

The Voter October 2025

Calendar of Events

October 16, 2025, 6:30 pm

Seneca City Council Candidate Forum
Seneca High School Auditorium, Seneca, SC

October 23, 2025, 6:30 pm

Central Mayor and Town Council Candidate Forum
Central Town Hall, Central, SC

October 21, 2025, 4:00 pm

“How County Government Works”
Ken Roper, Pickens County Administrator and Claiborne Linville
United Methodist Church of Clemson
300 Frontage Road Clemson, SC 29631

[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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President's Message

We are well into the odd-numbered, mid-term election season. And, it seems as if we have not stopped since the 2024 elections.

We are beginning to hear from incumbents and challengers for next year's congressional and gubernatorial races. It will be nonstop election advertising next November. All levels of the League are in full gear. So, buckle your seat belts, we're in for a bumpy ride.

There are several contested municipal elections in Oconee and Pickens Counties. Candidate forums are scheduled for two of the jurisdictions—Seneca and Central.

The Seneca City Council Candidate Forum, sponsored by LWVOP and NAACP, will be on Thursday, October 16, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Seneca High School Auditorium. The ballot candidates competing for the available four council seats are Dan Alexander, Lekesha Benson, Kenneth Eckerson, Dana Moore, Ernest Riley, and Kathleen St. John.

On Thursday, October 23, LWVOP and NAACP will sponsor a Central Mayor and Town Council Candidate Forum. The forum will be held at Central Town Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Doug Barry, Daniel Evatt, Robert Griffin, and Sara Paige Hudson Bowers are competing for three town council seats.

The next monthly meeting, October 21, 4:00 p.m., at the Clemson United Methodist Church, will also be the first of four meetings open to the public. The topic will be "County Government: How does it work in a traditionally rural upstate South Carolina which is rapidly expanding into more urban communities?"

Our guest speakers will be Ken Roper, Pickens County Administrator and Claiborne Linville, former Pickens County Councilwoman.

— *Pat Spurlock*

Take Action! Volunteer for Voter Services.

A huge **THANK YOU** to those members who volunteered
at our Monthly Program meetings!!

Identify your strengths, whether it be organizing, listening, writing, creativity, leadership or speaking to groups and take action to save our country by volunteering!

Your commitment is short-term. Preparation for the 2026 mid-terms may be busier than usual due to the importance of these elections. Depending on the number of scheduled presentations and voter registration events, the timeframe may begin March 2026 and go through election day November 2026.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered already, we are well on our way to building teams of 10 – 15 volunteers in both counties.

Here is a link to the Volunteer Opportunity form. Important - please check the box for Oconee or Pickens Counties as we need to build a team in each county. Volunteers are needed in each area listed on this form but there are 2 critical areas to fill for the league to effectively move forward. Please consider them.

- Lead the Voter Registration/Civic Education team in Oconee County only.
- Candidate Forum Leader (in Pickens County only) – organize, find venue, contact candidates.

TAKE ACTION NOW to fight for the future of this country. Your volunteering provides connections to others and provides positive activities during these stressful times.

If you have questions or are ready to scan your form and send, contact Carol Asalon.

Thank you for volunteering!

Join the Observer Corps

We're looking for volunteers who want to make a difference by promoting transparency, accountability, and informed engagement in our community. As part of the Observer Team, you'll attend public meetings, take notes on the proceedings, and share key insights with fellow members.

This role is perfect for anyone who:

- Enjoys staying informed about local issues
- Wants to contribute in a meaningful but flexible way
- Values fairness, transparency, and civic engagement

Training and guidance will be provided, so no prior experience is necessary. Your commitment can be tailored to your availability.

If you're interested in learning more or signing up, please reach out to:

- For Oconee County: Sue Blount

- For Pickens County: [Sharon Morgenroth Burns](#)

Together, we can help ensure our members stay informed and engaged!

LWVOP Book Club

October 28, 1 pm

Conference Room, Central Clemson Public Library, 105 Commons Way, Central, SC

Join Holley Ulbrich, Eleanor Hare, and Ruth Reed for a discussion of "Who Is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service" by Michael Lewis. LWV members and friends are invited.

If you are interested, but you can't attend this session, email [Ruth Reed](#) and include what format (in person, zoom) would work for you) and what time (morning, afternoon, evening; weekdays, weekends.) We will discuss possible times, places, and formats) at this first session.

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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New Members



Danielle Sabarese

Danielle Sabarese moved from Cincinnati Ohio, and now lives with her father, Dwight, on Lake Keowee. She has 5 cats, and they have a young rescue dog. She has para-degrees from the University of South Alabama, University of Cincinnati, Bishop State University, and a bachelor's from Florida State University.

After a brief stint in drafting, her entire career was in non-profit or volunteer work in the fields of HIV/AIDS, domestic violence and rape crisis. In 2015 she retired from Jewish Family Service in Cincinnati as a mental health case manager.

Danielle has always been politically active and remembers debating hotly in seventh grade social studies after hours spent in the library in the 70's. She looks forward to attending Atlanta Pride with her two partners every year. A reader of science and science fiction books, she also reads widely online.

She is a live-in caretaker for her dad and their bamboo forest planted on his property. She is deaf, uses sign language and email, texting and captioned facetime or zoom calls, and talks pretty for hearing people.

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](#).