



Lighthouse

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

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, 2013

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.

Ethics Reform in South Carolina Focus of April Membership Meeting

JoAnne Day, Vice President for Issues and Action, LWVSC, presented an over-view of the advocacy strategy of our State League, issues that are receiving League attention in this session of the General Assembly, and the thorny topic of ethics reform in this state which surely needs it.

LWVSC has a small number of members who consistently represent the League as lobbyists in Columbia, testifying before Committees and sub-Committees and meeting individually with Legislators to promote our positions. They are effective because they have become well-known to the Legislators. JoAnne's particular passion is Voting Rights, which she described as being "in the League's DNA." She feels the photo ID law needs to be explained more clearly to the public, and the Early Voting Bill, S. 4, which passed the Senate and went to the House, falls far short of what the League was advocating. Voting needs to be made more accessible, and this bill would make it less so.

JoAnne referenced pending education bills such as S. 234 mandating full-day kindergarten, S. 53 to make the office of Superintendent of Education appointed rather than elected, cervical cancer prevention for 7th grade girls, and H. 3435 updating education regulations and environmental bills regarding solar energy and flood control. The League, she said, is a member of the Coalition for Healthy Families and the Conservation Common Agenda Coalition as vehicles for extending our reach.

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Tribute to the President



We on the LWVHHI/BA Board thank Karen for her kind words in her column in the April Lighthouse. We thank her for her positive leadership over the past two years. Karen took on many responsibilities that a League President

does not ordinarily do and did them well and without complaint. We will miss her presence and good humor at our Board meetings and hope she will not be a stranger at upcoming League events.



LWVHHI/ BLUFFTON
Outgoing President
Karen Wessel

FALL PROGRAMS

We are in the process of planning fall programs that we hope will be of interest to you and our guests. For our **September 18** meeting (a week later than our usual date), we have invited speakers to discuss Beaufort County financial issues, including the reassessment process, and state tax reform efforts. Instead of a morning meeting on **October 9**, we plan to have an evening party at which we will honor elected officials and have the opportunity to socialize with each other and guests.

More detailed information will be provided in the summer issue of *The Lighthouse*.

Ethics Reform—Continued from Page 1

Next JoAnne addressed the prime focus of the meeting – Ethics Reform. Lynn Teague, the architect of the State League’s Ethics Reform Program, was to have presented this part of the program, but she had to appear at a Committee hearing in Columbia instead. JoAnne presented the power point “Money, Power and Politics” beginning with the comment that “politics are awash in money and it behooves South Carolina to get a clear set of ethics rules.” The League has launched a multi-pronged initiative to address the weaknesses in current law and promote solutions. The League recommends:

- Eliminating “leadership PAC’s” which avoid disclosure of sources of funds
- Requiring full disclosure of all forms of personal compensation received by officials and their immediate families so as to eliminate conflicts of interest
- Introducing true independent investigation and enforcement of violations of ethics laws
- Strengthening the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

As of April 17th, League members have received an e-mail from LWVSC Co-President Barbara Zia urging all of us to communicate with our Legislators in Columbia, listing bill numbers and arguments. Additional information can be found on the League website, www.lwvsc.org. Our League’s “Guide to Elected Officials” will give contact information for your Legislators. Please join in this important advocacy effort.

Sally McGarry, State Action Chair

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m., Port Royal Golf Club

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

We gained 4 more members this spring: Karen Arms, William Bollin and Laima and Michael Mathews. Welcome to the League and thank you all for joining us. We look forward to getting to know you and encourage you to get involved in areas of the League that interest you.

The annual spring membership drive continues and thank you to members who have already renewed. If you have not yet sent in your dues, please do so today so you stay current. A special thank you also goes to members who made a generous donation to the League.

When returning your membership form, please be sure to provide the number of years you have been a member of the League. The last question on the form asks for this information. If you typically skip this question I encourage you to take a moment and respond. Many members have belonged to Leagues in other states before moving to South Carolina and joining our local League. We would like to know how many years you have been a member so we can recognize you for your years of service.

This year we would like to recognize and congratulate the following members for their many years of service to the League:

Members for over 40 Years: Fran Holt, Joan Lemoine, Sally McGarry, Dorothy Perkins

Members for over 35 Years: Joan Kinne-Shulman, Kathy Quirk

Members for over 30 years: Stephen Alfred, Dodi Eschenbach, Ginny Ghirardelli

Members for over 25 Years: Mary Cloyd, Ann Coffin, Rita Donahue, DeeAnn and George Dowlen, Linda Hennessey, Vivian Miller

Members for over 20 Years: Janet Law, Nancy Williams, Eileen Drehwing, Connie and Jerry Voight

Members for over 15 Years: Barbara Swift, Loretta Warden, Karen Wessel

To the entire membership, thank you for all that you do for the League. Your time, skills, knowledge, work, commitment and dedication never go unnoticed. We thank you for your continued support and service to the League of Women Voters. Our League is going strong at 111 members. Bravo, Leaguers!

Julie Wittig
Membership Chair

See Page 5 for a special membership recognition.

Don't Forget to Vote

Special Election: U.S. House of Representatives, District 1—May 7, 2013

Information About Candidates for U.S. House District 1 Seat

As a service to voters, LWV Charleston Area collaborated with the College of Charleston to produce video interviews of candidates for the U.S. House District 1 seat. The special election is to be held on May 7. The candidate videos are now online on LWV Charleston Area's Info for Voters page: <http://lwvcharleston.org/elections.html>

VOTER SERVICES PROJECTS FOR SPRING 2013—Staffing Needed

Voter Registration at Hilton Head High School, Friday, May 3, 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Please contact Barbara deNeeve (barbarajdeneeve@hargray.com) or Joan Bryan (jbnychhi@aol.com) to volunteer.

Voter Registration and Information Booth at the Bluffton Village Festival, Saturday, May 11.

Please contact Sue Feutz (feutzs@yahoo.com) to staff a two-hour shift between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. or for more information.

LWVHHI/BA 50 YEAR MEMBER CELEBRATION

Achieving a 50 year milestone is a major accomplishment which calls for a celebration. We are proud to announce that this year marks the 50th anniversary for League member Fran Robertson. We will honor Fran for her 50 year membership and outstanding service to the League of Women Voters at our annual business meeting and luncheon scheduled May 15th at the Port Royal Golf Club. Fran will be presented with a certificate of recognition and letter signed by Elisabeth MacNamara, President of the LWV of the United States, as she becomes a Life Member in the League. Last year's honorees, Nancy Cherry and Ann Robinson, have also been invited to attend this year's celebration. Please join us at the annual luncheon as we pay tribute to our League's newest 50 year member.

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

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, May 2, Sept. 5 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

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

**September 18 (one week later than our usual date), 10:00
A.M., Membership Meeting.** Location and speakers to be an-
nounced.

October 9, 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. A party honoring elected officials will
replace a regular morning meeting. Details to be announced.

November 13, 10:00 A.M., Membership Meeting. Details to be
announced.

December 11, 11:30 A.M., Holiday Luncheon with speaker. Loca-
tion: Moss Creek Club House, Bluffton. Details to be announced.