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» UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 7, Midlands Gives, all day at SEGRA at Spirit Communications Park. This will be a fun and celebratory event that will bring together the over 400 Midlands nonprofits who are participating this year. And, give any day. More on page [5](#).

Thursday, May 23, 5:30 pm Annual Meeting at Pat Forbis' home. See details [→](#)



ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY

MAY 23 AT 5:30 pm



Pat Forbis and Joel Duncan have generously agreed to host the League in their beautiful home at 1620 Adger Road. Consider carpooling with other League members to make parking easier for everyone.

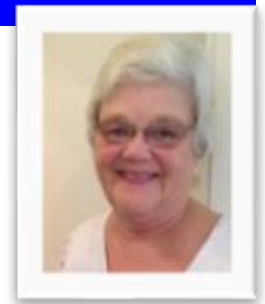
Please bring an easy-to-eat finger food to share. Good choices are a favorite protein, heavy hors d'oeuvre, snack, or dessert. Wine and other beverages will be provided. You could help with the planning by sending an email to Susan James: (sc.susanbjames@gmail.com) indicating what you plan to bring. That would give the hosts an idea about what else might be needed, and you can always make a last-minute substitution, if necessary.

Besides enjoying some good food and social time, we will elect officers, consider a possible change to the bylaws, and make plans for next year's program for the local League. In addition, Keller Barron has agreed to give a brief summary of what she learned as one of 20 LWVUS delegates to the 63rd Conference of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.



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*VIEW FROM RIVER'S EDGE**Janelle Rivers*

YEAR-END HIGHLIGHTS: The League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area (Columbia League) is delighted to have many talented new members, and we appreciate the faithfulness of long-time members who continue to support the League of Women Voters with their volunteer work, advocacy, and contributions. Since the 2017 convention, the Columbia League has grown steadily from 111 members to 179. With thanks to all who have contributed time, talents, and treasure, here is a brief summary of what the local League has done in the past year.

Local Government and Observer Corps: Establishing an active, functioning Observer Corps continues to be our local priority. Our able secretary, Sharon Ayling procured large identification badges for members to wear when they are representing the League as observers and at public events. Observer Corps members have observed various local government groups of their choosing, including school boards and delegation meetings. From the outset, the League focused especially on the Richland County Election Commission, whose members were all fired by the governor in February 2019. In addition, observers have paid special attention to Richland County Council because their decisions have been another source of controversy and legal problems. Board member, Lady June Cole, has picked up responsibility for organizing and publishing the reports from our observers in the newsletter. We need to monitor delegation meetings, Recreation Commission meetings, school board meetings, and City Council meetings as well. This is a meaningful and interesting activity. Long-time members enjoy it, and it's very helpful for new League members who may be interested in learning more about how local government functions.

Voter Guides, VOTE411, and Candidate Forums: Another high priority for our League was getting out the vote. In 2018, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina (LWVSC) asked local Leagues to develop voter guides by licensing and promoting the League's VOTE411 software. Melissa Augsburg and Keller Barron agreed to take on the responsibility for technical management and candidate information, respectively, with help from a committee of talented League members: Debbie Dickinson, Anne Mellen, Elizabeth Jones, and Rachel Dieter. The implementation of VOTE411, beginning with a press conference in May 2018, provided information to voters for the June primaries and the November election. In the primaries, 66 of 132 candidates submitted information; in the general election, 52 of 102 candidates did so. Statistics from the website show that the League's work attracted 14,247 hits for the towns and cities in Richland and Lexington Counties from January through November of 2018.

The Columbia League hosted five candidate forums, coordinated by Cynthia Flynn. Four were forums for school district candidates, and one was a collaboration with River Bluff High School students to host a forum with candidates for U.S. House District Two.

The Columbia League provided students with copies of the League's debate-watching criteria and wrote two questionnaires to support voter education—one about issues and one about motivation for choice of candidates

Voter Registration and Voter Information: Under the leadership of Margaret Anne DuBose in 2017-18 and Barbara Beeler in 2018-19, the League held numerous voter registration events, including meaningful opportunities for League members to help register voters at three local naturalization ceremonies. Members participated in National Voter Registration Day and Anita Hill party activities both years. In 2018-19, they staffed an information and voter registration table at educational conferences and events in several school districts, as well as other community activities, including: March for Our Lives, Open Streets, Rise for Climate, Eau Claire 2018 Unity Festival, sensible-gun-legislation advocacy training at Shandon Presbyterian Church, and Rise Up: The Rally for Reproductive Rights, where LWV-Columbia Area was a co-sponsor.

