



Lighthouse

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

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
10:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013
FELLOWSHIP HALL, LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10 SIMMONSVILLE ROAD, BLUFFTON
 (at the southwest corner of Hwy. 278 and Simmonsville Road)

Coming from Columbia will be the League of Women Voters of South Carolina Vice President **JoAnne Day** and **Lynn Teague**, who serves as Director of Advocacy. They will bring us up to date on **what's happening in the S.C. General Assembly** and will give special focus to **Ethics Reform**, a very important and timely issue. A question and answer period will follow their presentation. Please come and encourage your friends and family members to come too.

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ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 15, 2013
At the Port Royal Golf Club
(Adjacent to Port Royal Plantation)
10 Clubhouse Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
11:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker:

Scott Marshall, Executive Director
Beaufort County Board of Elections

Cost: \$26.00 per person

Guests Welcome

Reservation deadline: May 7

For reservation form and menu choices, please see Page 3.

It would be very much appreciated if members arrive by 11:30 for the Annual Meeting. A social time with cash bar will follow the meeting. Lunch will be served at 12:30. After Mr. Marshall's talk, there will be a question and answer period.

From the President



This edition of the Lighthouse is particularly important as it contains information you will need when you attend the annual meeting and luncheon, Wednesday, May 15 at the Port Royal Clubhouse. Be sure to send in your reservation and look over the proposed changes to our Public Policy Positions, the proposed annual budget, and the proposed slate of officers. We could not ask for a nicer venue to socialize, conduct business, and hear from Scott Marshall, Chairman of the Beaufort County Board of Elections. Fran Holt has also planned a great program for our April 10 general membership meeting. The featured speakers are SC League officers JoAnne Day and Lynn Teague who will let us know what is going on in the SC General Assembly with a special focus on ethics reform. Please join us at the LowCountry Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 10 at 10 am.

We are working to organize a candidates' forum in late April for the 1st Congressional District race. We will keep you informed via email when we know the outcome of both the primaries and our efforts to set a date.

As this year and my tenure as President winds down, I would like to thank all of you for the support you have shown to me and the LWVHHI/BA. In particular, I thank Fran Holt for arranging our programs and keeping me on track, Julie Wittig for being the most productive membership chair in our history, Joan Kinne-Shulman for picking up the reins of the Lighthouse from Bob McGarry, who handled the job so effectively, and Joan, Sally McGarry, Barbara Swift, and all the others who helped arrange and moderate our election forums each election season. Thanks also to Pamela Hollinger, who chaired the education committee through two consensus questions, and to Janet Law and Dot Law, who



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President
Karen Wessel

have handled the treasurer's duties with skill, Katie Miller who has handled hospitality with patience and competence, Caroline McVitty who has managed to produce coherent minutes from our meetings, and Dee Ann Dowlen who has handled the publicity for all of our events and programs. Over the two years of my tenure I have called upon many others to help out: Ginny Ghirardelli, Sue Feutz, Bob Ghirardelli, Fred Holt, Flo Rosse, Kevin Schoneman, Loretta Warden, and so many other members. I thank you all for making this league so productive.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE Special Election U. S. House of Representatives

District 1

Counties: Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester

April 2 Primary Runoff,
April 6 Last day to
register to vote in
special election
May 7 Special Election

March 13 Membership Meeting

Because of illness, Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka was not able to deliver the "State of the Town" talk at our March meeting at the LowCountry Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Town Manager Anthony Barrett filled in for the mayor. Several members of the town staff and Councilwoman Karen Lavery contributed to the presentation.

Barrett talked about how Bluffton grew from a community of one square mile to 54 square miles, mainly by annexation after 1987, and the challenges this rapid growth has presented. What the town wants to do is keep its small community identity and still provide economic opportunities for current and future residents. The town is in a good location to attract businesses—it is near larger communities, good transportation routes, and centers of education. Its history, natural beauty, water resources, and parks give it assets many larger areas do not have. The government has been developing long-range goals and strategic planning to promote commerce. It helped create the Dan Ryan Center for Innovation and a technical park and developed a close relationship with Clemson University.

