



# The Bulletin

League of Women Voters in Henderson County - Since 1966

*"The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy."*

JUNE 2008

## CELEBRATE LEAGUE AND CELEBRATE SUMMER!

Nancy Glowacki, President

League's **Annual Meeting** at the Hendersonville Country Club was a wonderful way to wrap up a productive year for us! It was a lovely, spacious setting for mixing and talking and bidding on the beautiful native bushes in the silent auction. (donated by **Wes and Sharon Burlingame** of Laurel Spring Nursery) The meal was excellent and during the simultaneous meeting; we toasted each other with gratitude and recognized the service of three people who are leaving office.

**IF YOU MISSED LEAGUE'S LUNCHEON -THEATRE "VOICES THAT MOVE US"** hopefully we will have photos and a follow-up story in the August Bulletin.

**LEADERSHIP RETREAT**  
**WED. August 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-3**  
*for Board of Directors and Leadership Team ONLY -*

to be held at Bullington Center  
Please try to attend this...we will make important decisions, construct the calendar, plan programs and projects!

**REMEMBER- NO JULY BULLETIN OR GENERAL MEETING.**

**SIGN UP to help in the new League Tent for Labor Day Weekend Apple Festival- it's Voter Education Time!**  
**Coord: Call Carol Cleveland 697-8828 and Natalie Zitnick 692-9088.**

**Karyn Joyner** was honored for filling out Alice Ann Arrowood's term as Information Office/Publicity and for all of her contributions in the community and league. We wished her well as she and her husband are moving away this summer to be closer to a daughter. **Carolyn Judkins** who has served us so creatively as co-coordinator of the Event Location team received our gratitude! **Pamela Warr** could not be present, but we couldn't say enough to express our thanks to her for the years she has served as our Bulletin Editor. Her creativity and generosity is unequaled and our Bulletin was enviable. She will continue as our Webmaster until one of our members comes forth! Our gratitude was expressed also to the **Times-News** for their generosity and to **Asheville-Buncombe LWV** for collaborating with us in a Forum. We held round-table sharing on two items...first, sharing something about ourselves that most likely others would be surprised to know...and second, what each of us loves about League! The meeting was lovely, relaxed, positive, and fun! **Thanks to our fabulous Board and all** who helped "run the show"! I too, appreciated being recognized for my first

year of " leadership along with wit, and creative, artistic gifts with song ". Thank you all so much!

Now we're looking forward to celebrating summer! As we all enjoy the months of June and July off, try to take some time each week to prepare and "practice" for a busy year ahead in League. If you have a computer, visit the web sites to stay on top of things; if you don't have one, try going to the library and learning how to access these sites; read some recommended books ; respond to "alerts" about legislation ; **BE ALERT!** The world needs more "lerts"! Especially "league lerts"!

### Helpful Web Sites

- League of Women Voters of Henderson County - [www.lwvhcnc.org](http://www.lwvhcnc.org)
- League of Women Voters (National) [www.LWV.org](http://www.LWV.org)
- League of Women Voters (North Carolina) [www.LWVNC.org](http://www.LWVNC.org)
- VOTE411.org (non-partisan election and voter information)
- Fastcheck.org (non-partisan; check accuracy of political ads and allegations)

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP... "VOL" = TO KILL ONESELF... "UNTEER" = WITHOUT PAY

Nancy Glowacki, President of LWVHC

**Endings always pave the way for new beginnings.** As our fiscal year ends in June and we get a "breather" in June and July, the wheels of League continue to turn. A few people end their term of service and new people step forth with their talents and time. Change happens. Growth happens. The Board and Leadership team meet in August to see how we can continue to improve the functioning of League and to consider, for example, how to have meetings with no luncheon costs, how to teach more about how League works, how to improve the efficiency and communication lines, or how to succeed in broadening our diversity in membership, etc. This year challenges us to increase Voter Education and to hold important strategic forums before the election. Many projects already "in the fire" require follow-thru. "We've Got a Lot of Somethin' To Do", as our LWVHC Troupe song tells it !

I'm sure most of you have heard one of my favorite jokes which defines "VOLUNTEER" as coming from "Swahili", with "VOL" meaning "to kill oneself" and "UNTEER" meaning "without pay"! This joke always gets a laugh because sometimes it feels too true! But we ourselves have control over our time...that is true. That's the only way it can be a "win-win" situation!

League always has great job opportunities ... picture how you might fit into one of them! Fill out your MIP (Member Interest Profile) and give to Mary Ann Engel, Membership Chair, so she and others can help match your interests to League's needs. Below are two current openings....more in the fall!

- 1) WEBMASTER - Pamela is ready and willing to introduce someone with the skills to monitor our website, enter data, and keep it current!
- 2) JOIN THE OBSERVER CORPS! Kathleen Lees (697-7881) welcomes new observers anytime. Training provided. Join the others: Brenda Fisher, Madeline Royes, Brian Evers, Barbara Garrison, Nancy Glowacki, and Joe Glowacki. More government bodies need our attention in HC.