In recent years, Carol Robinson, Pat Mohr, Harriet Williams, Margaret Anne DuBose, and Janelle Rivers in collaboration with Albert Robertson, social studies director in Lexington County School District One, developed and refined presentations that offered information about the League and voter registration opportunities to high school students. Following up on their work, Pat and Harriet recently revised the materials based on evaluation feedback from the schools. The revised materials, which were arranged to lead students through an online voter registration process, were shared in fall 2018 with social studies coordinators in all South Carolina school districts. They could be used by teachers of U.S. History and Economics courses for seniors reaching the age of voter registration.

Public Policy Luncheons: Our third-Thursday Public Policy Luncheons, ably coordinated by Susan James, continued as smoothly and efficiently as ever. Topics for the Columbia League's monthly programs included an Analysis of Fall 2018 Election Results by Professor Mark Tompkins; his slides were posted at lwvcolumbiasc.org. In April, Representative Seth Rose provided a detailed legislative update.

Public Forums: On alternate months, under the leadership of JoAnne Day and Rita Paul, the Columbia League co-sponsored early-evening public events at the main Richland Library. Along with the Women's Rights and Empowerment Network, the League and Richland Library hosted a panel on "The Need for Women's Voices in Today's World" in fall 2018. In spring 2019, the Columbia League and the Richland Library hosted a popular forum, "Does my vote even count?" The panel comprised four legislators and League experts on voting technology and redistricting.

In March, the public was invited to join League members for a tour of the exhibit "Justice for All: South Carolina and the American Civil Rights Movement" at USC's Thomas Cooper Library in the Hollings Political Collections area. Michael Weisenburg, Ph.D., led the group through the exhibit, followed by a group discussion led by Terris Riley and an opportunity for lunch on campus.

Public Information and Advocacy: In spring 2019, Columbia League member and state League volunteer lobbyist Lynn Teague continued to spend countless hours advocating for bills that were aligned with the League's formally adopted policies.

The Columbia League continued its efforts to develop improved criteria and processes for redistricting prior to the 2020 census. Sally Boyd served as scheduler for the group who present the LWVSC redistricting information to other organizations on request, including Lynn Teague, Anne Sinclair, JoAnne Day, Phyllis Jones, Candy Waites, Lady June Cole, Laura Woliver, and Janelle Rivers. Presentations to local groups since last May included Chapin Group, Northeast Democrat Club, two sororities for professional educators, the SC for Ed State Conference, and Blythewood Democrats.

Janelle Rivers provided testimony on behalf of LWVSC at House and Senate subcommittee hearings on education bills. She also spoke on behalf of the Columbia League at events sponsored by the Community Relations Council and assisted with a policy event with legislators for about 200 educators in Lexington County School District One.

Several League members have had letters to the editor published under their own names advocating for policies that the League supports. Chester Sansbury has continued to represent the League and keep us informed about environmental issues. Lill Mood has continued to advocate for better public transit opportunities in Richland and Lexington Counties. We have no way to count and report the number of local League members who have responded to alerts by contacting their legislators to advocate as citizens, but we know that many members have done so.

A number of Columbia League members responded to our call to attend the subcommittee hearing on the fetal heartbeat bill March 21. Three League members spoke as citizens. Kim Baker read testimony from a citizen in Murrells Inlet who could not attend. Laura Woliver and Pat Forbis testified as to the wastefulness of passing a bill already found to be unconstitutional.

Member Meetings: In August of 2018, we held a training retreat for the Board. Renee Graham hosted the League's kick-off meeting at the Woodland Estates Clubhouse. The kick-off meeting included a game - Laura Woliver's version of League Jeopardy - to inform members of decisions made at the 2018 national convention.

The Columbia League held its planning meeting in February at the Lourie Center. Pat Forbis and Joel Duncan have continued to offer their beautiful home as an elegant setting for the League's social events for members at May and December.

Ongoing Work: Janie White has continued to manage the membership roster and coordinate with the national office. She and her husband, Robin, have quietly worked behind the scenes year after year to provide many kinds of support, including quantities of printed materials for the local League.

Budget committee chair Missy Caughman and members Ann Maletic and Marianne McGrath made improvements to our processes in preparing the budget for 2019-20.

