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LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE

Why Cash Bail Punishes the Poor and How Alternatives Could Work
presented by Joe Killian, Investigative Reporter, N.C. Policy Watch
(speaker bio on Pg 4)

November 27, 2018
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Please note change of venue for November:

New Garden Friends Meeting, Friendship Hall
801 New Garden Road, Greensboro 27410
(Northwest corner of West Friendly and New Garden Roads)

The public is welcome. Box lunches will be available by reservation for \$11

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, with or without lunch
To reserve a spot without lunch (free), please contact
Bonnie Kristoff at (336) 547-0824 or Reservations@lwwpt.org

[Click here for Reservations with a lunch](#)

Or, send in the registration form on Pg. 3 Vegetarian options available upon request.

Repeated studies show requiring cash bail doesn't make communities safer, defendants more likely to show up for court or jails less crowded. So why, as other states do away with cash bail or move to full-scale alternatives, is cash bail still dominant in North Carolina? What does the for-profit industry it creates offer the people of the state - besides large scale fraud, sexual abuse and violence? Investigative reporter Joe Killian will let you in on what experts, industry professionals, public defenders and judges have to say on the issue.

Reservation Deadline is November 21, 2018

For information about Lunch With the League, email: reservations@lwwpt.org For information about the League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad, email: membership@lwwpt.org

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Message from the President

I guess we are all welcoming the cooler weather in our own ways! I try to walk almost every day, but the rain makes that a little difficult! I hope everyone is staying warm, dry and healthy!!!

I am always amazed at the number of LWVPT members I encounter as I am out and about participating in various events! I have helped with Voter Registration events (Wake Forest University, downtown High Point, Naturalization Ceremonies), attended rallies (two Poor People’s Campaign rallies in Greensboro, the Rally Against Hate at Temple Emanuel, youth rallies against gun violence/encouraging young adults to get out and vote), a press conference in support of Greensboro City Council to view police body camera footage, a presentation encouraging people to know more about the U.S. Constitution, all in the past few months -- and I have encountered other LWVPT members at ALL of these events! I even ran into members of the Environment RT at the YMCA after my workout one day! They were busy writing a letter to the editor in the lobby!!!

I say all of this to make the point that our League is well-represented throughout our service area. I have been keeping a list of events I attend so that it will be easier to pull that information together for our annual meeting, but as I’ve been sharing that with the LWVPT Board, I have thought that each one of them could be doing the same thing, as could other LWVPT members.

LWVNC President Janet Hoy asked each League for estimated information about election-related activities, specifically the number of Voter Registration events, candidate events and VOTE411.org education. She was preparing for an interview (that was bumped by the pipe bomb mailings) and was on a deadline, so everyone had to respond quickly. Statewide, there were 265 VR events, thousands of voters registered, 22 candidate forums, and dozens of VOTE411.org educational events.

The League is a great organization and I am happy and proud to be a member of LWVPT. Our informed, involved, helpful and compassionate members are what makes it so great.

THANK YOU!!!

Vicki White-Lawrence, LWVPT

Reservations for:
Lunch With the League on November 27, 2018
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Biography of our November Speaker

Joe Killian, Investigative Reporter, joined N.C. Policy Watch in August of 2016. His work takes a closer look at government, politics and policy in North Carolina and their impact on the lives of everyday people. Before joining Policy Watch, Joe spent a decade at the News & Record in Greensboro, reporting on everything from cops and courts to higher education. He covered the city councils of High Point and Greensboro and the Guilford County Board of Commissioners before becoming the paper's full-time state government reporter. His work has also appeared in the Winston-Salem Journal, Go Triad, the Bristol Press in Bristol, Conn., and the Cape Cod Times in Hyannis, Mass.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members in October:
Kathryn Bunthoff, Candida Ellis, Joyce Eury, Jane Harris, Carol Ingram,
Sharon Kaiser, Carolyn Maness, Pilar Powell, and Christopher Tew

We are so glad you chose to join us and
we look forward to seeing you soon.

Peggy Ferebee. Membership co-chair

Humanidad award to Whitney Vanderwerff

The League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad's Immigration Reform Roundtable Chair, Whitney Grove Vanderwerff was recently recognized at the 2018 Notable Latinos of the Triad Gala for the Latino Community Coalition of Guilford (LCCG). The event was held on October 5th at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro.

Whitney was honored with the Humanidad Award for her tireless work as an ally and advocate in support of the Latino community in Guilford County. Whitney has devoted her life to advocating for those who are marginalized. For over 25 years, she has been a member of the League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad. In 2012, Whitney became the leader of the League's Immigration Reform Roundtable.

Through Whitney's vision she created a new Greensboro coalition named the Immigrant Rights Working Group which included members of many organizations who are focused on issues affecting immigrants in our community.

