

## Co-President's Message

In May, we gathered for our annual meeting at Occasions for dinner, a business meeting, and a very interesting presentation of the progress of the Green Crescent Trail by our very own Heidi Williams. Lots of new places to walk, bike, and enjoy nature as work progresses. We also elected board members, passed a budget, and approved the local program.



Holley Ulbrich

We presented the Spirit of Democracy Award to **Janet Marsh** for many years of League work at both the state and local level. Many of you who have joined in the past decade got to know Janet as membership chair. She is also engaged in many different leadership roles, including coordinator of the communications team, an advocate on health and child welfare, as well as safe and fair elections.

Mark your calendars for our annual kickoff of the League year with the Women's Equality Day event at our usual meeting place, the OLLI Building at Patrick Square, on Tuesday, August 15th at 7 p.m.

The theme this year is "Beyond the Vote," as we honor as guests our sisters who hold elective office in our two counties. They serve on city and county councils and school boards. You will have a chance to meet them, express your appreciation and ask about their work. We will also have an opportunity for you to consider some of the ways you may want to participate in the next year as we hear from the leaders of our various teams and working groups.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. Come eat, drink and be merry with us as we launch another year of determined effort to make democracy work.

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### *THE VOTER*

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### OFFICERS:

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Sandra Land, Vice President,  
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Allison Ranson, Secretary

Elaine Laiewski, Treasurer

Liz Vogt, *The Voter*

Elected and Appointed Directors  
will be announced at the August  
meeting.

## Calendar of Events

August 15	“Beyond the Vote”	7 p.m., OLLI
September 19	Censorship and Book Bans	7 p.m., OLLI
October	Candidate forums	TBA
November 7	Municipal Elections	Oconee & Pickens Counties
<i>OLLI Building</i>	<i>578 Issaqueena Trail, 100 Thomas Green Clemson Boulevard, Clemson (864-633-5242)</i>	

### YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

It’s time to pay your LWVOP membership dues: \$60 for a primary membership plus \$30 for each additional household membership, \$10 for a student membership. Your LWVOP membership dues cover our operating expenses in your local area, and your memberships in the LWV of South Carolina and the National League.

Bring your dues payment to a meeting in August or September or

- mail a check to: LWVOP PO Box 802 Clemson, SC 29633.
- click on the JOIN button at the top of our website to renew your membership via PayPal. There is a \$2 fee.
- use the Bill Pay section of your bank or credit card.

*Submitted by Elaine Laiewski*

### “JUST ONE THING”

*A monthly tip will be appearing in The VOTER as well as on the LWVOP website at [lwwop.org](http://lwwop.org). Be on the lookout for our monthly TIP and remember “Every Day is Earth Day!”*

### TIP OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

**Want to save money while saving our planet? You can do this by changing your light bulbs at home from incandescent to LED (light emitting diode).**

## Voter Service Luncheon - August 12

Are you interested in participating in one of the most important services that we do in the League of Women Voters? Please join me for lunch on August 12th to learn about voter service and socialize with other league members. We will convene on this Saturday at my home, 510 Bentbrook Lane, in Clemson at noon, enjoy each other's company, and get ready for National Voter Registration Day - September 19th. Put this on your calendar and there will be more information later.

In League,

Cheryl Lee

### In Memoriam

The League of Women Voters of Oconee-Pickens mourns the death of longtime member **Elinor Baron** and her husband **Bill** in April 2023. They died just ten days apart in Boulder, Colorado, where they moved about five years ago after almost 50 years in Clemson. Bill was a professor in engineering at Clemson and Elinor was a real estate agent for the all-woman--owned Carolina Real Estate.

Elinor was a gracious hostess for many League events at her home, a long-time treasurer of our local League, and active in many roles over the years. When they moved to Colorado, she joined the Boulder League.

Elinor and Bill had three children, **Jeff** in San Diego, **Sondra** in Boulder, **Loren** in Raleigh, North Carolina, and three grandchildren.

### LWVOP Website and Facebook Page

Check out the LWVOP website at [lwvop.org](http://lwvop.org) and the Facebook page at: <https://bit.ly/3EAGc11>. Facebook may be accessed either through this link or go to the LWVOP homepage at [lwvop.org](http://lwvop.org). The LWVOP calendar is continually updated to include information for the following meetings in both Oconee and Pickens counties – Board of Voter Registration and Election Board, School Board meetings, County Council meetings, and the LWVSC Advocacy Team Update meeting. You will find the links to both the LWVOP and State calendar on the LWVOP homepage. Also, you may be interested in what other South Carolina state leagues are doing. Events for other leagues can be found under the tab, "Events."

*Submitted by Carol Asalon*

*Clemson City Council  
1st and 3rd Monday, 6:30 pm*

*Pickens County School Board  
4th Monday, 7:00 pm*

*Seneca City Council  
2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm*

*Oconee County School Board  
3rd Monday, 6:00 pm*

*Pickens County Council  
1st Monday, 6:30 pm*

**Are you missing current information on league events or breaking news on league issues?**

**Visit our updated website [LWVOP.ORG](http://LWVOP.ORG)  
Follow us on Facebook!  
Access Facebook at [LWVOP.ORG](http://LWVOP.ORG)**

## **Contribution Form**

League of Women Voters of Oconee and Pickens Counties LWVOP, 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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