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Calendar May

Thurs	5	Columbia Transportation Event See page 6 for details
Wed	18	Trapped. Special screening event at Nickelodeon at 6 p.m. See page 9 for details.
Thurs	19	Annual Meeting: Pat Forbis, 1620 Adger Rd., Columbia 29204. →
Sat	21	Midlands Farm Tour – self guided Local Fun: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. See page 15 for details.



WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE TURNING 100?" LET'S START MAKING PLANS FOR THE LEAGUE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN 2020?



ANNUAL MEETING



There will not be a Public Policy Luncheon this month because on Thursday May 19th at 5:30 p.m., we will enjoy colleagues, review last year's accomplishments, formalize next year's budget, elect officers, and present plans for Voters Service in the upcoming election year.

The Annual Meeting presents a great opportunity for new members to become acquainted with our efforts. Consider bringing your favorite finger food – hors d'oeuvre or desert – or a bottle of your favorite beverage. See Proposed *Budget and State* on [page 4](#).



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*THE PREZ SEZ**Julie Sellers*

JULIE'S JEMS - The third week in April 1970 saw the birth of Earth Day. The trend to think in such terms as a global environment was all begun by a fore-mother, the one and only Rachel Carson, whose book Silent Spring (1962) became a clarion call for the movement. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network is the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, working with more than 50,000 partners in 196 countries to build environmental democracy. Now more than 1 billion people participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Even though it was last month, I feel that some comments are appropriate. CNN Social Commentary page has this article: "Earth Day: We're not as doomed as you think" by John D. Sutter. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/21/opinions/sutter-earth-day-hope/>. Sutter discusses five reasons why we are better off than we think. The site is a pleasure to read with good graphics and clear information.

The EPA has a page, "Community Service Project Ideas for Students and Educators," which lists fifteen different ideas to help your local community and environment. Three of the ideas have to do with watershed projects. After Erich Miarka's presentation at the last PPL, I think all of us would like to help with Columbia's various watersheds. <https://www.epa.gov/students/community-service-project-ideas-students-and-educators>

Food Recovery is the EPA theme for Earth Day 2016. South Carolina has a long way to go before it is considered excellent in this area. However, we do have programs which are making significant strides in the area of food recovery. The University of South Carolina Office of Sustainability: Carolina Community Farm and Garden has many opportunities to learn about and to help at the USC Farm and other places around Columbia. <http://www.sc.edu/green/garden/event.php>

FoodShare Columbia connects families and communities with affordable fresh fruits and vegetables from local and regional farmers. The partnership of the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, Richland Library, USC School of Medicine, EdVenture Children's Museum and the Columbia Housing Authority provides boxed food that can be ordered twice a month, between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Bellfield Cultural Arts Center at 2611 Grant St., (803) 255-8161. Cost is \$20; \$10 for SNAP participants. Cash and EBT accepted.

The upstate is meeting the challenge of food recovery head on. "Recycling the leftovers: Food waste recycling could divert tons from landfill" by April A. Morris in the Upstate Business Journal chronicles the actions of such companies as Michelin North America

and Publix. <http://upstatebusinessjournal.com/news/recycling-the-leftovers-food-waste-recycling-could-divert-tons-from-landfill/>

I hope that soon wasting of food will be at an end. In February of this year France finalized the legislation to prevent food waste.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/france-supermarkets-food-waste_us_56b4ba4de4b04f9b57d93f53. If only the

United States could do the same. We are voluntarily heading in that direction; however, I am afraid that it will take legislative action for us to make serious strides in this area. One can always dream.

Possible pictures for Food Recovery



[Aiken County Public School](#) students see the benefits of studying horticulture, and they celebrated their hard work during Earth Day on Wednesday with a garden party – a vegetable garden party.