The mission of the Latino Community Coalition of Guilford is to strengthen and support the Latino community in Guilford County by promoting advocacy and education through a collaborative and empowered network. LCCG was officially established in 2011 under the leadership of Kathy Hinshaw, and currently operates under the fiscal sponsorship of UNC-Greensboro's Center for New North Carolinians.



Vote411

Many thanks to our Voter Services committee for helping us to build thorough Vote411.org coverage of candidates in Guilford County and improve the number of responses in counties in North Carolina that do not have a League presence.

VOTE411.org was a huge success this year. People across the country used the League site to check on their personal ballots, read candidate responses to League questions, find out voting hours, locate early voting sites, learn about state voting requirements, see when forums were happening in their areas and more. There were more than 300 local leagues working together to make the site so rich. It didn't hurt that celebrities like John Oliver, Sarah Jessica Parker and Amy Schumer promoted Vote411 on the air and in social media.

According to the release from LWVUS "The VOTE411.org voter education website has had its most successful election cycle ever! This year, nearly 5.5 million voters turned to VOTE411 to find the election information they needed before casting their ballot—an increase of more than 1 million voters, as compared to the 2016 Presidential Election Cycle."

Looking for an Opportunity to Make a Difference?

The League of Women Voters was founded by women who wanted their voices heard and understood that they had to take an active role if that was to happen. Our League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad endures and thrives because women and men have stepped up and shared their ideas and talents.

I joined LWVPT after I moved to Greensboro after retiring from my career in Maryland because I wanted to learn about the issues facing our community, our elected officials and candidates for office, and their positions on the issues. I learned a lot by attending Lunch with the League programs and several roundtable meetings. But it was after I was elected to the Board of Directors that I had the opportunity to meet and work with colleagues both in LWVPT and in other community organizations to exert influence on our organizations' decisions and direction. The work has certainly been rewarding, but getting to know so many amazing, smart, dedicated people has been the greatest reward of all.

Are there ideas you have considered that would enhance our programs? Make your voice heard as LWVPT looks ahead to issues facing our community, state, and nation. Your talents, ideas, and concerns are welcome as we look to the future, learn about the issues we face and that our actions can influence, make decisions, and educate others.

Consider becoming a nominee for election to the Board of Directors of LWVPT to add your thoughts and energy to help as we go forward.

We would like to talk with you if you have questions or would like to offer names of potential nominees, your own OR those of your friends and colleagues. All members are eligible. Please feel free to get in touch with any of us. Or you may email nominate@lwvpt.org

Janice Siebert, Chair

on behalf of the LWVPT Nominating Committee:

Lynn Bennett, Kay Brandon, Judy Hoag, Andy Stern

Some interesting facts about hog production in North Carolina

Hog production in North Carolina began to rise shortly after the tobacco settlement as farmers in eastern North Carolina searched for additional sources of revenue. Hogs can be produced in North Carolina for approximately 50% less than in China.

North Carolina currently is second in hog production in the U.S. with approximately 9 million hogs produced per year. Iowa ranks #1 in hog production with 22 million hogs produced year; Minnesota is third with 8.5 million produced per year followed by Illinois with 5.3 million produced per year. Yearly hog production in North Carolina is 2.3-billion-dollar industry.

Duplin County North Carolina, which is 93% African American produces more hogs than any county in the U.S. with 2.2 million hogs produced annually. The county has a ratio of approximately 38 hogs for every person living in the county. Iowa, with 22 million hogs produced annually has a ratio of 7 hogs for each resident.

Hogs are produced primarily in the coastal plain; many of these areas are subject to flooding when tropical storms drop significant amounts of rain. There are approximately 2,500 hog producers in North Carolina; approximately 80% of these farmers produce hogs under contract with Smithfield Foods, which was purchased by China in 2013. These contract farmers supply the facilities and labor for raising the hogs and Smithfield supplies essentially everything else including technical expertise and specifications on how hogs are to be raised. In such cases, farmers are essentially guaranteed a certain income.

Hogs are produced in buildings with slatted floors that allow waste to accumulate in pits under the floors. The waste is pumped into open air waste lagoons. There are about 3,500 active lagoons and 1,700 retired lagoons in North Carolina. Leaching from lagoons can contaminate ground water in some instances.

Hog production in North Carolina results in about 40 million tons of hog waste per year. A mature hog can produce up to 14 pounds of waste per day. Duplin County daily produces 15,700 tons of hog waste per day....this is twice as much waste as produced by all the residents of New York City per day.

Hog waste in North Carolina is sprayed onto the surface of fields and the waste provides an excellent source of fertilizer for crops, particularly pastures. Because the waste is applied to surface, heavy rains can cause contamination of nearby streams.