To discuss the details of these "jobs", please call Nancy at 693-5257, or Mary Ann (Membership Chair) at 693-3575, or Lee ( Vice Pres.) at 694-3710, or Kathleen, depending on who's away or home as we start taking vacations! Thanks for "picturing" yourself serving League in these, or other ways!

## NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE : What's Happening??

Natalie Zitnick - Democracy Speaks, Chair

The Hawaii legislature enacted the National Popular Vote bill by overriding the veto of Governor Linda Lingle.

Hawaii, Ill., N.J., and MD have now enacted the National Popular Vote Bill. These four states possess 50 electoral votes 19% of the 270 needed to bring the law into effect. 1,005 state legislators currently endorse this Bill, 440 sponsors (in 47 states) and an additional 565 legislators who have cast recorded votes in favor of the bill.

It is sometimes asserted that the current system of electing the President helps the nation's least populous states. It is also sometimes asserted that the small states confer a partisan advantage on one political party. In fact, neither statement is true.

Small states are especially disadvantaged by the current system. The small states are ignored because they are politically non-competitive in presidential elections. 12 of the 13 smallest states are politically non-competitive, and these 12 states are almost totally ignored by the presidential candidates. On the other hand, New Hampshire receives immense attention in the November general election because it is a closely divided "battleground" state.

The 12 smallest states together contain 11 million people. Because of the 2 electoral vote bonus that each

state receives, the 12 non-competitive small states have 40 electoral votes. However, the 2-vote bonus is an illusory advantage. Ohio has 11 million people and has "only" 20 electoral votes. As we all know, the 11 million people in Ohio are the center of attention in presidential campaigns, while 11 million people in the 12 non-competitive small states are irrelevant. Nationwide election of the President would make each of the voters in the 12 smallest states as important as the Ohio voters.

In 1966 Delaware led a group of 12 low-population states in suing N.Y. in the U.S. Supreme Court. Delaware and the other plaintiff states argued that New York's use of the winner-take-all rule disenfranchised voters in their states. The Court declined to hear the case. Ironically, defendant N.Y. is no longer a battleground state and today suffers the same disenfranchisement as the 12 non-competitive small states.

**NOTE: The LWVUS position on the selection of the President and Vice-President supports the direct-popular vote and supports work to abolish the Electoral College.**

## REPORT FROM AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION

**Dixie Blumer, League Representative**

I have represented the League at two very interesting meetings. At the March meeting Chris Estes, Executive Director of the North Carolina Housing Coalition was the guest speaker.

Before Mr. Estes began his presentation, members were asked to express concerns they had re affordable housing. A concern that most persons had not thought of was that landlords risk foreclosure and tenants could be evicted.

The North Carolina Housing Coalition is essentially a resource organization and acts as advocate on housing issues. They are working toward getting a dedicated amount of money each year for the State housing trust fund, at least \$15 million per year.

Mr. Estes led an input session to get ideas as to what direction our coalition should take. About a dozen ideas were submitted. Then we all voted for our top three choices. A needs assessment was number one. A minimum housing code was second, a housing trust fund third, and inclusionary housing fourth.

Mr. Estes said that it is expensive to have a needs assessment done professionally, perhaps \$30,000. A suggestion was made that the Community Foundation might fund it.

At the April meeting, Phillippe Rosse from the Asheville Buncombe Affordable Housing Coalition discussed the many programs they have. They are funded by the United Way and with grants. They have a staff of 9 to 10 persons.

Sheryl Fortune from WCCA told us what is happening in Brevard. The City of Brevard decided that housing is a major concern and set some goals. They will address the housing problems for families who earn 80 to 120 % of median income. Ex. Teachers, nurses and hospital workers, etc.

A summit workshop was held. Testimony of need was presented by the school board, Brevard College, hospital, etc. They established five committees---construction, land, finance, government and public relations. They hope to establish a community land trust and possibly receive land donations. The school board owns some land that could be put into a trust to build housing for teachers.

The City of Brevard has hired a half-time person to coordinate the five committees. The position is financed by the United Way. Transylvania County is not included in the project. The county is not opposed, but just lukewarm. I think that something similar to a summit workshop could be done by Henderson County with support and representation by the various municipalities.

At the May meeting the coalition will discuss what action to begin taking and how to go about it. I will continue to report as the Coalition progresses.

## WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER by Mary Ann Engel, Membership Chair

Please welcome our new member, **Dorothy Highter**. Dot was at our "green" meeting in April and was impressed with all we do. She was in League about 30 years ago but it wasn't very active and she dropped out to raise her family. She is interested in our Observer Corps. (she was a former school board member),

Social Policy, Diversity, and Recycling.

Dot retired from medical social work in New Hampshire in Dec. 2007 and checked out our area while visiting one of her daughters in Franklin. She chose Hendersonville because of the size of our community where she could walk into town, the cultural and art opportunities, and she particularly liked our library. Dot's hobbies have always involved using fabric, but arthritis now limits hobbies some. She is currently a "wet felter". She lives at 1325 D 4th Ave. West, H'ville 28739. You can reach her by telephone at 697-7875 and her e-mail is [highterd@bellsouth.net](mailto:highterd@bellsouth.net). I'm sure you'll be seeing Dot at our meetings so please take a moment to say hello.

