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THE VOTER

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Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area

President's Message

Our League programs this spring are keeping us informed on the Affordable Health Care Act, the need for a more Diverse and Independent Judiciary and the Development of Wind Energy in South Carolina.



I hope you are all benefiting from these meetings and staying informed with relevant legislation being proposed in the SC House and Senate. **The LWV is about Education.**

As a result of the 2010 Census, **Redistricting** will occur at the state, county and local levels. As a result of increases in population, particularly in Greenville, Spartanburg, Horry, Lexington, Richland, Charleston, Dorchester and Beaufort Counties, South Carolina will acquire an additional Congressional seat. Our legislators will determine where the seventh district will occur with input from public hearings. This VOTER issue contains the schedule of the hearings. The census data will be released to the public by April 1, unfortunately after some public hearings have occurred. This should prompt additional hearings because without the data, the public cannot comment on how to draw the Congressional District lines. After this, SC House and SC Senate district lines will be structured as well as county and municipality entities. We will inquire about public hearings for these governmental units so we have a say in the process. This is **government by the people.**

Our State Convention will be held May 14-15 in Sumter. Details are listed in this issue of the Voter. Our league is entitled to seven delegates. In addition to adopting a program and budget; electing officers and directors, the chair and two members of the nominating committee; and to transact such other business, there will be activities on topics that we believe are of interest to you. Here is a sampling:

- Building our organization and developing leadership for the League's future
- Increasing voter access and ensuring election integrity in South Carolina
- Strategies to increase diversity and independence in South Carolina's courts
- Reports from LWVSC studies on school district governance and water supply
- Civics education: Inspiring SC children to be active participants in our democracy

Plan to attend LWVSC Convention and share the exhilaration of League leadership with your peers from across the state. It's also a chance to participate in grassroots democracy in the governance of the League.

~ Linda Gahan, President LWV ClemsonArea

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LWVCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 12 | LWVCA General Meeting: “A More Diverse and Independent Judiciary.” With Jennifer Howe, a representative with the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association. Central-Clemson Library (note change in venue) , Social Time begins at 7:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. |
| May 3 | LWVCA Annual Meeting, Collins Ole Town, Central, S.C., Social Time begins at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner followed by our Guest Speaker Dr. Nicholas Rigas, begins at 6:30 p.m. |
| May 14-15 | LWVSC Convention, Quality Inn Hotel, Sumter, S.C.
See pages 12 and 13 for more details about the convention and about registration information. |

LWVCA Local Program

Education: The LWVCA believes our schools should be adequately financed. Therefore, we support increased taxes, if necessary, for Pickens, Oconee and Anderson County schools.

- The LWVCA supports greater fiscal autonomy for the School Boards of Trustees in Pickens, Oconee and Anderson Counties.
- We support returning to the current structure of the Pickens County School Board with six area seats and three at-large seats.

Growth Management: We support intentional and collaborative growth management in the three county (Anderson, Oconee, Pickens) area of South Carolina. We encourage regular consultations among public agencies related to growth and development and local elected bodies—city councils, county councils, and school boards. We also encourage an open and frequent dialogue between those agencies and the general public on growth management. We support the concept of managing growth to preserve and enhance quality of life for all residents, old and new, through the effective and coordinated use of such land use management tools as conservation easements, purchase of development rights, development impact fees, and zoning where appropriate.

~ Submitted by *Holley Ulbrich*

Judicial Diversity: What's Wrong with the Judge? LWVCA April General Meeting, Tuesday, April 12

South Carolina has only five women among its 46 Circuit Court judges, and only 16 of the state's 186 judges are black.

Most SC judges are elected by state lawmakers after first having been found qualified by a 10-member Judicial Merit Selection Commission. This Commission, however, is made up primarily of SC legislators. In short, a largely male Legislature elects mostly male judges.

To find out more about improving South Carolina's system for selecting our state's judges, come to the April 12th meeting at the Clemson/Central library on Route 93. **(Please note the change in venue for this meeting.)** Our speaker will be Jennifer Howe, a Greenville, SC, attorney and a representative of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM with refreshments and an opportunity to meet our speaker. Don't miss the chance to investigate this important topic!

Wine Tasting FUNdraiser!

