

# Lighthouse

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## SEPTEMBER 17 CANDIDATE FORUM

**Democracy isn't a spectator sport!**

Learn about the issues from Common Core to funding, and meet the candidates for South Carolina Superintendent of Education—

- Molly Spearman (Republican)
- Tom Thompson (Democrat)
- Ed Murray (American Party)

—in a forum sponsored by the non-partisan League of Women Voters of Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Area.

**South Carolina  
Superintendent  
of Education  
Candidate Forum**

**First Presbyterian  
Church of Hilton  
Head Island  
Fellowship Hall**

**540 William Hilton  
Parkway**

**10:00-11:30 AM  
Coffee at 9:30 AM**

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**LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND/BLUFFTON AREA**

## Message from the President



With a general election on our calendars on Nov. 4, 2014 this fall presents opportunities for our League to do what it does best--- provide programs that will prepare voters with knowledge about candidates and issues. Summer efforts of our League leaders and committee members have laid the groundwork for several events. Thanks to all of you who have allowed your summer respite to be interrupted by the need for fall planning.

Our kickoff meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> will feature the three candidates for State Superintendent of Education. See the time and place details in this newsletter. October will bring a Mayoral Forum for Town of Hilton Head

Island Mayoral Candidates and a discussion by the candidates for the Ward 5 Town Council seat.

In addition to candidate events our League will be monitoring the provisions of the Beaufort County Council's Referendum Question on Rural and Critical Lands. As a League we supported the 2012 referendum on this topic. Stay tuned for new information. Staying tuned for pre-election events is easier than ever—just check the League website, [www.lwvhhi.org](http://www.lwvhhi.org) and read [The Lighthouse](#).

This is important as the nature of some of the events have required a change in time and/or venue.



LWVHHI/Bluffton  
President  
Loretta Warden

Our fall programming efforts are not just for League members but for all of our fellow voters. Be sure to share this program information with your friends and neighbors.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to League Member Caroline McVitty on her appointment to a three-year term on the Town of Hilton Head Island Planning Commission. Caroline will serve on the Comprehensive Plan and Land Management Ordinance subcommittees.

## VOTER SERVICES

The League's Voter Services Team has arranged for a booth to register voters at the Bluffton Farmers Market on Thursday, September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 3 from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. The last day to register is October 4, so we are looking at September for our final push to reach as many people as possible to vote in the November election. If this is an event you would like to staff for 1 to 3 hours on any of those days, please contact Oleta Harden (843-815-6294) [ojharden@hargray.com](mailto:ojharden@hargray.com), or Katie Miller (843-681-6448) [katiemlrhh@hargray.com](mailto:katiemlrhh@hargray.com). The weather will still be warm and lots of people should be at the Market. The League owns a canopy so you will be out of the sun while you meet and greet prospective voters.

The League will have a registration table at its September 17 monthly meeting, and we are looking for a large turnout at the First Presbyterian Church.

We will also have registration at the Hilton Head High School's Constitution Day celebration on September 12 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Cafeteria.

Any help you can give to any of these events will be appreciated, and we will arrange your schedule to fit your needs. Thanks in advance for your help. We need you!

Oleta Harden and Katie Miller



**Visit our Web Site**

[www.lwvghi.org](http://www.lwvghi.org)

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## Training for New Poll Managers

The Beaufort County Board of Elections and Registration will be conducting training sessions for **New Poll Managers**. All persons interested in working the polls for the first time, may enroll in one of these sessions. The dates and locations are as follows:

This is another opportunity to become involved in our election process.

See details in the **Beaufort County Council, Board of Elections and Registration** letter on page 4 of this newsletter,

# BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL

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August 18, 2014

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Beaufort County Board of Elections and Registration will be conducting training sessions for **New Poll Managers**. All persons interested in working the polls for the first time, may enroll in one of these sessions. The dates and locations are as follows:

The sessions will last approximately four (4) hours each. It is also recommended that you bring a snack to eat/drink during short breaks. To register for the training, please call: 843-255-6900 or 255-6902; or send an email to include the preferred date of the training you wish to attend and a phone number where you can be reached during the day to: [voter@bcgov.net](mailto:voter@bcgov.net).

**Thank you for your interest in serving the citizens of Beaufort County**

#### **Date Time Location**

September 6, 2014 (Saturday) 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Bluffton Library - 120 Palmetto Way, Bluffton, SC

September 11, 2014 (Thursday) 10:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Hilton Head Library - 11 Beach City Rd , Hilton Head, SC

September 15, 2014 (Monday) 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
Disabilities & Special Needs Bldg.  
(Off Castle Rock Rd.) - 100 Clear Water Way, Beaufort, SC

## **September Meeting—September 17, 2014**

On Wednesday, September 17, our league will kick off the new program year by hosting the candidates for South Carolina Superintendent of Education. With campaign issues such as funding, standards, student achievement, and school choice, we expect a lively and informative discussion. Republican candidate Molly Spearman, Democratic candidate Tom Thompson, and American Party candidate Ed Murray will participate.

LWV Members and the general public are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head Island, 540 William Hilton Parkway, at 9:30 AM for coffee and an opportunity to mingle with the candidates. A forum moderated by League President Loretta Warden will begin at 10:00 AM. Our Education Committee has prepared questions for the candidates. Written questions from the audience will be considered as time permits.

Help make democracy work by attending this important event and by inviting your friends to join you!

## **October Meeting— October 8, 2014**

On Wednesday, October 8, the League will sponsor a forum for Hilton Head Island mayoral candidates at 4:00 in the Hilton Head Island Town Council Chamber. Candidates David Bennett, Joe DuBois, Roger James, Drew Laughlin, and Rochelle Williams have been invited.





Monthly  
Calendar of Events

Officers and Board 2014 - 2015

**BOARD MEETINGS**

Future Board meetings will be held on  
Thursdays, 9/11, 10/2, 11/6 and 12/4 at 9:45 A.M.  
Location: Palmetto Electric Meeting Room  
111 Mathews Drive  
Hilton Head Island

All members are welcome at Board meetings.

**OFFICERS**

President:	Loretta Warden	681-8450
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

September 17 at 9:30 A.M. for coffee and 10:00 A.M. for forum for candidates for S.C. Supt. of Education (see page 1 for details). First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 540 William Hilton Parkway.

October 8, 4:00 P.M. Hilton Head Island mayoral candidate forum at Hilton Head Island Town Council Chamber.

November 12 10:00 A.M. Bluffton Library. Speakers to be confirmed.

December 10 Holiday Luncheon at 11:30 A.M. Place to be determined.

**BOARD**

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