Thanks to nominating committee chair Marianne McGrath and committee members Pat Manley, Susan James, Christina Goodwin, and Lady June Cole for their work in developing a capable slate of officers for next year. Marianne also led orientation sessions in fall and spring to explain League processes, help new members get acquainted, and learn about their skills and interests.

In spring and fall 2018 and spring 2019, Laura Woliver recruited an intern from USC to assist with various League projects.

Newsletter, Publicity: The League could not function without its excellent communications and publications staff. Suzanne Rhodes, editor, and Pat Manley, layout coordinator, continued to manage the newsletter process, which is critical to keeping members informed. Cheryl Sigmon and Betsy Oakman have managed copy editing and proofreading. Susan Cirulli, as Communications Chair, has coordinated prompt communication with members for announcements and alerts. Pam Craig has faithfully drafted summaries of public events for the newsletter. Christina Goodwin has continued to manage our website (www.lwvcolumbiasc.org) and help us keep up with our Facebook and Twitter accounts (@lwvcolumbiasc).

The League Runs On Volunteer Power!: Naming all of the wonderful members who have volunteered their time in so many ways would be nearly impossible. The League could not function without your dedicated efforts. With deep appreciation for all members who have volunteered their help, and especially for those who have accepted leadership responsibilities in various ways, I thank you for trusting me to serve as your president for the past two years. We have a strong, capable group of local leaders, and I am confident that the Columbia League will continue to support and educate voters and advocate for better government as we approach the century mark—and plan for the next hundred years.



MIDLANDS GIVES – COLUMBIA LEAGUE’S FIRST-TIME COLLABORATION WITH THE ONLINE FUNDRAISER May 7 - Update: Our goal of \$2,000 is to be used for Voter Education and Registration.

Scheduled donations may be made to the League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area Midlands Gives site beginning April 23, 2019. These donation transactions will not be processed on your credit card until Midlands Gives Day, May 7, 2019, when donations will be credited from the public from 6 am to midnight. All donations are online and must be made by credit card. There is a minimum donation amount of \$20.

All online donations will be made to the Central Carolina Community Foundation which in turn will grant our nonprofit with the amount we raised minus the fees for credit card processing. 501c3 tax-deductible letters will be sent by the Central Carolina Community Foundation to the individuals who use an EIN number to donate. We will be notified of the contact information of all donations and donation amounts, and we are strongly encouraged to follow up with a thank you letter or phone call. We need to recruit members to hand write these thank you notes from the Columbia League.

If an individual does not want to pay by credit card online but wants to send a check to the League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area they will not be accounted for by the Central Carolina Community Foundation, and will be considered the “halo” effect of the fundraiser that benefits our nonprofit.

We need volunteers to be at the Midlands Gives Day event all day on May 7, 2019, at SEGRA at Spirit Communications Park. They will not allow us to have table and chairs set up with materials as they have in the past, but we are invited to attend. There will be media present all day to cover the event, and we need to have members present who can talk with the media about the League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area. This will be a fun and celebratory event that will bring together the over 400 Midlands nonprofits who are participating this year.

We need League members to sign up with Anita Baker to be present during the Midlands Gives Day at SEGRA Park during the following shifts, 5:00 am – 9:00 am, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm, and 10:00 pm – 11:30 pm. Anita Baker will be there all day and at the beginning of each shift to meet you and to gather the group together for possible visibility with the media present at SEGRA Park.

We have two Media representatives for the Midlands Gives Day at SEGRA Park on May 7, 2019. Keller Barron will be present from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm to speak to the media, and Professor Laura Woliver will be present at the Midlands Gives event for the media from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

One of the fundraising methods used in Midlands Gives is matching donations. We would like to ask the Board members to join together to donate the first \$1000, and this can serve as an incentive match for the public.

Also, please ask Anita if you are interested in creating your own Champion Page. This would be your own site connected with our Midlands Gives site that you can use to reach out to your personal contacts for the cause of the League.

Our site address is <https://www.midlandsgives.org/LWVVColumbiaArea> and can also be accessed on the Midlands Gives website www.midlandsgives.org under “Discover Nonprofits.”

Please visit the site to review our application. You will also find the links to the League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area Facebook and Twitter pages and website, along with a link to the email address.