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**NOTE: LWVHC DUES ARE DUE July 1st! We're holding at \$47. single AND \$65. family thanks to our fundraising events! Scholarship available, just ask! AND NOTE: If you want hard copy mailing of the Bulletin , add \$10.00 to LWVHC and designate for mailing. Thanks..your dues run League!**

## KIDS VOTING REPORT - Priscilla Burch, K.V. Liaison to LWV Board

It's a slow process, but our Kids Voting is evolving well. During the recent Primary, we had the vast majority of the 33 Polling Stations covered. The 4-H Club covered 5 polling sites. They were super to work with and I really look forward to doing so in the future too. The Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program took 4 stations. Great students! The Boys & Girls Club did 2 stations and we hope to work with them more this year as well. The Rotary Club did a fabulous job at Bruce Drysdale School . David Lowes brought all the 5th grade classes through the station and made arrangements for Miss Western Carolina, Miss Ashley Kotz, to be in the booth for the afternoon. The children fell in love with her! The Lions Club of Hendersonville and the Lions Club of Etowah covered 2 sites each.

Bless the helpers of the League that have always stood by us to help: Carolyn Judkins, Joyce & Don Day, Mae Alexander, Roberta Swanson, Kristi Flinchum, Charlyne Coleman, Celia Hinds- Engelman and Kathleen Lees. If I left anyone out, please forgive me. The Fox News Team filmed Celia while she was covering the Kids Voting booth at the Whitmire Center!

In total, we had 1527 Children Vote in Kids Voting. Of these, 593 had voted before in Kids Voting in the years past and 505 had never voted. On May 14, Scott Parrott/Times-News wrote a nice article on Kids Voting-giving us great coverage of the program and the results.

Marian Lowry, along with Ethlyn Byrd and Joella Newberry, is working on a Liaison program with the schools to help boost Kids Voting awareness in our schools. Marian is planning a training session in Sept for Liaisons. Two of the existing Liaisons at Clear Creek and Upward schools pitched in when we couldn't find anyone to help with Kids Voting at their sites.

Volunteer help or suggestions from our members would be greatly appreciated. Please call Marian at 696-3543 or Priscilla Burch 698-0398

## MORE NEWS ...

**Mae Alexander**, one of League's beloved members and longtime contributor to our community and county thru her unceasing service, died Saturday , May 31, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. The family was so grateful for the cards, calls, visitations, and attendance at her beautiful celebration June 4 at the Methodist Church by so many members of League and others. Her spirit and presence was clearly felt in the inspiring , motivating, and grateful tributes to her and her life.

**Lee Luebbe, as a member of the LWVNC Board, and Nancy and Joe Glowacki, as delegates from LWVHC** attended the State Council Meeting from May 30-June1. Being a State Council meeting, it was small enough (about 50) to get to put faces with familiar names and benefit from hearing about the different leagues in NC. Some ideas will find their way into discussion in our own League. Since we do not have a delegate to the National Convention in Oregon in June (Nancy will be in NH during June), we will publish the results in the August Bulletin of the many resolutions that will be coming being that body. It is important to keep abreast of the National picture of LWV.

**Gwen Hill and Brenda Fisher** will be holding **two bulb sales** next year, one in the fall and one in the spring! It's a whole new "bulbgame", so be on the lookout for announcements!

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**LWVHC CALENDAR ...JULY-AUGUST**

<p><b>July 25 Deadline for August Bulletin</b></p>	<p>NO JULY BULLETIN. <b>There will be an August 1 published Bulletin</b>, so please send your articles to Nancy at <a href="mailto:jonaglowacki@mchsi.com">jonaglowacki@mchsi.com</a> by July 25. Thanks!</p>
<p><b>August 6- Wed. 10-3</b></p>	<p><b>LEADERSHIP RETREAT for Board Members and the Leadership Team.</b> Save the date...details and directions will follow later! Location : The Bullington Center.</p>
<p><b>August 7- Thurs. 11-1 Board Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>LWVHC Board Meeting- WCCA Building - Conference Room</b></p>

<p><b>August 25 Deadline for September Bulletin</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for Bulletin Articles for September 1</b> published Bulletin! Send to Nancy at jonaglowacki@mchsi.com</p>
<p><b>Labor Day Weekend- the League Booth for The Apple Festival!</b></p>	<p><b>Volunteers!</b> Sign up for a 2 ¾ hr. shift on Fri., Sat., or Sun. We'll have educational activities and information to offer the public! It's fun to meet and talk with people about Voting issues, League, other current issues! Call Carol Cleveland , 697-8828, or Natalie Zitnick, 692-9088 , of your interest!</p>

**REMEMBER...IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GIVE**

If you want to give a gift ( Any size gift is most welcome.) to support the LWVHC room in the Historic Courthouse, please consult your past Bulletins for how to do that! If you have not visited the Courthouse yet, take some time to do so this summer; you'll be impressed with the restoration and with our League Room which houses the gift store! Call Marian Lowry 696-3543 or Lee Luebbe 694-3710.