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Serving the Citizens of Pickens, Oconee and Anderson Counties

Message from the President

The new board of the League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area has hit the ground running. Since the Annual Meeting in May, the board has already had two serious work sessions. In addition to those board members elected at the Annual Meeting, there have been three additional directors appointed: Diana Stafford, VOTER Editor, Cece Parker, Advocacy Coordinator and Lois Martin, Publicity Chair. We welcome these members of the board and appreciate their willingness to fill these very important functions. The advocacy team is a new addition to our committee structure and we welcome input from members as we define the scope and role of this group.



We lost a devoted and beloved member of the League this summer, Dianne Haselton. See Ada Lou Steirer's tribute to her in this newsletter. Many friends of Dianne's contributed to the League of Women Voters in honor of her 85th birthday in February and in her memory upon her death in May. Our Board is committed to determining a fitting use of this money as a memorial to Dianne. If you would like to make suggestions to a group who will be considering options, or to help this group brainstorm, please contact a Co-President.

Voter registration is one of the many activities we pursue with gusto. Cheryl Lee and her team are making serious plans for National Voter Registration Day in September and encourage everyone's participation in conducting voter registration at local institutions of higher education and public schools in the three counties. We have also been very active in registering new citizens once a month at the naturalization ceremonies held at the office of US Citizenship and Immigration Services in Greer, SC. It is a touching ceremony and a heartwarming experience to be among the first to welcome these happy individuals as US citizens. If you wish to volunteer with this project in Greer, contact Joanne Shalaby or me.

Janie Shipley

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Patty Warner, Webmaster
Sandra Gray
Cheryl Lee, Voter Service
Janet Marsh, Membership
Catherine Farris
Francis Rundlett
CeCe Parker, Advocacy Director
Lois Martin, Publicity Director
Elizabeth Vogt

APPOINTED DIRECTORS:

Paula Appling, Mem. Co-Chair
Elaine Laiewski, Publicity Chair
Diana Stafford, Voter Editor
Rosellenn Aleguire, Nominating Comm
Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 19 - General Meeting - Technology and Privacy 7:15 p.m. OLLI Building See p. 4

Saturday, September 30 - Redistricting Advocacy Training, Greenville - see p. 5

Tuesday, October 10 - OLLI Class - 'Following Legislation' 5:00 p.m. (OLLI members)

Tuesday, October 17, - General Meeting - Redistricting 7:15 p. m. OLLI Building

Tuesday, November 14 - General Meeting - Ken Robinson and Rural Community Needs 7:15 p.m. OLLI Building

Tuesday, December 19 - Holiday Party TBA

Tuesday, January 16 - General Meeting 7:15 p.m. OLLI Building

Saturday, January 27 - LEAD Day - Columbia

*OLLI Building 578 Issaqueena Trl, Clemson (100 Thomas Green Blvd.,Clemson)
864-633-5242*

** LWVCA members Patty Warner and Matt Saltzman are conducting an OLLI class on behalf of the League in following legislation. League members who are also members of OLLI are encouraged to sign up for it.

Course information is on p.6

National Members



Aleta Robinson, Reggie Turetzky and Holley Ulbrich have each been members of the LWV for 50 years and have been designated “National Members.” The National Membership category is a lifetime membership in the League

Aleta H. Robinson - My League Story

In 1964-65 I lived in Charlottesville, VA, teaching while my husband finished his degree. Driving through town one afternoon I heard on the radio that the League of Women Voters was having a voter registration drive at the shopping center. I decided right then that, when we got settled in our first jobs, I would join that organization! When Ed and I moved to Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1965, the Dean's wife met me on the steps of our new home, and guess what?! DAISY was a member of the LWV of Jonesboro!! We were instant friends and have remained so for 50 years! We remained active in the League - holding offices, babysitting for each other while we conducted annual finance drives in the community, and continuing to support our husbands in their social obligations. I was almost on the LWV-OK Board, but we moved to Clemson about that time.

In 1971 we moved to Clemson and have been here ever since. Being a Furman graduate I never thought I would LIVE here, and it was an interesting adventure. I immediately joined the LWV - Clemson. Ellen Reneke gave the first program on social justice, complete with posters, pictures, and great dialogue.