Iowa appears to handle hog waste in a more environmentally friendly fashion. Waste is stored in concrete pits below the floors of hog barns. When it is removed, it is also applied to crop land but is injected several inches below the soil which greatly reduces the potential for runoff to nearby streams. Retrofitting North Carolina hog farms to Iowa standards has been established by the hog industry to cost approximately 5.5 billion dollars over a 10-year period.

Pork by the numbers in NC

- 50% less to raise than China
- 9 million hogs
- 2.3 billion dollar industry
- Duplin County produces more hogs than any other US county
- 38 hogs per person in Duplin County
- 2,500 hog producers
- 3,500 active lagoons
- 1700 retired lagoons
- 40 million tons of hog waste per year

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Impact of Hurricane Florence on hog lagoons: Because of the epic rainfall event associated with Hurricane Florence, it is difficult to get complete and current information. News reports suggest that over 5,500 hogs were killed by Hurricane Florence and at least two hog-waste lagoons had structural failures resulting in more than 2.2 million gallons of waste being spilled. Additionally, the level of hog waste in many lagoons were lowered in anticipation of the rainfall expected from Hurricane Florence. This hog waste was surface spread on farmland. Flooding would have allowed a portion of hog waste to leave the crop land as runoff. It is difficult to determine exactly how much of this waste was washed into nearby waterways.

Health Roundtable

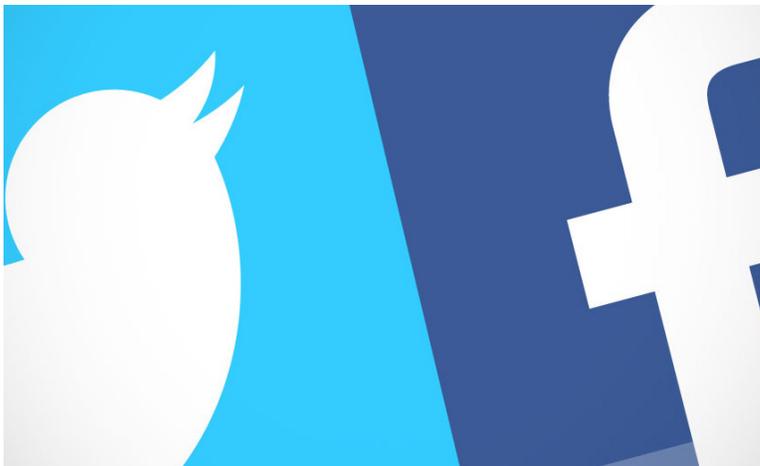
The Health Care League Action Team at the state level which had been focused on getting the Carolina Cares bill passed during the short session is now re-organizing and re-focusing. Rob Luisana and Wayne Hale have agreed to represent LWVPT's Health RT. We have asked Wayne and Rob to remind the League at the state level of their/our obligation to support and work toward the League's national position on this issue. The national position is to advocate for basic health care for all US residents. Our local roundtable is very much in support of the national position.

Barbara Avent shared at our last roundtable meeting some information about disparities in both health (rates and severity of health problems) and healthcare (access to and quality of care for prevention and treatment) between majority and minority populations. The disparities are startling. We have a link on our webpage for those who would like more information.

The Health Roundtable is planning an evening presentation for the public on March 26, with Dr. Joel Oberlander from UNC'S School of Medicine. Much of our meetings in the future will be used to plan this event. Any who are interested in helping to plan this program are invited to attend our roundtable meetings the first Monday of the month at noon at Deep Roots Greensboro.

We are also continuing to make power point presentations and lead discussions about our health care system to groups. Rob led one on 11/13/18 at Friends Home. Ann Shaw and Laurey Solomon accompanied him to assist. If any of you have a group who would like a presentation, please contact Ann at annemma62@gmail.com.

Next meeting 12/03/2018.



Let's Be Social!

You can follow LWVPT's tweets and Facebook posts even if you don't have a Twitter or Facebook account. Simply go to the LWVPT website, www.lwvpt.org, and click on the [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) icon below the search bar on the left-hand side. This will take you directly to LWVPT's Twitter or Facebook profiles.

Immigration Policy Reform Roundtable

The League and the UNCG School of Dance were primary sponsors of the November 5 program "Forbidden: Undocumented and Queer in Rural America" at UNCG's Curry Auditorium. The award-winning independent film was followed by an audience question-and-answer discussion moderated by the League's Ann Marie Dooley. Fear runs throughout many lives featured in Moises Serrano's story, beginning with his mother, living without documentation in small-town rural North Carolina. The November 5 event was a profound experience for many, including students, as both the film and Moises' remarks attest to his integrity, courage, resilience and candor.

The roundtable's last meeting was Wednesday October 17 at McKinney Immigration law offices. Ann Marie sounded a note of good news, the stay on the preliminary injunction against TPS. More than 310,000 Temporary Protected Status holders who are documented had been ordered to leave the U.S. And on November 8 a federal appeals court ruled against President Trump's attempted rescission of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), leaving in place the program which protects more than 700,000 undocumented immigrants from deportation and allows them to get work permits.

