



The Voter, January 2026

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 5, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
LWVSC Legislative Update

Wednesday, January 7, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
LWVOP Board Meeting
Zoom: Contact Pat Spurlock for link

Tuesday, January 13, 4:00 p.m.
LWVOP Discussion Group
2 Birch Place, Clemson, SC
Members and their guests are welcome.

Tuesday, January 20, 4:00 p.m.
LWVOP General Meeting:
"Program Planning Primer: The Whys and
How Tos of Local and National Programming"
Zoom only

Saturday, January 24, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
LWVSC League Education & Advocacy Day (LEAD)
Midlands Technical College, Beltline Campus
316 S. Beltline Blvd., Columbia, SC
Registration ends Wednesday, January 14.

Saturday, January 31, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Local and National Program Planning
Clemson United Methodist Church
300 Frontage Rd., Clemson

Click for a list of local Public Meetings

We must show our interest and determination to make a difference in the current political environment. Please make an effort to attend some of these meetings.

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LWVOP Discussion Group

Video presentation by Celina Stuart, CEO of LWVUS, followed by discussion

Celina Stuart gave this very well received presentation at the Chautauqua Institution in New York state this past summer. We think it is an excellent presentation to get us energized for the 2026 midterm elections and look forward to a discussion of issues around "making democracy work."

Parking is limited, carpool if possible. Call or text [Ruth Reed](#) if you want a ride or can offer one. 814-251-4163.

LEAD: League Education and Advocacy Day

Network with League members across the state and experience an exciting agenda sure to inform and energize you. Hear from our three volunteer lobbyists at the State House and get

ready to mobilize voters as we look toward the crucial June primary elections. Register today! Space is limited. Registration closes January 14.

A group from the LWVOP will carpool. [Find out more and register.](#)

January Program Meeting: National and Local Programming (members only)

We will meet this Saturday morning at the Clemson United Methodist Church to accommodate members who are unable to attend weeknight meetings and to allow more time to set priorities for 2026-27. The Board will provide beverages and breakfast treats.

Join the Observer Corps

Sue Blount is one of our most dedicated observers. If she is not at the Oconee County Council meeting, she is watching the livestream on her laptop. Here Sue describes her attendance at an Oconee County School Board meeting.

“My husband and I attended the November 10 meeting of the OCSB. This is our favorite meeting to attend. Before each meeting a group of students presents an extra activity, they are part of and any awards or honors they receive. Then two schools get to brag about what is happening in their schools.

OCSB got great grades on the state report card. However, because Oconee County is a “wealthy” county (?!?) the state may reduce funding. A wealthy county is defined as having too large ratio of teachers to students. If the funding is reduced, OCSB may have to ask for a mill levy increase of 0.1 to 13.7 with a goal of 3.2.

This is an engaging board that welcomes new attendees and treats the regulars as friends. During the meeting the members exchange information in an open and conversational manner. If anyone would like to attend with me, please let me know. The Observer Corps needs you.”

If you’re interested in helping with the Observer Corps, reach out to [Sue Blount](#).

Membership Renewals

Wondering how you will know if it’s time to renew your membership? You will receive an email notice from LWVUS shortly before your membership expires (one year from your last dues

payment). To renew, go to LWVOP.org, click on JOIN/RENEW, and pay by credit card. If you have difficulty, contact [Janet Marsh](#) or [Ruth Reed](#). —*Ruth Reed*

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Want to Submit to the Voter?

We are always looking for great content to share with our members. If you have something you wish to share, including the great work being done by League members, let us know! We need the content submitted by the 21st of each month for inclusion. You can email your submissions to [Pat](#) or [Christine](#).

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