It has been interesting to “live through” all the changes in publication, communication, programs, and lifestyles among League members: we started with telephones, typewritten letters and information, working with newspapers to get out our work and positions and advocacy. We kept the telephones hot!! We printed and distributed voter service Candidates Questionnaires for every election, called the candidates for the forums and the details, “pounded the pavement” still for finance drives to support our work, and we knew the merchants and citizens of this small college town. I served mainly in finance drives and membership and presented programs, and then I became interested in Criminal Justice and served on the LWV-SC for several years. Slowing down now I try to be faithful in attending meetings and helping with Membership. I have loved my 50 years in League; next to faith and family, LEAGUE has been a very important part of my political, social, and community life.

Thoughts on Defending Personal Information

Principle: If data is available through the internet (phone), it is hackable. Assume that all your data is hackable and

- Minimize the possibilities for problems
- Regularly inspect your data
- Assume that your social security number has been hacked.

Minimize the possibilities for problems

Ask financial institutions about their procedures for withdrawal of money. Some financial institutions require personal contact with a designated representative for withdrawal. Some will transfer funds only to another branch of their institution.

Put a freeze on all three credit agencies.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2017/09/09/after-the-equifax-breach-heres-how-to-freeze-your-credit-to-protect-your-identity/?utm_term=.8706500c1b09

Do not use ATMs to withdraw money. Do not create any way for an ATM to be used to withdraw money from your account. (I'm not really sure about the protections that you encounter with a debit card because I do not have a debit card for any US bank.)

Invent your mother's maiden name – anything except the real one. Keep a record so that you will know what you used. It might be helpful to use a different mother's maiden name for different accounts.

Regularly inspect financial accounts

Bill Hare inspects his bank and credit card accounts every morning.

Assume that your social security number has been hacked

So many data records have your social security number that some hacker is almost certain to have it. Every doctor you go to, every credit agency/bank you have used, the State Elections Commission, every person who asks you for a picture ID, ..., has your SSN.

The problems we have not even anticipated can still "bite" us

A friend of mine had her account at a financial investment institution hacked. The hacker changed the mailing address before attempting to withdraw money. The hacking was accidentally discovered when the hacker called the financial institution to withdraw money and the phone was answered by someone who knew my friend personally and became suspicious.

David Crockett (One Click Wonders, Seneca) encountered problems after his tax information was stolen from South Carolina. The hackers filed for a refund of his tax money. You might talk to David about what happened. My memory is that, since the hackers had already taken a refund when he filed his taxes, processing of his return encountered a considerable delay and other problems.

If you can access data with your phone, it can be stolen and/or changed. (Remember that when you say you want to use your phone to vote!)

submitted by Matt Saltzman

VOTERS SHOULD CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND NOT VICE VERSA

Concerned about gerrymandering? Don't Miss This Meeting

The non-partisan League of Women Voters of South Carolina (LWVSC) is advocating for an independent redistricting commission to draw General Assembly and Congressional district boundaries after the 2020 census, and for better defined criteria for drawing these boundaries. The League is taking a lead on redistricting because we believe democracy works better when voters choose their legislators rather than legislators choosing their voters!

Because redistricting can be a complicated and tangled subject, LWVSC wants to prepare local Leagues to assist in the effort for better state and congressional redistricting and to work for better redistricting in local county and city elections. We will provide information and tools to assist your efforts and unify our voices. Gerrymandering has a lot of momentum protecting it and so we need a lot of momentum to challenge it. Our goal is for every local League to have trained members prepared to educate others about why this issue matters and energize broad public support for a fair process of redistricting.

Three regional meetings across South Carolina will train local League members to help this effort. **The Upstate Leagues (Clemson, Greenville and Spartanburg) are meeting on September 30 Greenville at 10 AM at the Pellham Road Greenville Public Library 1508 Pelham Road. The meeting will last for 2 hours, and we hope each local League will send 3-5 people to participate.** The agenda has been designed to send every participant home prepared to lead a local program, teach others and spread the word!

Our local training and outreach is being amplified by a broad network of advocacy support from other non-partisan organizations including AARP of South Carolina, Conservation Voters of SC, the NAACP of SC, and others. Direct lobbying will build legislative support for independent redistricting bills and tighter criteria.