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ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COLUMBIA AREA
Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	<u>BUDGETED</u>	=	=
INCOME			
Membership Dues	\$6,000.00		
Contributions/Donations	\$250.00		
Transfers -			
Education Fund	\$1,648.00		
Savings	\$2,000.00		
Public Policy Luncheons	\$1,800.00		
Other	\$0.00		
TOTAL Income/Transfers:	\$11,698.00		
EXPENSES			
LWVSC Per Member Payment	\$1,275.00		
LWVUS Per Member Payment	\$1,648.00		
President's Fund	\$75.00		
Telephone	\$350.00		
Post Office Box Rental	\$100.00		
Postage	\$250.00		
General Supplies/Copying/Printing	\$500.00		
Directory	\$100.00		
League Lines	\$30.00		
Website	\$200.00		
Know Your State Agenda	\$120.00		
Annual Meeting	\$600.00		
Membership	\$50.00		
Program Planning	\$40.00		
Consensus Meetings	\$100.00		
Public Policy Room Rental	\$550.00		
Catering	\$1,700.00		
Other/Fundraising Expenses	\$260.00		
LWVSC League Leaders Day 2017	\$220.00		
LWVUS National Convention 2018	\$2,300.00		
Voter Services	\$650.00		
Advocacy, Environment, Membership	\$550.00		
Miscellaneous (Paypal Fees)	\$30.00		
TOTAL Expenses:	\$11,698.00		

NET Surplus/Loss: _____

REPORT FROM THE 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2016 Nominating Committee, consisting of Marianne McGrath, Martha Roblee, Rita Paul, Sharon Ayling, and Pat Manley, recommends the following slate of officers for July 2016—June 2017: Ann Maletic—treasurer, Mel Jenkins—Voter Services Director, Missy Caughman—Local Government Director, Margaret Anne Dubose— Environment Director, and Pat Mohr—Education Director.

Additionally, due to work commitments, our First Vice President Bridget Tripp is resigning her position effective June 30. We suggest you elect Janelle Rivers to the position of First Vice President and Membership Director to complete the final year of Bridget's term from July 2016—June 2017.

Continuing Board members for July 2016—June 2017: President—Julie Sellers, Secretary—Sharon Ayling, and Pat Forbis, who along with her Women's Health Portfolio will take on the additional duty as Second Vice President, a position that was vacant during the current fiscal year.

Next year's Nominating Committee will be Marianne McGrath—chair, Pat Manley, and Janie White.

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OTHER NEWS



TRANSPORTATION – The State League invites Columbia League members to get involved with a Senior Day/Bus Day transportation event in Columbia on **May 5th** with the SC Transportation Alliance (formerly the Transportation Association of SC). The Lt. Governor's Office on Aging (LGOA), a partner, is expecting about 500 seniors from across the state to attend the event, and they already have about 375 confirmations. The LGOA is working with Chick-Fil-A to provide lunch for the seniors and the members of the General Assembly. There will also be tables set up in the first floor lobby of the State House with various organizations that provide services to seniors. For example, Walgreens will be doing blood pressure checks. There will be a tent set up on the back lawn of the State House for lunch, speakers and entertainment. The entire event is expected to run between 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

If you wish to help, The League has been asked to provide volunteers to distribute name tags, water, and safety vests and to give rest and lunch breaks to workers at the main table. Join volunteers JoAnne Day, Lil Mood, Rosemary Greco, and Sharon Ayling for this worthy event by contacting Sharon Ayling at rsayling@gmail.com. If you don't have a lot of time, you can relieve other volunteers for a short period of time. Bring your League pin if you have one.

Transportation is a major concern for many seniors in our state. Access to safe and reliable transportation is critical for seniors to be able to age in place and stay involved with their communities. The transit agencies will play the following roles during Bus Day:

1. *Increase Visibility for the Alliance and Opportunity to Educate on Public Transportation.* The observance of Bus Day at the State House will give The Alliance considerable visibility for member agencies as well as the General Assembly, the state's seniors, and the media that will be attending. Transit representatives are being asked to talk with seniors attending and answer their questions about the transportation services in their area of the state and to invite them to go see the buses.
2. *Exhibit of Buses from Across the State.* Sumter Street will be closed between Gervais and Senate Streets for a bus exhibit to demonstrate/showcase the variety of transportation options available and the types of vehicles in use. For

the seniors attending, the goal is to answer their questions about the services available in their area of the state and how they can access those services.

Details: The Alliance will have name badges for all members and participants. This will include all volunteers (exhibit table, wristband distribution table, exhibit parking personnel, travel trainers, members answering questions about their agency and its services, drivers, etc.). Name badges will be available at the table at the front of the Bus Exhibit, beginning at 6:45 AM.

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APRIL PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON UPDATE



Our speaker, *Erich Miarka*, Program Coordinator of the Gills Creek Watershed Association, flooded (pun intended) us with a wealth of information with regards to the October flood event. Sally Huguley introduced Erich and pointed out that if you truly wanted to know what areas were being affected by the flood, the Association was the only group providing accurate information.