We will begin to reach out to members of the Columbia League through Facebook and Twitter announcements. We have already published an announcement in the March 2019 and the April 2019 League Lines.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this fundraising event! Let’s work to reach our goal of \$2000.

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ANNUAL MEETING: The Nominating Committee consisting of Marianne McGrath, Pat Manley, Susan James, Christina Goodwin, and Lady June Cole will be submitting the following slate to the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area on May 23:

Terms Expiring in 2020: 2nd VP JoAnne Day

Director Anita Baker

Terms Expiring in 2021: President Laura Woliver

1st VP Elizabeth Jones

Secretary Sharon Ayling

Director Charmaine Clowney

Director Janelle Rivers

Director Sally Boyd

They will join the current Board members, whose terms expire in 2020:

Treasurer Ann Maletic

Director Christina Goodwin

Director Missy Caughman

Director Lady June Cole

Director Susan Cirulli

The membership will also be asked to approve the Nominating Committee for next year:

Committee Chair Marianne McGrath

Committee Member Patricia Manley

Committee Member Susan James

VOTE ALLOCATIONS FOR DECISIONS BY RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION: Many League members at the April Public Policy Luncheon were surprised to learn that weighted votes are used for some decisions made by the Richland County Delegation. As a follow-up to our meeting, Candy Waites has obtained a table showing how votes for such delegation decisions are allocated.

The proportions in the table below were calculated by the Budget and Control Board, which creates a master file of voting weights for all counties and districts. Our sources indicate that seniority does not enter into the calculation for weighted voting.

Scott (13.06%)	Hart (4.97%)
Harpootlian (10.02%)	Rutherford (4.78 %)
Jackson (13.04%)	Finlay (4.83%)
McLeod (12.60%)	Howard (4.96 %)
McElveen (1.28%)	Garvin (4.97%)
McDaniel (.58 %)	Bernstein (4.88 %)
Neal (2.71%)	Thigpen (4.97%)
Ballentine (4.51%)	Bales (2.90%)
Rose (4.93%)	Total: 99.99%

Allocating votes of delegation members is complicated by the fact that legislators' districts typically stretch across county boundaries. Part of the issue involves the concept of one-person, one-vote. One argument for weighted voting is that proportional voting is the best way to ensure adequate and appropriate representation for voters in high-population areas.

There have been at least two court decisions related to votes within county delegations in South Carolina: *Mitchell v. Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation* and *Vander Linden v. Hodges*. The latter was appealed from the South Carolina Supreme Court and decided by the 4th Circuit in a split decision in 1999.

Another court decision that may have some relevance is *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533 (1964). Known informally as the one-person, one-vote rule, that decision supports the idea that one person's voting power ought to be roughly equivalent to another person's voting power within the state; therefore, legislative voting districts must be the same in population size.

Local League members are continuing to research this issue. The possibility of a formal League study of voting by members of county delegations is under consideration. If the Board recommends a local study at its May Board Meeting, the membership will have an opportunity to vote on the question at the Annual Meeting of LWV-Columbia on May 23.

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APRIL PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS



Representative Seth Rose of Richland County House District 72 devoted most of his time at our April Public Policy Luncheon to answering written questions presented to him. There was a wide-range of questions, and members were engaged in some intense discussion relating to some aspects of current bills. So, I am going to say, "You missed a good one."

Let me start by saying a few things about him. He was raised by his mother and did not meet his father until he was twenty-five years old. He and his wife have three children and a dog named Waffles. There is more information about him in the April issue of *League Lines*.

Rep. Rose is new to the State Legislature, having previously served on the Richland County Council. One of his accomplishments at the county level was increased transparency in government, and he began that by having the city's cable channel broadcast the council meetings. He described the struggle within County Council over requiring roll call votes. Originally, County Council voted 9-2 against, but, a month later, with support from the media, the vote changed, and now roll call votes are standard.

In November 2018, Rep. Rose was elected to represent House District 72, the seat formerly held by Rep. James Smith. Three bills he has sponsored have been passed already, an unusual record for a new House member.

Rep. Rose recognized the work the League does and particularly gave a “shout out” to Lynn Teague and Candy Waites. He serves on the Judiciary and Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committees.

Questions and answers - Janelle started us off by asking written questions from the audience about redistricting, and Seth responded by talking about factors that affect the way districts are drawn. As we get closer to 2020, a census year, this issue of redistricting, which can lead to gerrymandering, will become more and more a topic of debate.