A picture-filled Power Point presentation highlighted the special qualities of Bluffton and the major information in the talk. A few members of the large audience asked questions of Barrett at the close of the remarks.

RESERVATION FOR MAY 15 LUNCHEON

Please make your reservation by sending a check made out to LWVHHI/BA and the following form to Katie Miller, 17 Celosia Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 by May 7. If there are questions or it is near or past the deadline, please call Katie at 681-6448.



Name(s) _____

Phone number _____

Enclosed payment: \$26 per person x number of reservations = \$_____

Please indicate your choice of entree

____ **Soup & Salad** - Chilled Cucumber Dill Soup & Heritage Salad with Mandarin Oranges, Seasonal Berries & Spicy Pecans with Chef's Selection of Homemade Dressings

or

____ **Soup & Sandwich** - Chilled Cucumber Dill Soup & Chicken Salad on a Croissant

Fresh Rolls and Whipped Butter

Vanilla Mousse with Seasonal Berries for dessert

Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea and Hot Herbal Tea

Vegetarian Meal or other special meals available if requested in advance.

Visit our web Site

www.lwvhi.org

Membership Report

Our spring membership drive continues and already many of you have sent in your renewals. Thank you for responding so quickly and special thanks to those of you who also made a generous donation to the League. If you haven't yet sent in your membership dues, please do so today. Deadline for many is **April 30, 2013**. We're counting on all of you to stay with us and keep us strong so we can continue the important work we do.

Every year at renewal time certain tasks need to be done before the renewal packages can be mailed to members. Many thanks go to **Janet Law and Carol Possanza** for helping me at the production end with labels and printing. And thank you always to **President Karen Wessel** for her ongoing support.

We gained 4 new members in March: **Evva Anderson, C. J. Humphrey, Gerry Stanton and Robert Warden**. Thank you all for joining the League. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you will get involved in areas of the League that interest you. The monthly membership meetings are a great way for members to stay informed on current issues and to participate in the discussions. Committee Chairs are always looking for interested members too. Please contact Committee Chairs listed on the last page of this issue for more information.

It's not too soon to start making plans to attend the **Annual Meeting and Luncheon on May 15th** (see flyer in this issue for more details). This is the last meeting of the 2012-2013 League year before we break for summer. It is the time to celebrate our accomplishments, network with League friends and be informed on new issues. Please plan to attend and invite a friend to come too. We are always in recruitment mode so if you know someone who might be interested in joining LWV please bring them with you. They will fit right in and see firsthand what we do. **VP and Program Chair Fran Holt** has planned another excellent and informative meeting and **Hospitality Chair Katie Miller** arranged a fabulous luncheon that you and your guest will enjoy.

Thank you again for supporting our local League and for your commitment to LWV.

Julie Wittig
Membership Chair

PROPOSED LWVHHI/BA STATEMENTS OF PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS For 2013-2014

I Natural Resources:

The LWVHHI/BA supports the preservation and protection of wetlands, area beaches, and local waterways, including, but not restricted to Calibogue Sound, the May River, the Colleton River and the Okatie River.

II Transportation:

- A. Accommodation Tax (A-Tax) monies may be an appropriate source of funding for regional public transportation.
- B. County Council should put a comprehensive transportation plan in place.

Issues or positions to monitor and study and act upon as needed:

1. Election process in Beaufort County: monitor redistricting and Helping America Vote Act (HAVA) implementation
2. Education in Beaufort County, including early childhood through grade 12 levels and post-secondary education and the school budget process and school policies.
3. Hilton Head, Bluffton area and Beaufort County Comprehensive Plans
4. Ward I Master Land Use Plan
5. Beaufort County Regional Plans, including multi-jurisdictional regional plans, and implementation of the Southern Beaufort County Regional Plan
6. Hilton Head Island Airport Master Plan
7. Public Safety
8. Home Rule
9. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for support of public projects on Hilton Head Island
10. Water and sewer service

Please note that these positions and issues as stated above are what will be considered for adoption at the Annual Meeting. The current version can be seen at www.lwvhhi.org and will also be available at the Annual Meeting. Some of the issues to monitor and study and act upon as needed were inadvertently omitted from what was published in the February and March editions of the Lighthouse.