The Gills Creek Watershed Association is a non-profit organization associated with USC's Environment and Sustainability Program. More information about the Organization, and its work at: gillscreekwatershed.org. If you live in the Gills Creek watershed area, I think a visit to the site is a must. The definition of a watershed is the entire land area that drains to a specific point. The Gills Creek watershed includes Fort Jackson, parts of Cayce, Forest Acres, Arcadia Lake, the City of Columbia, and Sesquicentennial Park to name some of the areas. The area includes every tributary that flows into Gills Creek which flows into the Congaree. This land area houses approximately 170,000 people, covers 47,000 acres, and over 70 miles of streams. As a point of information most lakes in South Carolina are not natural lakes. Only the Gills Creek Watershed Oxbow, formed when a bend in the Congaree River became sealed off, and Alligator Lake are natural lakes. All others were man made prior to current regulation. One of the more positive things about the Gills Creek area is that it is only 33% developed because Fort Jackson is part of the area and a lot of Fort Jackson is undeveloped.

During the October flood the watershed area received as much as sixteen inches of rain with eight inches falling within the first ten hours. A week earlier the same area had received quite a bit of rain so the ground was already saturated. The gauge at the bridge at Garners Ferry in 1979 registered a peak height of 8' 7". That gauge was washed out during the October flood; it has since been determined to have reached a height just under 20 feet.

Five dams in the Gills Creek watershed completely failed. One of the dams was unregulated because it did not meet a height requirement. The dam on Fort Jackson property was the responsibility of the Army Corp of Engineers, and the other three dams were SCDHEC regulated. The issue of dam monitoring and inspection is one of many problems that needs to be addressed. Over the years monies to DHEC to monitor and

inspect have been cut, so that today DHEC has 3000 dams to monitor and maybe two engineers. If you do the math, it would take two engineers over 16 years to inspect every dam, and that's if they work every day. It is obvious that they need help and money to pay for the help.

The other problem with the flood was that many businesses in the early years built in the flood plain, and guess what? After the flood, they went back and built in the same location. Neither City nor County Councils enforced the ordinances written that dealt with what we have learned about surface runoff. Allowing business as usual will only add to the tax burden of the city and county because the rains will return and the areas will flood again.

A Hazardous Mitigation Grant totaling \$36 million from FEMA for home buyouts is part of the recovery. The homes would be brought at pre-flood prices and the deed would require that the area remain undeveloped. Approximately, 63 homes have applied for the buyout. The HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery provided \$24 million to Richland County, \$19 million to the City of Columbia and \$97 million to the State. This money was to cover any unmet flood recovery needs. It will take years before all the monies in these grants are completely dispersed. In the meantime, support the Association in their attempts to reduce building in the flood plain, and to push for more environmentally friendly ways to limit the damages caused by flooding.

Visit their website. Remember they are non-profit - help to support their work.

Pam Craig

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TRAPPED A special screening – Wednesday May 18th at 6 PM at The Nickelodeon

Trapped details the fight for abortion clinics across the south to continue to be able to serve patients, screening is a partnership with Planned Parenthood Votes South Atlantic, South Carolina Coalition for Healthy Families, and TellThem!

Trapped premiered at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Special Jury Award for Social Impact Filmmaking. There will be a post-film discussion. Panelists TBA.

More details at www.trappeddocumentary.com,

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1012764895481466/>

Eme Crawford, Ph.D. www.tellthemsc.org

Tell Them advocates support of age-appropriate, medically accurate health education and increased access to high-quality reproductive health counseling and services.

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THE LEAGUE'S POSITION ON THE UNITED NATIONS

In March I shared with you a basic understanding of the League's strong desire to work in an interdependent world. The National Board feels that the United States should work cooperatively with other nations and strengthen international organizations.

In April I added the history of the League with the League of Nations and with the United Nations. Although the League of Nations did not survive and the LWV's support for it was hesitant, the relationship with the United Nations proved to be much different. That history section showed that the support of the League was one of the major reasons for the success of the United Nations.

Now that we have looked at a year-by-year history, we are going to see what the League expects of the United States and other nations as the UN works to establish world peace, respect for each person especially women, respect for the land of all countries, and the use of an international criminal court to punish those involved in genocide and other atrocities.