Those who attended the October 10 forum on DACA and immigration policies discussed the unforgettable remarks of Moises Serrano and Maria Cortez-Perez.

We also discussed Moises Serrano's keynote address at the October 5 Notable Latinos event at Embassy Suites, enthusiastically attended by 350+ people -- the result of weeks of work by Addy Jeffrey, Kathy Hinshaw and the entire Latino Community Coalition of Guilford.

Many of us have filed public comments with US Citizenship and Immigration Services stating our opposition to the proposed rule "Inadmissibility on Public Charge Rule" which would force families to choose between healthcare, food and housing and legal immigration status. Fearing being denied green cards and visas, immigrants may withdraw from the public aid programs they are entitled to.

We have also filed public comments on the proposed rule "Apprehension, Processing, Care and Custody of Alien Minors and Unaccompanied Alien Children." It gives the government a blank check to jail children indefinitely in family detention centers. Having navigated the dangerous journey to the U.S., families fleeing violence and persecution would wind up in tent cities with children held indefinitely. The proposed rule contravenes the standards set in the Flores settlement to ensure that children are treated with "dignity, respect and special concern for their particular vulnerabilities as minors."

The Trump administration is implementing hard-line anti-immigrant measures used to rally the "base" during the mid-term campaign, including an executive order to revoke the Fourteenth Amendment right to citizenship for babies born on American soil regardless of the parents' immigration status. Director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project Omar Jadwat explains: "If you are born in the United States, you're a citizen...[It is] outrageous that the president can think he can override constitutional guarantees by issuing an executive order." On November 8, the administration proposed rules that would deny asylum to immigrants who enter the U.S. between ports of entry. Attorney Lee Gelernt of the ACLU states that the plan is "patently unlawful and inconsistent with our nation's commitment to providing a safe haven to those in danger...There will be lawsuits."

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The immigrants barred from making asylum claims are to be placed into expedited deportation proceedings as they wait in tent cities. Soldiers from Fort Bragg are among the 5,600 American soldiers rushed to the southwest border to handle the "invasion." The Sunday, November 11 New York Times cover story describes them as "going through the motions of an elaborate mission that appeared to be set into action by a commander in chief determined to get his supporters to the polls, and a Pentagon leadership unable to convince him of its perils."

Mid-term election results offer renewed opportunities for immigrant advocates at local, state and national levels. An example: a better chance for North Carolina to join 19 other states providing some form of tuition equity for all students meeting academic and residency requirements. Now, they must pay out-of-state tuition to our public universities and community college -- 3 to 4 times higher than in-state tuition.

The Greensboro Bound literary series with an array of immigration stories continues through November. Two in particular: "Community Conversation: A Conversation with Local DACAmented Leaders." Endy Mendez, Giovanna Hurtado-Vargas and Irving Zavaleta-Jiminez in a conversation about the DACA experience and their hopes for the future. Tuesday the 13th, 7pm at Scuppernong.

And "Greensboro Community Conversation: Immigrants and Refugees in our community tell their own stories." Moderators are Diya Abdo and Rev. Julie Peebles. Sunday the 25th, 4pm at Congregational United Church of Christ.

Whitney Vanderwerff, Chair

To Sue Stinson, Gratitude and Kudos!

For the November 5 program "Forbidden: Undocumented and Queer in Rural America" at UNCG's Curry Auditorium, Sue handled the initial contacts with Moises Serrano, the film's subject, and Tiffany Rhynard, the producer; secured the support of UNCG academic departments and offices ranging from audio-visual to print shop; ordered and set up refreshments for the reception; and introduced the program as well as the follow-up Q&A. While she is quick to credit "the team," Sue shouldered the lion's share of the work for the meaningful and well-received event.



The **Environment Roundtable**, meeting January 3, 2019 will have a special presentation by Dennis Burnette on Monarch Butterflies. You are welcome to attend. The meeting is at St. Andrews Church library, 2105 W. Market. Let us know if you are coming, dfeulner@triad.rr.com or jhoag38663@aol.com

Report from Our Treasurer

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LWVUS and LWNVC per member payments totaling \$10,296 have been paid leaving approximately \$20 per member to cover general operating expenses and advocacy efforts. Additional donations are needed to support the advocacy work of our 6 indomitable Roundtables. Donations to the General (Advocacy) Fund are not tax deductible.

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Voter registration and education efforts are foremost in our Education Fund mission. The LWVPT Education Fund will be submitting a grant application to LWVUS to support High School Student voter registration in underserved communities in December.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation this month on Giving Tuesday, November 27th, in support of our members as they register and inform the public. Donations to this fund are tax deductible.

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Respectfully,
Sandra Colyer, Treasurer

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