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League to Host HHI Mayoral Candidates

The Town of Hilton Head Island's candidates for mayor will be featured in a forum at our October 8 meeting.

Five candidates have filed for this elected position and have accepted our invitation to participate in the forum--incumbent Drew Laughlin and challengers David Bennett, Joe DuBois, Roger "Cork" James, and Rochelle Williams.

League member Sally McGarry will serve as moderator for the forum, which will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Hilton Head Island Council Chambers.

The forum is open to the general public as well as League members and friends. Please plan to attend.



Message from the President



“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.”

Adopted at Annual Meeting, May 2014

At our most recent Board Meeting we reviewed the Referendum on Rural and Critical Lands Preservation which will appear on the ballot for all Beaufort County voters in the Nov. 4 General Election. In light of our local position as well as the LWVSC position on Natural Resources which among other powerful points suggests that land should be managed as a finite resource and should incorporate principles of stewardship, the Board voted unanimously to support a YES vote on the Referendum.

Since 1998 the program has preserved over 21,000 acres for conservation, parks, buffers, scenic vistas. The program has been a particularly important technique in pro-

tecting and restoring water quality. This is the fourth referendum and comes at a time when properties identified for purchase or for the payment for development rights greatly exceeds the \$20million dollars which the referendum will authorize. There is clearly a need.

As follow up action to this position of advocacy we will do our best to inform the voters of the importance of a YES vote. As members we encourage you to share LWV support with friends, write a personal supportive letter to the editor, and watch for our op ed piece being developed for publication in all local media.

OLLI Program

Our League has been invited to conduct a session at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USCB. Our program will have taken place just before you read this but I want to acknowledge the work of Katie Miller, Oleta Harden, Janet Law, and Sue Feutz in helping to craft our presentation. Entitled *"DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT"* we will



LWVHHI/Bluffton
President
Loretta Warden

share information on the history and role of the League of Women Voters, Voter Registration and the Voting Process in SC, the November General Election Ballot, the Constitutional Questions and Referendum, voter participation data and the future SC decisions to be made on voting machines.

This is an opportunity to provide voters with information as well as a chance to showcase the League as an important resource.

Hope to see many of you at our upcoming meetings ---

Welcome to Our New Members

Allison Burke, Bluffton;
Bob and Ellie Dixon, Bluffton;
Emily Oetjen, Hilton Head Island;
Gina Tjersland, Hilton Head Island

Condolences to long-time member Mary Cloyd on the death of her husband, Wade, after a long illness.

Candidate Forum, September 17, 2014, First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, Hilton Head Island

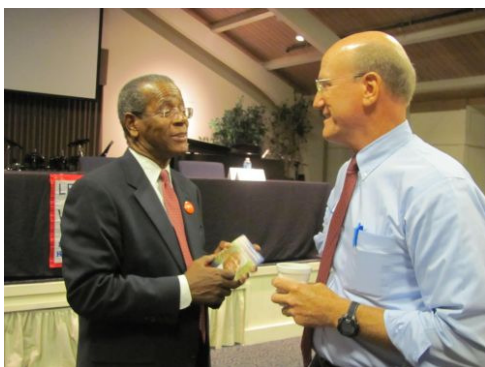
Following are some scenes from our September meeting, which doubled as a Candidate Forum featuring the three candidates who are running for the office of South Carolina Superintendent of Education. All three candidates who will be on the ballot appeared. Candidates are Ed Murray, American Party; Molly Spearman, Republican; Tom Thompson, Democrat. The forum was moderated by Loretta Warden. Katie Miller served as Timer. Our Education Committee prepared some thought-provoking questions and a few questions from the audience were also asked. Our thanks to all who participated.



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www.lwvhi.org

Superintendent of Education Candidates:
Ed Murray, Molly Spearman and Tom Thompson





Monthly
Calendar of Events

Officers and Board 2014 - 2015

BOARD MEETINGS

Future Board meetings will be held on
Thursdays, 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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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.
The Beaufort County Legislative Delegation has
been invited.

December 10 11:30 AM Holiday luncheon at
Hampton Lake, Bluffton. Lynn Teague, LWVSC
Vice President for Issues and Action will be the
speaker.

BOARD

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