A HUGE Thank you goes to Dianne Haselton and her committee for an exceptional Wine Tasting FUNdraiser that netted over \$1100 for our local league. The LWVCA membership is also to be commended for supporting this effort to raise necessary funds to safeguard democracy and improve our communities. Let's Celebrate What is Exceptional about the League of Women Voters and our members who support our organization with great dedication and enthusiasm. Thanks, Dianne, for a job well done!

Status of the 2011 Directory of Public Officials for Pickens, Oconee and Anderson Counties

With the help of many leaguers in our three county area, the 2011 DPOs were updated with the current information on 2010 election results and 2011 appointments to Boards and Commissions. Duke Energy has agreed to print 150 copies for each county and these should be available in two weeks. THANK YOU DUKE ENERGY. My thanks to all who helped with these revisions.

~ Linda Gahan, President/ DPO Editor

The League of Women Voters' VOTE411.ORG

The One-Stop-Shop for All Your Election Information Needs

At www.VOTE411.org you can access:

- Polling Place Locations
- Voter Qualifications
- ID Requirements
- Election Dates
- Absentee Ballot Information & Early Voting
- Tools for Overseas Voters
- Registration Deadlines and Registration Forms
- Contact Information for Election Officials
- Data: Candidates in Federal, State & Local Races Ballot Measure Information and more!

We know your time is valuable and so is your vote! VOTE411 provides comprehensive, easy-to-access information for all your voting needs in one convenient location! Go to www.VOTE411.org, get educated, and get out and VOTE!

**LWVCA Annual Meeting and Dinner
 “South Carolina’s Energy Future”
 Tuesday, May 3
 Collins Ole Town
 228 Lawton Road, Central, SC**

By popular demand, we are returning to Collins Ole Towne. Social time will begin at 6 p.m. with wine and other beverages provided by League volunteers. (Please volunteer!) A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. If the weather cooperates, come early to look around the 1930s “rural community” that Pat Collins and Roy, her recently deceased husband, have constructed. They have a barbershop, schoolhouse and general store. There is a working sorghum mill, a Model A Ford pickup and assorted farm equipment. They also constructed a chapel, which is used for weddings.

Dr. Nicholas Rigas will discuss South Carolina’s Energy Future. Dr. Rigas is director of the renewable energy focus area of Clemson University’s Restoration Institute and Vice President of Project Development for EcoEnergy, where he is responsible for the development of more than 3000 megawatts of wind power projects throughout the Midwest and Arizona. Dr. Rigas has been leading projects to examine the bio-energy potential of SC, promote the development of bio-fuels and create an understanding and public acceptance of the coastal and offshore wind energy in SC.

Given Dr. Rigas’ responsibilities as the director of the wind turbine drive train testing facility, wind energy will be the predominant topic of the discussion. There also will be discussion about the potential for South Carolina’s future use of other renewable energy resources.

We need your reservations no later than April 25. Dinner is \$22/person. Please email your reservation to Alice Flower at alflower@bellsouth.net or phone her at 646-2603. Checks should be made out to LWVCA and mailed to PO Box 802, Clemson SC 29633.

Directions from Clemson: Take Hwy 93 North to Central. Approximately 0.1 mile past the stoplight in Central, turn left under the railroad track and immediately turn right on Gaines Street. Continue on Gaines Street beside the railroad for about one mile. When Gaines Street turns left, continue straight ahead into Collins Ole Town. (The sign says “*Collins Ole Towne, A 1930s Rural Community*”)

**Get Ready for the Raffle
 for the LWVCA Annual Meeting**

Our second, easy, fun fundraiser this spring will be the second annual raffle at the annual meeting on May 3rd. Raffle tickets can be purchased at any League event or at the door for \$2 each, 3 for \$5. You need not be present to win. Right now we have four prizes: a framed print, a book/CD combination (Carla Ulbrich, *Sick Humor* CD and *How Can You Not Laugh at a Time Like This?* book), a \$50 gift certificate to globalgiving.org, and Holley Ulbrich and Catherine Mobley's book *Our Money, Our Values*. We are looking for 6-8 additional prizes, so think about what you can contribute. Especially if you are a baker, a gardener, a quilter, a beader we would LOVE to have homemade bread, plants, something quilted, or beaded jewelry among our prizes (or other craft items). Get your donation to Holley Ulbrich by the end of April, please. Last year the raffle raised over \$300 and some folks went home with really cool prizes, so let's see if we can do even better this year!

