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February is Program Planning Time

Our February 11 meeting will focus on LWVSC positions and priorities for 2015-17. We'll gather at 10:00 a.m. in the community room at Hilton Head PSD No. 1. All LWVHHI/BA members may participate.

We'll begin with some social time and refreshments before tackling our agenda. In order to expedite our discussion, a number of our League's board members have volunteered to review existing policy positions and to make any recommendations for changes.

The agenda and background information for the meeting will be sent to all League members, whom we encourage to attend this important meeting.

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Presentation on Climate Change January 14, 2015 LWVHHI/BA Meeting

Mike Seymour, President of the Heritage Institute and a member of our League, gave us a great presentation on Climate Change. What he said was scary but not totally without hope.

He made it clear that the argument over the existence of global warming is over. Global warming is a reality. We are at a crossroads where we must find a different way of looking at ourselves and think globally as an earth family, not just a human family. Consequences of global warming include the increased incidence of extreme weather such as Hurricane Sandy in the New York area in 2012, droughts causing less water supply and more fires, flooding, ice flows, the spread of infectious disease and detrimental effects on agriculture. A video of Leonardo DiCaprio talking at the United Nations (available on Youtube) underscored the seriousness of the problems and the urgency of doing what is necessary for the sake of human rights and survival.

Changes in how individuals live their lives will make a difference, but it is really change at the industrial level that is most essential. Currently, newly proposed regulations interpreting the Clean Air Act are under review. There are extensive comments on the proposals that are delaying implementation, but the final approved regulations should make a real difference.

Those opposed are concerned about the economics and costs, but Mr. Seymour feels those concerns are exaggerated and can be addressed. One encouraging fact is that an accord recently reached by China and the U.S.. Both nations have agreed to specific targets and deadlines for reducing greenhouse gases.

The meeting was well attended, and it was obvious from the questions and contributions made by members of the audience that there was a real interest in this important subject.

Message from the President



Welcome to
New Members:
Clemma Carrington
of Bluffton and
Mary (Sandy) Dickson
of Hilton Head Island

IT IS GRASSROOTS TIME
FOR SOUTH CAROLINA'S
LEAGUES----

In odd numbered years all of South Carolina's local leagues participate in the LWVSC Program Planning Process. As noted on page 1 our February 11th gathering will be the grassroots meeting for the LWVHHI/BA. Maximum participation in this process will guarantee that our local voices will be heard and result in a state program that reflects issues that are important and timely and issues on which the League can be an informed voice.

At our local meeting our members will review existing public policy positions and select those issues which we feel merit League investment of time, talent, energy and

money. We will also recommend any new studies or action projects for the 2015-2017 biennium. Our League's input together with the responses from other South Carolina leagues will be the basis for the State Board's recommendations for the upcoming biennium. These recommendations will be discussed, debated and finalized at the state convention in April, right here on Hilton Head Island.

By the time you read this message you will have received materials from Vice President Nancy Williams. Take some time to familiarize yourself with the agenda, and the topics for discussion and recommendations at the meeting. Bring your own knowledge base, your reflections and your passions to our meeting. The strength of



LWVHHI/Bluffton
President
Loretta Warden

League is grounded in this process which assures consideration of grassroots input.

While the end product is important so is this opportunity for conversation with fellow leaguers. See you on the 11th.

MEETING ON LAND USE

I'm pleased to report that twelve people signed up to join our new Natural Resources Committee, which will focus on local Land Use. The first committee meeting will be at 2:00 on Wednesday, February 4 at Dunkin Donuts located between Yummy House and the Apple Appliance Center in the Southwood Park Shopping Center on HHI. The shopping center is on William Hilton Parkway between the Beach City Road and Matthews Drive traffic lights.

Coming from offisland, it is on the right. If you haven't had a chance to sign up for the committee but are interested in joining, please contact me or just come to the meeting.

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Snapshot from the MLK Holiday Parade



Visit our Web Site

www.lwvhi.org

Save the Date - Sunday, March 8, 2015

From 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Sunday March 8, LWVHHI/BA will hold its annual "Chase the Winter Blahs" Party. Sally McGarry will host the event at her home, 6 Anglers Pond Court in Hilton Head Plantation. Members, their partners, and friends who may be interested in the League are all invited.

Membership Invitation

If you have a friend who would like to join LWVHHI/BA, we suggest you show them our Web site at: <http://www.lwvhi.org>.

They can click on the Join button for further details and application form.

A copy of the membership application is attached in the event you would like to print it and pass it to a friend.

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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

Wed. Feb. 11 10:00 AM HHI PSD 1, Oak Park
Drive, Program Planning

Wed. Mar. 11 10:00 AM Bluffton Public Library,
Showing of movie "Pricele\$\$" and discussion

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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? _____