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A PUBLICATION OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND/ BLUFFTON AREA

***Pricele\$\$* to be Screened at March Meeting**

Our League is partnering with the Bluffton Branch Library and the League of Women Voters of South Carolina (LWVSC) to show the documentary *Pricele\$\$* at our March 11 meeting. League member Janet Law has worked with Armistead Reasoner of the library and with LWVSC, which has screening rights to the DVD, to make this provocative film on the influence of money in politics available free of charge to our League members and the general public.

(See additional information regarding this film on page 4 of this issue.)

Following the airing of the film, which is about one hour long, Dave Kartunen, WSAV-TV anchor and reporter, will lead a half-hour discussion of the film.

Plan now to attend this interesting meeting, which will be hosted by the Bluffton Library at 10:00 a.m. in the community room.

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2015-2017 State Program Planning

Do you know who Jay Lucas is? Jerry Stewart? Curtis Loftis?* These were some of the influential South Carolinians our League members tried to identify as part of an ice-breaker at the outset of our February 11 program planning meeting. Following some social time, about thirty of our League members participated in a lively review of current LWVSC policy positions and made recommendations for priorities in 2015-2017.

We reviewed current policies on criminal and juvenile justice, education, natural resources, state and local government, state and local taxation, transportation, and child welfare. We voted to recommend retention of all policies with some amendments. We did not propose any new studies to be undertaken at the state level.

In addition, we recommended three action priorities for the next two years: 1) voter access and the election process, 2) education, and 3) tax reform. Ethics reforms was referenced but not included because we were optimistic (perhaps wrongly) that reform was in the wings. We also agreed that LWVSC should monitor proposals for off-shore drilling.

Our recommendations will be sent to our state board, which will identify policy and action agenda items for discussion and votes at the state convention in April.

*If you aren't sure: Jay Lucas is the newly elected Speaker of the House in SC. Jerry Stewart is Sun City's representative on the Beaufort County Council. Curtis Loftis is our state treasurer.

Message from the President



Welcome to
New Member:

Ann Seppenfreid
of Bluffton

As many of you are already aware, the League of Women Voters Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Area is the designated Host League for this State League's biennial convention that will be held April 25 – 26 at *The Beach House* on Coligny Beach. I am told that this is a once-in-seventeen years designation! Many of you are already involved in efforts to make this Convention memorable. You may be working with our Host Convention Chair, Pamela Hollinger, serving on one of the many committees needed for a smooth convention, coordinating an event for the pre or post convention visitors and contributing financially to the expenses incurred by the Host League.

Whatever your support role may be I want to be sure that you realize what a unique opportunity it is for us to attend a State Convention "right in our own backyard." Attendees will interact with leaguers statewide, hear out-

standing speakers, witness special entertainment, and most importantly will truly feel a part of a vibrant statewide organization as it plans its future.

All registrations for the Convention must be done through the State League.

The upcoming issue of the *SC VOTER* will include the *Convention Registration Form* for the convention, *Menu Choice Reservation Form*, as well as the *Registration Form for Pre- and Post-Convention Events*. There will be several options for the Convention, including a two-day or one-day registration. Make your choices and send in your check to be a part of the League's path forward in South Carolina.

Because of our robust membership growth we are entitled to send 12 voting delegates to convention. A delegate will be expected to attend both days of the convention. Some of our dele-



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gates will be selected because of their past or anticipated future role in our local/state Leagues. If you are interested in a delegate role please contact me (681-8450) immediately.



GUIDE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS 2015-2016

Thanks to the efforts of Katie Miller the new Guide to Elected Officials is "hot off the press". In her usual quiet but effective way Katie coordinated printer, a research team and proofreader to bring us this updated Guide. It has been delivered to several municipal and civic outlets. Be sure to get your personal copies at the Winter Blahs Event or the March 11 General Meeting.

The League acknowledges and appreciates the financial support for this publication from the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEAGUE

Vice President Nancy Williams will be interviewed by WHHI TV on Monday, March 2nd. This is an opportunity to increase awareness of the League and its role. This taped session will be broadcast several times during that week. Watch for our Veep!



END THE WINTER BLAHS PARTY

**Sunday, March 8
from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
McGarry Residence
6 Anglers Pond Ct
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
(Hilton Head Plantation*)**



- Please bring hors d'oeuvres for six.**
- Wine and soft drinks provided by hostess Sally McGarry.**
- Guests welcome.**
- RSVP Regrets only 843-342-9254**
- *Please call if you will need a gate pass and/or directions. (Picture ID will be required by HHP Security)**

Visit our Web Site

www.lwvhi.org

NATURAL RESOURCES/LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT



The next meeting of the Natural Resources/Land Use Committee will be at 2:00 on Wednesday, March 18, at Dunkin Donuts in the Southwood Park Shopping Center on William Hilton Parkway on HHI. At our first meeting on February 4, committee members reviewed current League positions, agreed to look over land use information available on county and town websites and to each to come up with a list of major areas of concern.

This information will be discussed at the March 18 meeting. Although we had a good turnout for the first meeting, we would welcome more members. It would be especially helpful to have greater representation from offisland.

Please note that we expect to have some meetings in Bluffton.

If you're interested in the committee, just come to the meeting. If you need directions or more information, please contact me.

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PRICELE\$\$ - A documentary film about campaign finance

Wednesday – March 11 – 10:00am

Bluffton Library – Large Meeting Room

Free – No RSVP Required

Guest Moderator: Dave Kartunen, Anchor & Reporter, WSAV-TV

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Monthly
Calendar of Events

Officers and Board 2014 - 2015

BOARD MEETINGS

Future Board meetings will be held on
Thursdays, March 5, April 2 and May 7
at 10:00 A.M. at Palmetto Electric on Mathews Drive
In Hilton Head

All members are welcome at Board meetings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun. March 8 - 5 to 7 PM Party at the home of
Sally McGarry for League Members and friends.
See invitation on page 3 for details.

Wed. Mar. 11 - 10:00 AM General Meeting at the
Bluffton Public Library, Community Room.
Showing of movie "Pricele\$\$" and discussion
following.

Wed. March 18 - 2:00 PM Meeting of the Natural
Resources/Land Use Committee at Dunkin Donuts
on Hilton Head Island (beside Apple Appliances).

Wed. April 8 - 10:00 AM General Meeting at the
Bluffton Public Library. Topic: "It Can't Happen Here
Can It?" Human trafficking in South Carolina.
Speaker: SC Attorney General, Alan Wilson, Intro-
duced by Solicitor Duffie Stone.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Name(s) of additional member(s) in household _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work/day) _____

Cell phone _____ Email address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

\$50.00 one member. \$75.00 two members same household.

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Comments (e.g. interests, how you heard about the League)

Have you belonged to League previously? _____ If so, where? _____