



The Voter

Spring 2013

The League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear
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Upcoming Events

April Board Meeting

Temptations Café

April 8

5:00pm-7:00pm

April Hot Topic Luncheon

Women Power: Could It Change A Community?

McAlister's Deli

April 22

11:30am-1:00pm

Annual Meeting

Temptations Café

May 13

5:00pm-7:00pm

LWVNC State Conference

Charlotte

May 31, June 1-2

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From the President....

Hello, Leaguers! We are fast approaching our 39th Annual Meeting for the League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear on Monday, May 13 at Temptations at 6:30 p.m. I hope you have been reading the emails from

Laura Glover as she has sent out the revised bylaws your Board has approved and the Issues for Emphasis which the Board approved. At the Annual Meeting we will be voting on both of those items plus the Annual Budget and a slate of officers. Our State president, Jo Nicholas will be our speaker that evening. I hope many of you will come as it is an important meeting for our League. We will not have the bylaws in the program so I hope you will read the important parts of them before you come. It will soon be forty years ago that some forward thinking, enterprising women began this organization with the goal of working to achieve better local government for this area. We have registered many voters, held numerous Candidates' forums, and observed many a government meeting since the chapter was established. We have participated in two National Studies in the last 10 years- one on Immigration and the most recent on the federal role in Education. We have sponsored Face to Face with local and state government officials for the past 7 years. Let's celebrate these accomplishments and continue to be motivated to increase participation in our organization as well as to educate the citizens of our area on the issues of importance today.

-Carole Ellis, LWC-LCF Board President

LWVNC President Testifies at Elections Committee Public Hearing

On March 12th, LWVNC President, Jo Nicholas testified at the North Carolina State House Elections Committee Public Hearing on the proposed Voter ID requirement. She focused on three reasons the LWVNC opposes this legislation: It will cost millions of dollars to implement, it will disenfranchise thousands of eligible voters and, it is unneeded. She urged state lawmakers to oppose the legislation.

[Click here to read her full testimony on the LWVNC website](#)

The 7th Annual Face to Face With Your Elected Officials, held on February 16th at the Northeast Library, was well attended by elected officials and the public, as well media outlets.

Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo talks with LCF President Carole Ellis at Face to Face With Your Elected Officials



Update from Membership Chair, Carol Roberts

Our League has three new members so far this year! We welcome them and look forward to their participation in our activities!

Four guests attended our Hot Topics lunch in March. Let's all be aware of membership opportunities at our Hot Topic luncheons. What can we do to welcome them, and hopefully gain some new members? Wear your name badge. Be welcoming. Assure that guests sign in and pick up the guest welcome papers at the welcome table. Talk about the advantages of League membership and ask them to join.

Welcome to our new members for the first quarter of 2013!:

Gail Bromley recently moved from Arizona and now lives in Leland. She has an interest in environmental, education, and women's issues, as well as voter services.

Lynn Levin moved to Magnolia Greens in Leland five years ago from Burke, in northern Virginia. She is a retired reading specialist who actually taught in the same Fairfax County school as another member, Carol Roberts. It's a small world! Lynn volunteers at the NHC Medical Center among her many activities, and she travels extensively with her husband.

Dr. Judith P. Sinclair has joined our League following her attendance at our very successful Face to Face in February. There, she talked with members about our work, and her interests in local and state issues. Dr. Sinclair has spent many of her professional years in the metro Washington DC area, practicing as a Cognitive Psychologist in Education and Research, and continues her practice in Wilmington.

Lower Cape Fear League President Nominated for Woman of Achievement Award

The League of Women Voters-Lower Cape Fear is proud to have nominated our president, Carole Ellis, for the YWCA Women of Achievement awards. Carole is a native of Wilmington who raised her children and spent her professional life in our wonderful city. Civics students at John T. Hoggard High School were fortunate to be instructed by her for over 30 years. Besides her teaching and curriculum development responsibilities, she advised the student council, and planned state workshops for students. In 2000 she received the Deane Award in recognition of being the outstanding faculty member of the year.

Carole has given time and effort to many organizations and causes over the years. These include Wilmington Health Access for Teens (WHAT), the city of Wilmington Recreation Advisory Committee, and Grace United Methodist Church. She joined the League of Women Voters in 1973 and has been serving in local and state capacities ever since. Carole continues to be a tireless advocate for the league's goals and objectives, and she has played an important role in our accomplishments.

The YWCA Women of Achievement Awards is the YWCA Lower Cape Fear's signature event to recognize and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of women and young leaders. Since 1985, this event has raised key support for the YWCA's programs and services which promote racial justice and gender equity for thousands of women and their families in southeastern North Carolina.

These awards provide recognition for outstanding contributions and achievements of women active in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties; reflecting the diversity of women in these areas. Women may be nominated in the following categories: Arts, Business, Communications, Education, Environmental, Health & Wellness, Public Service, Volunteerism and the Rachel Freeman Unsung Hero Award.

Funds from this event support the YWCA, a social service agency, whose primary goals are to improve the lives of women and their families and to eliminate racism in order to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

The event will be held May 9th at the Wilmington Convention Center. Registration and social networking begin at 5:00 PM with the ceremony at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$60. For more information, or to purchase tickets, www.wilmingtonwoa.com Tickets can also be purchased at the YWCA 2815 South College Road in Wilmington.

Monthly Board Meetings are for ALL Members! Please join us!

Did you know the monthly Board Meeting, held on the second Monday of the month from 5:00-7:00 pm at Temptations Café, is for all members, not just the Board?

*As one member who recently attended a Board Meeting commented, “I enjoy coming to the Hot Topics but I have found the board meeting offered a time to get to know the members, talk about important issues and get involved with the club. I recommend all members, long standing and new, who want to become more involved in the League, to come to our monthly board meeting. It offers great food, fellowship and involvement” --
-Chris Abrons*

So, come out to the next Board Meeting to join us for some good food and conversation, and find out more about YOUR League!

What is the Mission of the League of Women Voters?

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters has two separate and distinct roles: Voter Service/Civic Education, and Action and Advocacy.

To learn more visit <http://lcfwv.org/about.html>

Interested in joining the League?

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Through participation in League projects, you will:

- contribute valuable service to the community
- gain knowledge and experience through the study and discussion of timely and important topics
- discover new interests, develop new skills and learn about crucial issues in your community
- make professional contacts and develop lasting friendships as you meet others in League who share your interests

To learn more, visit: www.lcfwv.org/join

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The 34th bi-annual League of Women Voters North Carolina State Convention will be held at the beautiful DoubleTree Suites in Charlotte-SouthPark May 31, June 1-2.

The theme for this year is “ENSURING A FUTURE – MISSION, MEMBERS, AND MONEY.

Registration fees for this year’s convention are on \$100 per person and include: Friday evening President’s wine reception, Saturday lunch, Saturday evening awards banquet and Sunday morning breakfast buffet.

Registration also includes all meetings, workshops, and any caucuses that you choose to attend.

To register or to learn more visit:

www.lwvnc.org/2013Convention/

Look for the Summer edition of The Voter in July!