If interested contact Janie Shipley (janrel@mindspring.com) or Eleanor Hare (eleanorhare@gmail.com)

Membership dues for 2017-18 are now due. The fiscal year for LWVCA is June 1 through May 31. Dues are \$60 per member, \$30 for a second member of a household, and \$25 for student members.

Please make your check to LWVCA for \$60 and mail to LWVCA, PO Box 802, Clemson, SC, 29633.

Note: Dues received after February 1, 2017, are applied to the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

September General Meeting

Internet Privacy, Security, and how to Protect Yourself – Moderated by Matt Saltzman

There is news that Equifax has been hacked and up to 143 million records stolen. Facebook accounts are duplicated, and strange “bots” send notes to your friends. Oh, and why should you care about Net Neutrality? Whether we want to focus on your own personal computer or on how to advocate for greater protections, there is a powerful need to understand today’s perception of “privacy.”

The evening’s discussion will focus on two things: What you can do to protect your own privacy and how you can advocate for all citizens’ privacy. Matt will introduce you to an innovative browser, organizations that promote how to maximize your privacy, and review some of the concerns that average people have.

We hope you will join us for a conversation that most of us really need to have. We don’t promise it will make you feel more comfortable with your tech toys, but you will be armed with solid information to guide future decisions. There will be plenty of time for discussion.

submitted sav Catherine Watt

Women’s Equality Day

On Tuesday, August 29, the League welcomed members and friends to celebrate the 96th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the write to vote.

Our moderator, Cheryl Lee, introduced everyone and gave us some insight into when women were not equal. Kathryn Smith gave an informative and funny portrayal of Missy LeHand, who functioned as Franklin Roosevelt’s chief-of-staff. Music was provided by Six Chickens and a Beer. Catherine Watt and the Program & Action team planned the agenda.

Catherine Farris led the planning and setup for the evening. Brent Martin, Ashley Fraser, Sandra Lindaman, and Ann Fuhr prepared the room and decorated it. The entire membership team, including Janet Marsh, Lois Martin, Carol Ward, Frances Plotnik, Aleta Robinson and Paula Appling, contributed to the success of the evening. It was a promising start to our League year!

submitted by Catherine Watt



In Memoriam

Dianne Haselton

1932 – 2017

Dianne was such an enduring presence in the League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area and the Clemson community that when she left us on May 29, it was hard to believe. We will remember her for living life to the fullest. From 1970 to 1974, she was our first president after the provisional period and served the LWV locally and at the state level for almost fifty years. She was one of the first women elected to the Clemson Zoning Board of Adjustments and Clemson City Council. She went on to serve the Clemson Child Development Center as newsletter editor and in other capacities for many years and was an active member of the Elks Lodge in Pendleton. She retired as a research analyst in the department of agriculture and applied economics at Clemson University. As a freelance typist she produced doctoral dissertations and reports for others at the university. We extend our sympathy to her sons, Bill and Bob, and her three grandsons.



Submitted by Ada Lou Steirer

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Following Legislation Using Government Websites

Tuesday, October 10, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cheezem Education Center

Tuition: \$17

From your home office or favorite coffee shop, it is easier than ever to be informed of bills being proposed and the laws being passed by your political representatives. Learn how to use the various tools available through the state Legislative Services Agency and the United States Congress. You will be able to track bills, find information about your representatives and senators, follow the legislative calendar, discover who sponsored which bills, and more! As Jefferson stated, “an informed citizenry is at the heart of a dynamic democracy.”

Bring your laptop, iPad or favorite device to access the internet.

Clemson City Council 1st and 3rd Monday, 6:30pm
Seneca City Council 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm
Pickens County Council 1st Monday, 6:30 pm
Oconee County Council 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Anderson County Council 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00 pm
Pickens County School Board 4th Monday, 7:00 pm
Oconee County School Board 3rd Monday, 6:00 pm
Anderson County School Board 3rd Monday, 6:00 pm

Contribution Form

League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area LWVCA, P. O. Box 802, Clemson, SC 29633

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Phone (opt) _____

☐ I wish my contribution to remain anonymous.

☐ I wish my contribution to be tax deductible where allowed by law. My check is made out to the "*League of Women Voters Ed Fund*" which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

☐ I wish to support the League's action priorities. My check is made out to the "League of Women Voters" and is not tax-deductible.

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