of the largest bond referendum of Beaufort County School District which was approved on November 5, 2019. The voters of the Beaufort Community voted to approve a \$344 million school bond referendum to ensure improving school safety, renovating facilities and adding classroom space to address enrollment growth in our district.

We were fortunate to collaborate with the Hilton Head League of Women Education Committee, host a meeting, and create informative literature to ensure voters made an informed decision at the ballot box.

Our committee looks forward to other opportunities to collaborate and to continue to impact the progress of advancing education in our community. We welcome others who share our passion to join our committee.

Happy New Year!

Bernadette R Hampton

Education Committee Chair

## Educate Friends and Family about [Vote411.Org](https://www.vote411.org)

[VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) is a "one-stop-shop" for election related information. It provides nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific information on the following aspects of the election process:

Absentee ballot information, Ballot measure information (where applicable), Early voting options (where applicable), Election dates, Factual data on candidates in various federal, state and local races, General information on such topics as how to watch debates with a critical eye, ID requirements, Polling place locations, Registration deadlines, Voter qualifications, Voter registration forms. Voting machines

An important component of [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) is the polling place locator, which enables users to type in their address and retrieve the poll location for the voting precinct in which that address is located. The League has found that this is among the most sought after information in the immediate days leading up to, and on, Election Day.



## ERA Update from Barb Hammes, ERA Coordinator, LWV HH/Bluffton

Dear ERA Advocates,

Let me first take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy holiday season and to thank you for the work you do to advance women's equality in South Carolina.

Please check out the ERA Issues page on our website ([www.lwvhhi.org](http://www.lwvhhi.org)). Much has been going on the past couple of weeks.

Specifically,

1. A companion bill to H.3391 has been introduced by one of our state senators and has received bipartisan support ([https://wfcourier.com/news/national/govt-and-politics/gop-democrats-push-s-equal-rights-amendment-in-sc/article\\_b173e75b-0ed6-573d-b0d3-126562c011e5.html](https://wfcourier.com/news/national/govt-and-politics/gop-democrats-push-s-equal-rights-amendment-in-sc/article_b173e75b-0ed6-573d-b0d3-126562c011e5.html))
2. At the national level, some members of Congress are preparing for "What Happens When The 38th State Ratifies the ERA?" (link to white paper on the League website).
3. Another showing of the documentary "Equal Means Equal" on Thursday, January 7 in Bluffton.

Please find time in the next 30 days to reach out to your state representative and state senator through phone contacts and face to face visits and let them know that you support ratification of the ERA and that you are asking for them to vote that way as well.

Happy Holidays to you and yours. Here's to EQUALITY in 2020.

Barb Hammes, ERA Coordinator

LWV - HH/Bluffton



## Website Coming

Thanks to donations made in 2019, we are now able to launch our very own website this year. Those interested in assisting in working on the website or Media/Communications committee, contact Jane Caffrey via [lwvbeaufort@gmail.com](mailto:lwvbeaufort@gmail.com).

## Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

If you're on Facebook, be sure to like our page League of Women Voters Beaufort SC, Area and join our League of Women Voters Beaufort Area group, follow our announcements and events. Feel free to post information relevant to the League and share our events. On Instagram, follow us @beaufortvotes and #beaufortvotes.

## Looking Ahead 2020 – Mark Your Calendars!

### FEBRUARY

Feb 12 – Join leagues from around the state for our LWV lobby day: People Power Fair Maps Day of Action, SC State House, Columbia

Feb 14 - League of Women Voter's National 100th Birthday

Feb 15 – Monthly meeting, 100th National Birthday Soiree, 3-6pm, Lady's Island Yacht Club.

Feb 22 – Deadline to apply for absentee ballot for PPP.

Feb 25 – Deadline to return absentee ballot by mail for PPP. Warning: Voters should apply at least one week prior to election day to allow adequate mail time.

Feb 25 – Board Meeting

Feb 28 – Deadline to vote absentee in person for PPP.

Feb 29 – Democratic Presidential Preference Primary (PPP). Polls open 7:00am-7:00pm. It's the first state in the South to hold their primary, which is why it is known as "First in the South."