Rep. Rose pointed out how much he is learning about government. One question related to the way that Senate rules differ from House rules. One rule in the Senate that does not exist in the House is that senators can put their names on a bill to stop its progress. If a senator stops a bill in this way, a two-thirds vote of the Senate is required before the bill can come to the floor for a vote.

One member asked about open primaries which the League favors. Another member submitted a question about whether he found that representatives are expected to trade votes. Rep. Rose responded that such vote trading would be illegal. He did say that he makes decisions and votes based on what he thinks is right.

Another member asked about voting for judges, which led to a discussion about how our judicial representatives are chosen by our elected representatives. Because so much is in the hands of your representative, Rep. Rose believes every citizen should study the policy positions of candidates before going to the polls and use that information to decide which candidates deserve their votes.

Seth talked about the fiscal impact of the fetal heartbeat bill (H3020) on the state if it were to pass and go through litigation. Since it is presently going through the court systems in other states, he hopes a decision will be made by the courts before South Carolina joins the legal process. Judge Gergel is anticipated to rule on a related issue and perhaps void the heartbeat bill. There was discussion about providing more funding for housing, particularly after the events that took place at Allen/Benedict Court. Banning plastic bags is another issue he dealt with as a County Council member, and he believes that is an issue that should be decided locally.

An open discussion with League members present would not be complete without a discussion about education. In debates over the House version of the current education bill, Rep. Rose supported the 10% pay raise for teachers and “Teacher Bill of Rights.” At present, there is a bill to put \$150 million into those schools identified in the “Corridor of Shame” and to provide incentives for teachers who will work in those districts by offering free tuition if their children choose to attend a four-year state institution. There was debate on whether or not private entities would be allowed to take over failing schools, but Rep. Rose said that is not in the current bill. At present, Representative Rose feels the bill is 75% good and he supports it.

The last question was about “Home Rule” and the relationships among the delegation, County Council, and appointed bodies, such as the Election Commission and Recreation Commission.

Did you know that the voting power of each member of the Richland County delegation in choosing candidates for the Election Commission is based on the size of the district and length of time that legislator has served? We are all learning.

I have to admit that because our discussions at these luncheons are so interesting, there are times when I forget to take complete notes. If others who were present noted something that I omitted or presented incorrectly, I would appreciate your notifying me so that corrections can be posted in the next issue.

_Pam Craig



OBSERVER CORPS APRIL 2019 SUBMISSION BY L. J. COLE February 24, 2019

3/18/19 Lexington/Richland 5 School Board

Observer: Susan Mathis

The meeting began by spotlighting Chapin Middle School and the \$24,000 collected for The United Way. The Office of Instruction discussed the school Choice #2 which includes magnet schools, choice programs, and Montessori programs. #LeaD5 and professional development for teachers was also discussed.

Public participation included issues on behavioral conflicts and purchases for new schools and land. Action on the following three agenda items were approved. Action as necessary/appropriate on Executive Session items; new board policy for resource officers; and 2018-2019 make-up days.

The discussion agenda included raising new teachers’ salaries to \$35,000 and giving a 4% raise to all other teachers. Health insurance will increase, and there will be a 1% increase to the amount on retirement contributions made by teachers.

3/26/19 Richland County Council

Observer: L.J. Cole

Administration & Finance: The committee meeting was chaired by the Honorable Joyce Dickerson. The Honorable Yvonne McBride expressed her concerns during a discussion of the hiring of staff for the new administrator. She felt that the new administrator should be allowed to select some of his/her own staffing, while the interim administrator wants people in place prior to the start date for the new administrator. This includes his/her assistant administrator.

The Honorable Allison Terracio spoke to the need to endorse the Equal Rights Amendment. She mentioned that documented support from the counties would

empower the Senate to ratify the bill. Her proposal will be an "action item" at the next committee meeting.

4/2/19 Richland County Council

Observer: Dale Baer

Council unanimously passed a resolution supporting the ERA. Most interest and citizen input centered around neighborhood eyesores such as abandoned cars, blight, and commercial trucks in small yards. Over the years, neighborhoods without homeowners' associations have been asking for help from council to remedy this problem. Council members pledged to work on the problems in committee for Council's consideration at the next meeting.