The following proposed changes to the Bylaws will be considered for adoption at the Annual Meeting on May 15. Complete copies of the current bylaws showing proposed changes will be available at the meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS

Change name to League of Women Voters of Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Area throughout the document

Article IV, Sec. 3 , last sentence

Add underlined words

Three consecutive absences from a board meeting of any member without valid reason approved by the board shall be deemed a resignation.

Article V Officers Sec. 2, last sentence

Current version

The president or co-president shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as pertain to the office of president and shall perform such other duties as the president or co-presidents and the board may designate.

Proposed version

The president or co-president shall have responsibility for supervision and management and shall perform such other duties as the board designates.

Article IX Program

Sec. 1. Authorization.

Current version

The governmental Principles adopted by the national convention, and Supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.

Proposed version

The governing principles adopted by the national convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.

Current version

Sec. 3 (d) Recommendations for program submitted by voting members two months prior to the annual meeting but not included in the proposed program recommended by the board of directors may be considered by the annual meeting provided that: (1) the annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the annual meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.

Proposed version

First three lines same as above. Last two lines cut to:

provided that the annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR LWVHHI/BA

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

INCOME

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Dues | \$5300.00 |
| Contributions | |
| Members | 1500.00 |
| Non-Members | 350.00 |
| Sponsors | 500.00 |
| Events | 2750.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$10,400.00 |

EXPENSES

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| Administration | \$300.00 |
| Education | |
| Publications/Public Relations | 50.00 |
| Voter Service & “Guide to Elected Officials” | 750.00 |
| Website Management | 200.00 |
| Events | 2750.00 |
| Fund Raising Development | 100.00 |
| Lighthouse | 50.00 |
| Membership Development | 200.00 |
| Per-Member Payments | |
| To LWVUS | 2750.00 |
| To LWVSC | 1275.00 |
| Travel | |
| National Convention in Dallas | 1500.00 |
| Other | 250.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 225.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$10,400.00 |



Monthly
Calendar of Events

Officers and Board 2012—2013

BOARD MEETINGS

Future Board meetings will be held on
Thursdays., April 4, and May 2 at 9:45 A.M.
Location: Coastal States Bank
98 Main Street
Hilton Head Island

All members are welcome at Board meetings.

Nominating Committee Report, 2013

Proposed nominations for open offices in LWVHHI/BA
President: Loretta Warden
Secretary: Phylis Giglinto
Membership: Julie Bell and Sue Yearwood
Nominating Committee 2014: Karen Wessel, Chair, Julie
Wittig, Jan Billingslea (Two more members will be appointed
by the Board.)

Submitted by Flo Rosse, Chair of Nominating Committee
2013, and members Anita Holcslaw, Sue Yearwood, Dot
Law, Julie Wittig

OFFICERS

President:
Karen Wessel 682-3397
Vice-President, Program Chair:
Fran Holt 837-3436
Treasurer:
Dot Law 842-5622
Secretary:
Caroline McVitty 681-6124

BOARD

Fund-raising: Vacant
Education: Pamela Hollinger 706-9928
Government Issues/Observer Corps:
Joan Kinne-Shulman 842-9246
Hospitality: Katie Miller 681-6448
Membership: Julie Wittig 706-3735
Newsletter: Joan Kinne-Shulman 842-9246
Public Relations/Publicity:
Dee Ann Dowlen 341-2318
State Issues/Advocacy
Sally McGarry 342-9254
Voters Services:
Ginny Ghirardelli 363-6404
Sue Fuetz 415-6445

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 10 —10:00 A.M. **LWSC Vice President JoAnne Day**
and **Director of Advocacy Lynn Teague** will speak on
“**What’s Happening in the S.C. General Assembly**, with a
focus on **Ethics Reform**.
Location: LowCountry Presbyterian Church, Bluffton.

May 15 —11:30 A.M. **Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Scott
Marshall**, Executive Director of the Beaufort County Board of
Elections, will speak. Location: Port Royal Clubhouse, Hilton
Head Island.