This month we will examine The League of Woman Voters' position on the manner of behavior shown by the United States.

The League's Position - *Statement of Position on the United Nations, as Announced by National Board, June 1977 and Updated, June 2002:*

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The League of Women Voters of the United States supports a strong, effective United Nations and endorses the full and active participation of the United States in the UN system. The League supports UN efforts to:

- promote international peace and security;
- advance the social and economic well-being of the world's people;
- ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- foster trust and cooperation among nations by encouraging adherence to conventions, treaties, and other international agreements;
- protect the integrity of the world environment, and
- achieve the full and equal participation of women in all aspects of civil and political life.

The United Nations should be an important component of U.S. foreign policy. The League supports U.S. policies that strengthen the UN's capacity to solve global problems and promote prosperity throughout the world. The United States should work actively and constructively within the UN system, exercising diplomatic leadership in advance of decision-making. The United States should not place conditions on its participation in the United Nations, except in the most extreme cases, such as flagrant violations of the Charter.

The League supports UN leadership in a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to promoting world peace and security that includes ongoing efforts to eliminate the underlying causes of conflict. UN peace operations should include such strategies as an increased emphasis on preventive diplomacy and the use of such techniques as an early warning system to identify possible threats to peace and mediation to help resolve disputes;

- preventive deployment of UN peacekeepers to forestall the outbreak of hostilities;
- enhanced capacity to respond rapidly and effectively to contain conflict and establish a just and stable peace;
- UN peacekeeping operations that have strong political and financial support from the world community and the consent of the local parties;
- military intervention, as a last resort, to halt genocide and other crimes against humanity and to prevent the spread of conflict;
- protection of civilian populations, including protection of displaced persons;
- long-term commitment, both pre- and post-conflict, to establishing the institutions and conditions needed for real economic and social development;

- enhanced capacity at UN headquarters to plan, manage and support UN peace operations.

The United States should support all aspects of UN peace operations. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have an important role to play in peace operations, including participating in behind-the-scenes diplomatic efforts and providing humanitarian aid.

The League strongly supports the central role of the United Nations in addressing the social, economic and humanitarian needs of all people. The advancement and empowerment of women is fundamental to achieving peace and prosperity and should be a high priority for UN programs. Other areas for emphasis include

- eradicating poverty and hunger;
- improving basic living standards worldwide;
- promoting the well-being and potential of children, with special attention to the girl child;
- promoting human and political rights;
- ensuring access to a basic education for all;
- ensuring a basic level of health care for all;
- protecting the environment and the world's natural resources.

The League supports efforts to strengthen the development and humanitarian work of the United Nations through greater coordination among agencies, more efficient use of resources, additional funding as required, and more partnerships with NGOs and other non-state actors. UN-sponsored world conferences are valuable forums for building international consensus and developing practical plans of action to solve global problems.

The United States should provide strong leadership and financial support to the UN specialized agencies, participate constructively in international conferences, and fulfill all agreed-upon commitments.

The League believes that world peace and progress rest in part on a body of international law developed through conventions, covenants, and treaties and on the judgments of international courts. Disputes between nations should be considered and settled in the International Court of Justice, and its judicial decisions should be honored.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Court_of_Justice

The League supports the creation of a permanent international tribunal, such as the International Criminal Court, to try individuals charged with crimes of genocide, war crimes, and other systematic crimes against humanity.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Criminal_Court

All court procedures must meet the highest judicial standards, including guarantees of due process protections and the integrity and impartiality of the courts' officials.

The League supports full U.S. participation in the international judicial system and U.S. ratification and observance of international treaties and conventions consistent with LWVUS principles and positions.

The League supports the basic principles of the UN Charter. The League supports one-nation, one-vote in the General Assembly, the veto power in the Security Council, and a strong, effective office of the Secretary-General. The League supports measures to make the Security Council a more representative body that better reflects the diverse interests of UN member nations and the world's people. The United States should work to encourage member nations to consider the needs of the world as a whole and avoid divisive politicization of issues.

Member nations have the collective responsibility to provide the resources necessary for the UN to carry out its mandates, with each providing financial contributions commensurate with its ability to pay. The United States should meet its financial obligations to the UN on time, in full, and without conditions.