~Submitted by *Holley Ulbrich*

**Seeking an Editor
 for the LWVCA Newsletter!**

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the LWVCA? Are you interested in learning more about how the LWVCA operates and in “being in the know” about the organization’s events? If so, you are a good candidate for becoming the new editor for the *Voter*. The current editor, Catherine Mobley, will be stepping down in August. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the LWVCA. You don't necessarily need to have any fancy graphics skills for this task, just an ability to work with MS Word. Catherine will “mentor” the incoming editor and can assist with the August edition of the newsletter to get you started. If you are interested or would like to learn more, e-mail Catherine at camoble@clemson.edu.

Recycling is Profitable and Saves Our Resources

A trip to the **Pickens County Recycling Facility** was very instructive for the six leaguers who went. Tom Ponder and Rick Reese started this facility in the 1970's. Since then it has grown to eight recycling stations: Easley, Bes Pac, Willow Springs, North Old Pendleton, Chastain Road, Dacusville, Table Rock and Midway. Curbside recycling is now available in 7 municipalities: Central, Clemson, Easley, Liberty, Norris, Pickens and Six Mile.

Items collected for recycling or reuse are aluminum and steel cans, antifreeze, appliances, batteries, cardboard, newspaper, magazines and other paper, clothing, cooking oil, farmer oil, glass (brown, clear, blue and green), paint, plastics (#1-7), tires, used motor oil, oil bottles and oil filters. Items accepted for disposal are brown goods (furniture, mattresses, box springs, sofas etc.), construction and debris, household garbage and yard trimmings. Recyclables are sold to companies in Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina to generate an annual income of \$700,000. The only landfill in Pickens County is a C & D one that takes construction goods and debris. No other land in Pickens County meets the requirements for a landfill. All the rest of the disposables are sent to Homer, Georgia at annual cost to the county of \$ 1 million dollars. So when you drive to the recycling center nearest you and deposit your trash thinking that it is free, you are mistaken. The cost is funded through your county taxes. It is estimated that at least 40% of all household trash can be recycled. Make an effort to reduce your disposable trash and increase your recyclables. It saves resources and reduces government costs (our taxes). For more information call 864 850-7092 or go to www.co.pickens.sc.us.

Another interesting fact concerns Clemson football games and what happens to the trash the ends up littering the campus and town. The CU Athletic Department hires kids to pick up the trash and deposit it in trucks that haul it to the Pickens County Solid Waste Center in Liberty. It is dumped on the floor of the baling facility where, prisoners who work at the center, sort the trash and pull out the recyclables.

~ Submitted by Linda Gahan

Voting Systems: Cost Considerations

Aside from the ethical issues of our current iVotronic voting system, which are not insignificant, the fiscal cost, too, should be considered. Several states have already studied and presented reports concerning cost (NY and MD and probably others) and have come to the overwhelming conclusion that Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting systems are far more expensive than optical scanners *even when the DRE is still under contract*.

Here's why:

- While the basic equipment cost for the DRE is less per unit, more DREs are required per precinct than are Optical Scanners (O-S) and so will cost more to outfit a precinct. An O-S needs only 2-3 secs to scan an opscan form but a voter will stand at a DRE for 3 minutes to cast her ballot. Each precinct needs only one O-S. Even a small precinct will need a handful of electronic voting systems (approximately 1 unit for ~200 registered voters).
- Technical assistance and repair are more expensive for DREs because specially skilled technicians are needed.
- Contracts, licensing and insurance are issued and priced for each machine. More machines mean greater costs.

Every state's expenditures will be different depending on number of units, contractual obligations and voting system supplier and so the magnitude of savings will differ too. However, considering the problems associated with our current system - erroneous totals (incidents of missing ballots and extra ballots abound not only SC, but also in states across the nation and in France), allegations of tampering with programming, cast ballots being registered for the other candidate, the inability to recount and verify the vote, and the ease of tampering with a DRE – even a small savings would make replacing our current system a given.

~ Submitted by Paula Appling

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DON'T FORGET:

The location for the April General Meeting is the Central-Clemson Library on Route 93 (and not our usual location at the UUFC).

We hope to see you there on Tuesday, April 12!

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**Nominating Committee Report
For the League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area
for June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012**

NEW SLATE

President	Holley Ulbrich
President Elect	Paula Appling
Vice President*	(co-vp) Carol Ward and Mary Ann McKenzie
Treasurer*	William Hare
Elected Directors*	Barbara Hamberg, Elaine Laiewski, Matt Laiewski

Nominating Committee (off Board)	Arlene Stewart (Chair) Lauretta Park Della Baker
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*These positions are two year terms

CONTINUING OFFICERS

Secretary	Ada Lou Steirer
Elected Directors	Sandra Gray, Reggie Turetzky, June Hay

The Board may also consist of not more than six appointed members one of whom shall be the web master and one of whom shall be the immediate past president.