4/16/19 Richland County Council

Observer: Dale Baer

Acting County Administrator Thompson presented an actionable item in his report, asking permission from Council for an aviation organization to host an overnight stay at the airport. Actionable items are to be presented to Council under strict rules and Councilmen Manning and Malinowski took issue with breaking those rules. The planned event occurs too soon to allow for the item to be presented correctly and subsequently cannot take place as planned. Council did not waive its rules to vote on this matter. It must take the time to go through proper procedures.

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OUR ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY: Times are different now for environmental protection and concern for our natural resources as another "earth day" passes us by. We have come from extinction of the Carolina parakeet, threats to pelicans and eagles from DDT, mercury contamination of fish and fish consumption advisories, filling of wetlands, stormwater runoff contamination and water quality harm from poorly treated waste discharges, flooding, and now constant emphasis on climate change and what to do about it. Political divides on climate change along party lines is much different now than the nonpartisanship on broad environmental protection efforts of the early seventies. Most environmental organizations of today did not exist in the early 70s.

There are few environmental champions in the political realm, especially at the national level. LWV efforts and that of many other nonprofit organizations in SC do make a difference. Here are a few quotes that reflect the environmental legacy we have inherited:

The Congress, the Administration and the public all share a profound Commitment to the rescue of our natural environment, and the preservation of

the Earth as a place both habitable by and hospitable to man.-President Richard Nixon (1913-1994), "Reorganization Plan No. 3," message to Congress About establishing EPA, July 1970

It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one destiny, affects all indirectly.-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), Christmas Eve sermon, 1967 Chester Sansbury, Environmental Chair

BY SAMMY FRETWELL APRIL 03, 2019 - Stinging toxic goo threatens boaters, wildlife on Congaree. SCE&G is key to cleanup. *Coal tar polluting the bottom of the Congaree River has been the source of concern for years. SCE&G, a division of Dominion Energy, is working on a plan to clean up the toxic muck. also TIM DOMINICK - in part, as follows*

COLUMBIA :Cleaning up a toxic mess in the Congaree River has left regulators and a prominent utility struggling for answers since a kayaker stepped in the stinging black goo nine years ago.

Now, the state's environmental agency and SCE&G have settled on a cleanup plan that would eliminate 70 percent of the mucky coal tar that drained into the river from an old gas plant in the early to mid-20th Century.

SCE&G has revived a version of a plan to clean up the mess, rather than leave it on the river bottom. The proposal calls for construction of temporary dams in two sections of the Congaree to divert the river while excavation occurs. Excavation equipment would scoop up the polluted muck and deposit it in dump trucks which would haul the material to an approved landfill.

Congaree Riverkeeper Bill Stangler said, however, that leaving the pollution-riddled coal tar in the river is not the answer. "What I don't want us to start thinking here is it is OK to leave this toxic coal tar for every future generation to have to deal with," Stangler said. "That is what the cap would have done and that is what doing nothing does. At the end of the day, while we can't get every speck of coal tar out, making sure that the next kid that walks down 100 yards from here doesn't have to worry if they are standing in toxic coal tar is the end goal."

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PHOTO GALLERY



Deborah Hotchkiss, Candy Waites, Seth Rose, and Delaine Frierson at the public policy luncheon on April 18, 2019

Keller Barron at the UN: Keller was invited to attend the CSW (Commission on the Status of Women) held at the UN in New York City on March 22, 2019 (see photos on the following page).



Keller at the CSW63 at the UN in New York City.



Keller and colleague

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING HOSTED BY JANELLE RIVERS IN HER HOME:



Amy Mikell and Janelle Rivers



Margaret Buchanan and Charmaine Clowney

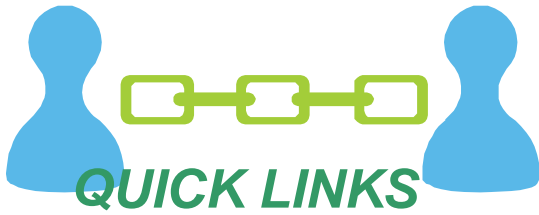


Mary Virginia Tynan and Kim Baker



Mary Edmonds, Marie Virginia Tynan, Kim Baker and Leslie Dillon





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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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1. Go to YOUR Twitter account and search for the League of Women Voters Columbia Area and connect.

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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.



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Meet: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 4:30 PM 2nd Floor County

Administration Building 212 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29072

For confirmation of meeting dates, please call 785-8103 or check website www.lex-co.com



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