### MARCH

Mar 12 – Monthly Meeting – Celebrating Women's Month, 6-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue, Scott St

Mar 19-22 - Women's Health Weekend, USCB

Mar 20 – Last day for Qtrly Newsletter Submissions

Mar 24 – Board Meeting

Mar 30 – Candidate filing closes for General Election.

## **APRIL**

Apr 9 – Monthly Meeting – Celebrating Earth Month, 6-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue, Scott St

Apr 22– 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

April 28 – Board Meeting

## **MAY**

May 10 – Deadline to register to vote in person for State Primaries (unless county board holds weekend hours), 5pm. Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for State Primaries.

May 11 – Deadline to register to vote by email for State Primaries (must be postmarked by this date)

May 16– Annual Meeting, TBD

May 26 – Board Meeting

## **JUNE**

Jun 5 – Deadline to apply for absentee by mail ballot for Primaries. Warning: voters should apply at least one week prior to election day to allow adequate mail.

Jun 8 – Deadline to vote absentee in person for State Primaries.

Jun 9 – Statewide Primaries. Polls open 7:00am – 7:00pm.

Jun 11 – Monthly Meeting, 6-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue, Scott St

Jun 14 – Last day for Qrtly Newsletter Submissions

Jun 20 – Poor People’s Campaign March – Washington DC

Jun 23 – Primary Runoff. Polls open 7:00 am – 7:00pm.

Jun 23 – Board Meeting

Jun 24 – Deadline for military and overseas citizens by mail ballot return. Ballot must be mailed no later than 7:00pm on Jun 23rd.

## **JULY**

No Monthly Meeting

Jul 1 – 49th Anniversary of 26th Amendment

## **AUGUST**

Aug 13 – Monthly Meeting, 6-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue, Scott St

Aug 18 – 100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment Aug 22 – National Women’s Parade, Washington, DC

Aug 25 – Board Meeting Aug 26 – National Women’s Equality Day

## **SEPTEMBER**

Sep 10 – Monthly Meeting, 6-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue, Scott St

Sep 13 – Last day for Qrtly Newsletter Submissions



Sep 19 – Deadline to mail General Election absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.

Sep 22 – National Voter Registration Day

Sep 22 – Board Meeting

## **OCTOBER**

Oct 2 - Deadline to register to vote in person for General Election (unless county board holds weekend hours)

Oct 4 – Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for General Election.

Oct 5 – Deadline to register to vote by mail for General Election. Warning: voters should apply at least one week prior.

Oct 8 – Monthly Meeting, 6-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue, Scott St

Oct 27 – Board Meeting

Oct 30 – Deadline to apply for Absentee Ballot by mail to Beaufort County Voter Registration Office. Warning: voters should apply at least one week prior to election day.

Oct 31 – Last Saturday prior to General Election. County boards must hold absentee voting hours from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

## **NOVEMBER**

Nov 2 – Deadline to vote absentee in person for General Election.

Nov 3 – General Election. Polls open 7:00am – 7:00pm.

Nov 5 – Deadline for military and overseas citizens by mail ballot return. Ballot must be mailed no later than 7:00pm on Nov 3rd.

Nov 12 – Monthly Meeting, 6-7:30pm, Beth Israel Synagogue, Scott St

Nov 24 – Board Meeting

## **DECEMBER**

Dec 10 – Holiday Social – TBD

Dec 16 – Last day for Qrtly Newsletter Submissions

## Donations for \$100 for 100 Years

Thank you to all who have donated so far to our \$100 for 100 Years Campaign. If you have not, please consider making your tax deductible contribution to our Centennial Fundraiser.



## \$100 FOR 100 YEARS



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Contribution can be mailed to LWVB, P.O. Box 13, St. Helena Island, SC 29920 or via Google Pay by emailing [lwwbeaufort@gmail.com](mailto:lwwbeaufort@gmail.com).

**Every little bit helps support advocacy efforts to make voting easy and elections fair, providing non-partisan information on candidates, and protecting the rights of voters.**  
Thank you for your support!

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## Thank you for your Support

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