Redistricting is Coming!

Linda Gahan, Ada Lou Steirer and Holley Ulbrich attended a very informative workshop on redistricting in Greenville on March 5th and came back with lots of good information about how to monitor the process and how to develop your own alternative redistricting proposals for everything from county council to adding a seventh Congressional District to the SC map. The time frame is tight. Census data will be released soon, and we have access to free software for drawing districts. The General Assembly will be holding hearings around the state (the nearest one is in Greenville on March 31st) and trying to draw maps for the seven Congressional districts as well as 46 state Senate Districts and 124 House districts before they adjourn. The state League is monitoring the process for that part of the work, but we need to also provide some input for our Tri-county area for county council districts and school board districts. We will be getting you information on how you can take part in the process, which will probably be during the summer.

There are guidelines about minority representation, compactness, community of interest and other factors that can be legitimately used in drawing districts. There have been huge shifts as well as growth in population in SC in the last ten years, so every district is going to be subject to some redrawing. The fourth Congressional district (Greenville/Spartanburg) is way above the size limit with the addition of a 7th district, so expect to see some change there. Will Pickens and Oconee be in a Congressional District with Greenville instead of Anderson and points south? Stay tuned.

The average State House district will now contain 37,301 people instead of 32,355, but don't expect a lot of shifting of lines in Oconee or Pickens, although Anderson may see changes. Senators will be representing 100,552 people in each district instead of the previous 87,318, so Oconee and Pickens are still very close to being entitled to exactly two senators between them. But shifts in population in adjacent districts can cause some upheaval in our counties as well. We want to be a part of the process of drawing those lines in ways that offer fair representation to both rural and urban areas, racial and ethnic minorities, rich and poor, and different political parties. It's part of the reason why we are League.

~ Submitted by Holley Ulbrich

Auditing Electronic Voting Data

The current ongoing audit of voting data from electronic data files can, if the files are complete, produce a recount of an election. Although a recount is required by law in some circumstances (SC Code of Laws: SECTION 7-17-280. Mandatory recounts) no actual recount of the ballots is done in South Carolina. Instead, the State Elections Commission (SEC) instructs the counties to sum the totals from the precincts a second time by collecting summary information from the Personal Electronic Ballots (PEBs) a second time. And they do, indeed, sometimes get a different count. Marci Andino, Executive Director of the SEC, attributes a different result to a county election director's omitting a PEB from the initial count. The recount that the State Elections Commission is not doing is now being conducted under the auspices of the League of Women Voters of South Carolina.ⁱ

Problems in South Carolina Counties, 2010: In the January 2011 issue of the *Voter*, we reported on voting problems in Colleton County. Recent audit results have disclosed problems in additional counties.

Richland County provides examples of poll worker error. Poll workers are instructed to collect votes from the voting machines on a PEB and remove the flash memory cards (similar to the memory card in a digital camera) when they close the machines. Both the PEB and the flash memory are to be returned to the county election office on election night for use in computing the total vote, but in Bluff Precinct the information from only two of eight voting machines was collected on the PEB.

Someone in Richland County observed that only 254 votes were certified for Bluff Precinct but thought that the voter turnout was much higher. When the voting machines used in Bluff Precinct were located, they had not been properly closed, their information had not been collected to a PEB, and the compact flash memory cards had not been removed. It was too late to include the uncounted 772 votes in the certified totals.

Also, too few votes were reported in Ward 21. Violating protocol, poll workers used two PEBs, to close six voting terminals. The 339 votes from one PEB were included in the certified totals, but 355 votes on the second PEB were not.

Poll worker errors in Bluff Precinct and Ward 21 caused the failure to count 1127 votes.

Because the above errors had been discovered and the information on the PEBs and flash memory cards entered in the Election Report Manager, the data files for the election contained the corrected information. Our group rediscovered these errors when attempting to reconcile the data in the files with the certified vote totals. We probably would not have been able to identify the cause of these errors if the uncounted votes had not been added to the Election Report Manager data files.