Julie Sellers

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THE STATE APRIL 21, 2016 – “SCE&G CUSTOMERS TO SEE LOWER ELECTRIC BILLS STARTING IN MAY” - Frank Knapp, CEO of the SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce and the League's partner in the attempt to reign in the Base Load Review Act: “Remember that the fuel adjustment going down for natural gas is only for one year. It can go back up next year, while the rate increase under the BLRA is permanent.” BLRA is the legal mechanism which has allowed South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G) to increase rate-payers bills through a series of annual rate increases to collect funds to pay for the construction of two new nuclear reactors at the V.C. Summer nuclear power plant. The construction of the new reactors has been continually hindered by cost overruns and construction delays and is currently at least three years behind the original construction schedule.

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NEW REPORT DISCUSSES PUBLICLY FUNDED PRIVATE SCHOOL SEGREGATION--OLD NEWS WITH NEW PITCH - Submitted by Hayes Mizell

"The prevailing message is that these voucher and neo-voucher tax credit scholarship programs offer better or more opportunities to students of color and low-income students...the data does not reflect that story."

-- Dr. Kent McGuire, SEF President

The Southern Education Foundation (SEF) releases [Race & Ethnicity in a New Era of Public Funding of Private Schools: Private School Enrollment in the South and the Nation](#). As featured in the [Washington Post](#), this report explores the phenomenon of publicly funded private school segregation 60 years after being deemed unconstitutional in public schools. It examines racial demographics in contemporary private schools and finds that they remain segregated, with white students significantly overrepresented as compared to public school populations--especially in the South.

The report also highlights how voucher/tax credit programs promoted under the guise of access and opportunity are in reality creating fertile ground for the reemergence of a "separate but unequal" education system.

Vouchers and Tax Credit Scholarships in the U.S. - This brief and the accompanying Southern state profiles review several indicators of racial demographics and segregation in private schools including:

- overrepresentation of white students
- disproportionate white enrollment rates
- virtual segregation (90% or more white student population)
- virtual exclusion of students of color

[READ MORE](#) for the full list of conclusions & to learn how your state may be impacted by voucher & tax credit scholarship programs.

Policy Implications - Currently, 19 states have programs that provide public funding to support children's attendance in private schools. Last year alone, approximately \$1 billion was diverted to private schools from state treasuries across the country.

These initiatives show no sign of slowing and in many cases are on the upswing. Now more than ever, our scarce public resources should be used to invest in public schools that operate under an obligation to serve any and all students especially as we prepare to educate an increasingly [new diverse majority](#). Informed public policy can turn the tide.

[Access the Full Report](#) to find out more about how public funds are supporting private school segregation in your state and across the nation. Sign-up for SEF's latest [Advancing Public Education](#) updates.

Vouchers and Tax Credit Scholarships in the U.S. - Selected excerpts from the 2016 Annual Report of the SC Education Oversight Committee (p. 4) also from Hayes <http://www.eoc.sc.gov/Reports%20%20Publications/2016%20Annual%20Report/March%201Report.FINAL.02262016.pdf>

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SUMMER READING CAMP PARTNERSHIPS REPORT - EOC

[www.eoc.sc.gov/Reports Publications/Summer Reading Camp...](http://www.eoc.sc.gov/Reports%20Publications/Summer%20Reading%20Camp...) Recognizing the effects of the **summer slide** as well as stagnant student performance in **reading**, in 2014 the South Carolina Legislature committed to interventions. This report provides findings and recommendations on the implementation of after-school and summer reading programs implemented by community partnerships during spring 2015 and summer 2015 across South Carolina to support struggling readers. The recommendations in this report consider strategies to more effectively and efficiently utilize state and district resources to implement the S.C. Read to Succeed Act of 2014.... Recommendations include starting planning early, including both the school district and community partner leaders in the planning process; ensuring adequate time is allocated for the reading instruction and establishes qualifications of reading instructors.

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MEET AUTUMN PERKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SUSTAINABLE MIDLANDS



Sustainable Midlands is pleased to announce that Autumn Perkins has been appointed as our new Executive Director. Autumn's experience as project coordinator for Sustainable Carolina at the University of South Carolina, her passion for creating sustainable communities and her ability to develop and implement programming will be a great asset to our organization and to the Columbia area, commented Jon Sears, Chair of the Sustainable Midlands Board.