Another type of error occurred in Gadsden and Riverside precincts, where 1454 certified votes were missing from the vote image file, which we used to audit the count of votes reported on each machine. When vote information is missing from the vote image file, the correctness of the reported vote cannot be verified. Missing the file of votes cast on a machine is analogous to an accountant finding a payment, but not a corresponding invoice.

Charleston County also provided incomplete vote image files, preventing an accurate audit. There were 5,499 votes certified in the June primary and 93,549 votes certified in the November General Election for which Charleston County has not been able to produce electronic vote images.

Colleton County presents another kind of problem. The State Election Commission called in technical experts from the voting machine manufacturer (Election Systems & Software) when neither Colleton County nor the State Election Commission was able to produce a reliable report of the vote cast.

Other counties for which we have obtained electronic data files include Anderson, Greenville, and Pickens. We will be reporting on these counties in the future.

Problems in Conducting the Audit: If the Election Report Manager's record of actions, the manual adjustment log file, the vote image file, and the event log file are available, an audit can confirm that votes from all voting machines are correctly reported. But, the files obtained from the counties are rarely complete, making an audit difficult, and sometimes impossible.

Another auditing problem is verification of the total votes when many votes are entered manually by elections officials. In Richland County, thousands of votes were manually entered into the system on Election Night – sometimes incorrectly.

The problems we have uncovered are not fraud and are not even the result of the known flaws in the programs that control the calculations. These problems are the result of poll workers not following instructions, PEBs and flash memory cards not being counted at the county office, and the absence of computer programs to check that all machines have had their votes correctly recorded. The stress of long hours and the pressure to produce vote totals quickly for the media on election night make the current voting system even more unreliable. Regrettably, because paper ballots are not part of the system, the audit of the electronic data files cannot be relied upon to detect hacking of the system.

The number of errors detected after looking at only a few counties is disturbing. The high incidence of incorrectly reported votes and missing data files give cause for serious concern. The League of Women Voters supports a system in which the ballots seen by the voter are retained for use in a recount or audit. The problems detected in the November election demonstrate the necessity of replacing our current voting system with a system that is reliable and verifiable.

ⁱThis audit is being conducted under the auspices of the League of Women Voters of South Carolina by Dr. Duncan Buell, Mr. Frank Heindel, Mr. Chip Moore and Dr. Eleanor Hare. For more information see <http://lwvsc.org/audit.html>.

~Submitted by Eleanor Hare

A Report on the March LWVCA General Meeting on the Affordable Care Act

At the March meeting of LWVCA, Dr. Windsor Sherrill presented an overview of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and discussed issues that led to passage of the health care reform legislation. She described the emergence of employer-sponsored health care in the 40's, the creation of Medicare and Medicaid as government sponsored health care in the 60s, the concept of "health care for all" through a requirement signed into law by President Reagan in 1986 wherein hospitals must treat every patient who comes to the hospital ED, regardless of ability to pay and regardless of what it costs the hospital to provide the care. This was followed by the expansion of Medicare in 2006 and the Affordable Care Act in 2010. Dr. Sherrill discussed the impact that this legislation has on hospitals, children & families, students, small businesses and older adults. Special attention was given to the state of the budget in SC and the "health" of the Medicaid budget. In SC, Medicaid pays for over half of all births, covers 40% of children and pays for 70% of patients in SC nursing homes, while receiving a 3 percent cut that goes into effect on April 4.

Our Governor has recently decided that SC will proceed with implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Insurance is an important component of the requirements of the ACA. States are establishing exchanges through which insurance will be available. H 3738 was recently introduced in the SC House of Representatives to provide for the creation of a health benefit exchange. It is vital that consumers become involved in the development of our health benefit exchange. The exchange is to be in place and available to provide insurance by 2014. Up to date information is available from www.schealthvoices.org, which is sponsored by a coalition committed to providing information, education, analysis and advocacy to inspire the citizens of SC to take an active role in healthcare reform. The coalition includes SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, AARP, SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce, SC Fair Share. League members are encouraged to track H 3738 and provide input to legislators as the legislation is being developed.

~Submitted by Janie Shipley



*The League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area
cordially invites members and their guests
to our Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

*Wine at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Collins Ole Town, Central, S.C
Come at 5:00 p.m. to see the Old Town buildings.*

*“South Carolina’s Energy Future”
Featuring our Guest Speaker
Dr. Nicholas Rigas,
Director of the Renewable Energy Focus Area
of the Clemson University Restoration Institute
and Vice President for Project Development for EcoEnergy*

*Dinner: \$22 per person
Buffet includes two choices of meat, several choices of vegetable,
coffee, tea and dessert
Wine and other beverages provided by LWVCA volunteers
(Please volunteer!)*

*We need your reservation no later than **April 25**.*

*Please email your reservation to Alice Flower at:
alflower@bellsouth.net or phone her at 646-2603.*

*Checks should be made out to LWVCA and mailed to:
P.O. Box 802, Clemson SC 29633.*

Reservations not honored will be billed after the event.



Spring 2011 LWVCA Member Survey

We want your input into how we can make the League the best, most effective, most satisfying, most respected civic organization in the Tri-County area. In order to do that, we need your feedback. Please take a few minutes to answer this survey. If you downloaded it from the web site or email attachment, it's just a word file, so fill in your answers and send it back as an email attachment to holleyu@nctv.com. If you are filling in a hard copy, just turn it in to any board member.

1. When and where? What time of day is best for you for a meeting?

Late morning or noon Early evening, 5 or 5:30 Evening, 7 or 7:30 Saturday morning

What day of the month is best for you (we're committed to Tuesdays!) Please indicate the one you prefer and the ones you CAN'T get to.

First Tuesday Second Tuesday Third Tuesday Fourth Tuesday

2. How many of the following meetings did you attend in 2010-2011?

- September meeting: education finance with Holley Ulbrich
- Any candidate fair in October
- November meeting: Water Wars with Dr. Caitlin Dyckman
- Holiday party at the Ulbrichs
- January meeting: State program planning and consensus
- February meeting: Under Cover of Darkness (keeping an eye on government)
- March meeting: Health Care: Affordable Care Act with Dr. Windsor Sherrill
- April meeting: A More Diverse and Independent Judiciary

3. What public issues would you like the League to address in 2011-2012?

4. Are you willing to help our financial situation by receiving your local VOTER electronically?

Yes No If yes, please provide your email address _____

5. Are you interested in becoming an active League volunteer?

- Yes (please provide your name: _____)
- Not right now
- I already am active in the League.

6. Which of the following might interest you as a volunteer?

- Lending my expertise in an area of League interest, e.g., education, environment) _____
- Serving on the Program and Action Team (plan and carry out programs, encourage advocacy)
- Serving on the Membership Team (recruit new members and help them get oriented to League)
- Serving on the Communications Team (Voter editing and distribution, publicity, internal communications)
- Serving on the Finance and Fundraising Team
- Being an observer at a public body—city or county council or school board
- Serving as Editor of *The Voter*
- Other _____

LWVCA in Action!



Dr. Windsor Sherrill, Associate Professor of the Public Health Sciences Department (l.) and LWVCA Member, Janie Shipley. Dr. Sherrill was the featured speaker at the LWVCA General Meeting in March. Dr. Sherrill spoke about the Affordable Care Act.

(From l. to r.): Gerald Wilson, Pickens County Public Works Director, Pat Turner, Solid Waste Director, and Donna London, LWVCA member. Enjoying lunch while attending the Hot Topics in Pickens County Luncheon in February.



LWVSC Convention – May 14-15, 2011 in Sumter

We invite you to attend Convention 2011 to be held Saturday, May 14, through Sunday, May 15, in Sumter, SC. After all of the League's terrific efforts to engage the nation in the 2010 elections, we now focus on advocating for our issues and helping your League and democracy thrive in South Carolina. Our host, LWV of Sumter County, is planning an exciting time for us in beautiful Sumter. Make Convention a mini-vacation and take in all that Sumter and the PeeDee offer—art, history, culture, scenic beauty, outdoor activities and, above all, its friendly people. LWVSC Convention is an excellent time to share the exhilaration of League leadership with your peers from across the state. It's also a chance to participate in grassroots democracy in the governance of the League. Ever since our founding in 1920 the League has stood for increasing the active and informed participation of citizens in their government. Exercise your democratic right as a League member by shaping the organization's future in South Carolina. There will also be networking, dialoguing and learning opportunities, and time for fun!

2011 LWVSC Convention Information
MAY 14-15, 2011
Convention Hotel

All official Convention activities will be held at the:

Sumter Quality Inn Hotel
2390 Broad Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Phone: 803-469-9001

This full service, smoke-free hotel is conveniently located and close to points of interest like Swan Lake Iris Gardens with its majestic swans, the University of South Carolina Sumter, Morris College, Sumter County Museum. Hotel description and directions are at www.qualityinn.com/hotel-sumter-south_carolina-SC065.