Her goals for Sustainable Midlands are to increase our reach to more diverse communities; support and strengthen the watershed protection collaborations; further engage and support the growing Agri-tourism market by linking smaller, sustainable farms to consumers; hosting exciting, educational events and exploring funding opportunities to further expand the vision of Sustainable Midlands.

When not contributing her efforts to Sustainable Midlands, you can find Autumn exploring local parks, rivers, and restaurants with her family and playing with her five dogs, her cat or African Sulcata tortoise!

MIDLANDS FARM TOUR - Local farms, local flavor, local fun! May 21st, 2016 11 AM – 6 PM From strawberries, to honey; heirlooms to heritage hogs. This year's Midlands Farm Tour has local variety at its best! The Midlands Food Alliance invites you to meet our local farmers on their farms and learn about the importance of supporting them!

The tour is a self-guided, one-day event. At each farm you can meet the farmers and staff, tour the property, explore what is harvested, and ask questions. [Find the farmers participating and how to get there by clicking here!](#) Most farms will have goods for sale and a variety of items to sample!

Help build our local food system by signing the Local Food pledge: commit to spend at least \$10 weekly on SC-grown products. Click [here](#) for more info!

ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN! - Neighborhood associations and community groups are encouraged to schedule a storm drain marking event, which will be led by Sustainable Midlands. Our goal is to educate each person that whatever goes down the storm drains

go directly into the streams and then to our rivers. Which is why we say, "My River Starts Here".

NEW SOUTH CAROLINA POLICY ON NOT FEEDING THE POOR: “Beginning in July, a draconian time limit on basic assistance to keep food on the table will go into effect for thousands of non-disabled adults ages 18-49 who are not caring for minor children.

These individuals will be limited to just three months of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps) out of any three years if they are not working or in a work-training program for at least 20 hours a week. This most certainly will increase hunger and hardship throughout the state.

States can choose to waive this harsh rule in areas of high unemployment, and many, including South Carolina, did during the recession. But as the economy has improved, states have begun to reimpose this harsh time limit.... South Carolina operates few employment programs, and in fact, the state closed our Department of Employment and Workforce offices in 17 of our rural/poorest counties. Consequently, many of these individuals will lose SNAP regardless of how hard they are looking for work or want to attend a job-training program. Searching for work does not count toward the 20 hours needed to satisfy the new requirements. Likewise, many of those who will be affected are already working, but may not be able to find the hours needed to meet the requirement.” Read full article at <http://www.thestate.com/opinion/oped/article73362857.html>

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Martin Luther King: Let’s march on the ballot boxes until somehow we will be able to develop that day when men will have food and material necessities for their bodies, freedom and dignity for their spirits, education and culture for their minds.

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MEMBERS' CORNER



ANN MALETIC, a long-time member of the League, is finally in a position to join our Board. I took this photo at a PPL, and apologize for my lack of skills! However, you will soon be able to meet her, and look forward to knowing more about her, as I do. *Suzanne Rhodes*

Ann introduces herself: "I was brought up in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio with four brothers. I moved to SC in the late-1970's for graduate school (Masters in Geography - quality of life studies/statistics and ABD [All But Dissertation] in Educational Research and Statistics PhD program).

My work life in SC state government consisted of statistics, research, program evaluation, program management and federal grant writing and grant management.

Somewhere in there I was lucky enough to meet and marry John Ruoff. Home life has included a number of young people . . . fostered, found and adopted. We're thrilled to have grandchildren nearby, almost nearby, and as far as Morocco.

Current days? Thrilled to be retired from state service but still volunteering with the Richland County Foster Care Review Board and Ronald McDonald House at the Palmetto Richland Hospital.

I very much look forward to working with the incredible women at the League."

Robert and Judy Thompson, long-time member and past president of LWV Columbia, sadly lost their adult daughter Polly in the prime of her life. "Because she so loved her students, above all those who had not been expected to have achievement in education, she was a marvelous teacher." - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary.aspx?n=pauline-alexandra-thompson&pid=179589647&fhid=5564#sthash.1wo704ua.dpuf>

Mark Huguley on Storm Water – "A flood neither thinks nor cares, it simply exists..." Mark is Sally's husband and mayor of Arcadia Lakes – information on impervious surfaces. <http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article71071177.html>

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Marianne McGrath, Chair, Rita Paul, Martha Roblee

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