To make hotel reservations for Convention 2011 please call the Quality Inn directly at 803-469-9001. Indicate that you are with the League of Women Voters Convention Group, and request your accommodations. The LWV rate is: \$61.00, plus tax, for single/double rooms. Free amenities include: parking, continental breakfast, wireless Internet access, local calls, refrigerator and microwave, pool, exercise room.

New Beginning, a renowned Sumter caterer who will treat us to local cuisine, will provide food service.

LWVSC CONVENTION 2011--FIRST LOOK*
Empowered for Action: Staying True to Our Mission

Saturday, May 14

Sunday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Registration – Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Breakfast for Local League Presidents and MAL Unit Chairs

9:00 a.m. – Noon OPENING PLENARY SESSION

8:30 a.m. Registration – Continental Breakfast

- Welcome: Chuck Gibbs, LWV/ Sumter County President*
- Introduction LWVSC Board*
- Roll Call of Local Leagues*
- Treasurer’s Report*
- Proposed Budget*
- Nominating Committee Report*
- Proposed Program of Study and Action*

9:00 a.m. CONVENTION RECONVENES

- Adoption of Budget, Bylaws, Program & Action Priorities*
- Election of New State Board*
- Presentation of Membership Growth Award*

Noon Luncheon with Guest Speaker

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1:30 p.m. Presentation/Workshop

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2:30 p.m. Presentation/Workshop

2:30 p.m. CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

3:30 p.m. CONVENTION ADJOURNS FOR DAY

- Guidance by Local Leagues to LWVSC Board*
- Address by LWVSC President*

Delegates are free to network, caucus on League issues, relax by the pool or explore Sumter.

3:00 p.m. CONVENTION ADJOURNS

**Speakers and sessions are being finalized at the time the First Call to Convention is sent.*

6:00 p.m. Reception – Hosted by LWV Sumter County

7:00 p.m. Banquet with Guest Speaker

Presentation of Spirit of Democracy Award

9:00 p.m. Informal Network for League Leaders (optional)

NOTE: Registration fee includes All meals listed on “First Look,” including banquet, plenary sessions, presentations, training opportunities and printed materials.

LWVSC CONVENTION 2011: Opening Doors for All: Opportunities, Challenges & Responsibilities

Registration fee is \$75 per person payable to LWVSC*. Registration deadline is May 1, 2011 (\$25 late fee for registrations after May 1). Photocopy form for additional registrations. Please mail with payment to LWVSC Treasurer, 119 Tant St., Clemson, SC 29631.

YES! Please register the following:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Delegate (yes/no) _____

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Local League/Member-At-Large Unit/MAL: _____

Postal Address: _____

Proposed 2011 LWVCA Budget

			Previous Budget		Proposed 1	Proposed 2	Proposed 3
Income	dues		\$3,150.00		\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00	\$3,225.00
	member contributions		\$500.00		\$400.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	ED Fund cont		\$500.00		\$400.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Fundraising		\$1,197.00		\$1,070.00	\$1,220.00	\$2,045.00
	Total		\$5,347.00		\$5,920.00	\$6,270.00	\$6,270.00
Expenses	PMPUS		\$1,840.00		\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00
	PMPSC		\$882.00		\$945.00	\$945.00	\$945.00
	Voter						
	printing		\$400.00		\$700.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
	mailing		\$100.00		\$300.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
	website		\$200.00		\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	Convention		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Board Tools						
	Pres		\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	Membership		\$200.00		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
	Voter ED		\$200.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Publications- DPO						
	Fundraising		\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Misc		\$200.00		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
	Citizenship Award		\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	*Annual Meeting						
Total		\$5,347.00		\$5,920.00	\$6,270.00	\$6,270.00	
OFF Budget	grant income				\$0.00		
	air fare				\$0.00		
	Upstate forever				\$0.00		
	President's Fund				\$655.00		
	Grant	balance			\$0.00		
DPO	balance			\$1,431.94			

Proposed 1: \$60 dues, 6 issues of the Voter
 Proposed 2: \$60 dues, 8 issues of the Voter (recommended by Board)
 Proposed 3: \$50 dues, 8 issues of the Voter
 Based on membership count Jan. 31, 2011
 59 full dues members
 11 half dues members