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Lunch with the League

Charlie and Jeff

Work for Guilford County

What do they do?

**Tuesday, February 21 , 2017 at 11:45
Holy Trinity Church, Haywood Duke Room
607 N. Greene St.
Greensboro**

Lunch (optional) is \$11.00. See payment protocol on page 3.

Make reservations with Bonnie Kristoff (336-547-0824) or send email to bbklunch@gmail.com by February 15. Let her know if you want a vegetarian meal.

Come and meet two Guilford County department heads. Charlie Collicutt is the Director the Board of Elections and Jeff Thigpen is the Registrar of Deeds.

Charlie Collicutt

Director, Guilford County Board of Elections

He received both a Bachelor's degree in 2002 and a Master's degree in Public Administration in 2013 from UNC-Greensboro. He has lived in Greensboro since 1998, and is originally from Chapel Hill. Charlie is married and has three children, a 9, 5, and 6-month old.

He has been with the Board of Elections since 2002, starting as an intern while in college, working part time, and eventually being promoted to Director of Elections in March of 2013.

(See photo on p. 3)

Jeff Thigpen

Registrar of Deeds

Register (registrar) of Deeds Jeff Thigpen grew up in Pender County in southeastern North Carolina. He was the youngest member ever elected to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners at age 27 in 1998. His top priority was education. He served in that office for six years prior to becoming Registrar of Deeds in 2004. He is starting his fourth four-year term.

Thigpen has BA and BS degrees in Political Science and Justice and Policy Studies from Guilford College (Class of 1993) along with a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from UNC-Greensboro. Thigpen is author of *On Point, The Voices and Values of the*

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Time will be allocated for audience questions and comments.

Please refer to this page when you need to contact a board member.

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VOTER IMPACT NEWS

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lwvptmail@gmail.com to your list of acceptable email addresses. If you would like to comment on format, please send email to the same address. **Remember to check the web page** once a week or more for new information and for archived copies of Voter Impact. The web page address runs at the bottom of VI even numbered pages. The Voter Survival Kit web page address is at the bottom of VI on the odd numbered pages.



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Charlie Collicutt

Young Elected Officials (YEO) with Forward by former Senator George J. Mitchell. The book features a melting pot of young leaders 35 and under from across the country.

As Register of Deeds Jeff has been known for innovation and service to citizens. Jeff was recently given the 2016 NCACC Excellence in Innovation Award for Guilford County's Thank a Vet program. The program has helped 1500 veterans get discounts from over 300 businesses. In November 2016 He opened what will be the only "walk in" Passport Acceptance Facility in Guilford County. He also is known for standing up against major financial interests during the financial crisis and as 1 of 3 offices to open in October 2014 when marriage equality became legal in North Carolina.

He is a trained mediator certified through the NC Dispute Resolution Commission and a staunch advocate of Independent Redistricting Commissions. His wife, Michelle is Principal at Colfax Elementary and they have two kids, daughter Elle 13 and son Aiden 9.



Jeff Thigpen

Reservations for: Lunch With the League on February 21, 2017

To pay by check, please print out and complete this form and mail to:

The League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad

PO Box 9721

Greensboro, NC 27429

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (cell) _____

Email address _____

Number of Reservations @ \$11.00 each _____

Amount enclosed _____

LWVPT members and guests are asked to prepay for lunch at our Lunch with the League meetings by mailing a check to LWVPT for \$11.00 or paying online with a credit card or via Pay Pal. Those not having lunch simply preregister as usual by calling or emailing Bonnie Kristoff, 336-547-0824 or bbklunch@gmail.com or following the instructions sent with the email message. These procedures expedite the check-in process and make certain payment is made. for a reserved lunch.

Membership, Contributions, and Dues

We would like to welcome the new members who have joined LWVPT since January 1, 2017! We have listed the hometown of those from outside Greensboro. We are so grateful for the participation of all of you:

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| Spring Duvall of Pfafftown, NC | Shanna Eller |
| Heather Fullagar | Amy Hanson |
| Julie Haviland | Barbara Lupton |
| Virginia Morton | Audrey Muck of Clemmons, NC |
| Beverly Robinson of Winston-Salem, NC | Betty Rogers |
| Anne Wallace and Tony Harrison | |

Directories:

Every member will receive in February two directories listing our members, updated to include those who have joined as of February 5, 2017, and our official LWVUS Roster. One directory lists members alphabetically, the other lists members by zip code to help you locate members who live near you. They are to be sent by email except for those members who have no computer. (They will receive physical copies). The directories will be sent in Excel format, which makes it easier for you to rearrange or add data. If you have problems opening Excel, let me know, and I will send you a PDF file.

We currently have 244 members.

If you do not receive your directories in February, or if your listing is not correct, please contact me at lynn@grigni.com or 336-285-6717.

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Thank you for contributions to the LWVPT Education Fund. These were all made in memory of Ellen Olson, who passed away in January and who, among her many other accomplishments, was a past president of our League. We all extend our condolences to her husband, David Olson, who has also been a long time member of our League. Contributors were: Marlene Pratto, Gary Kenton, Barbara Hughes, Willie Taylor, Lynn Grigni, Sue and Jack Jezorek, Emily and Harvey Herman and Whitney Vanderwerff.

Thank you to Shanna Eller who donated to the League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad (our non-tax deductible activist fund).

Thank you

And, as always, many thanks to those members who contribute so generously their time, energy and thoughts.
Lynn Grigni, Treasurer



Art Davis

We learned recently that Art Davis has left his earthly political life for another. Art worked with the Voter Education committee on several recent elections and then with League members and others registering students to vote. Art made certain that thousands of Voter Guides were distributed on Greensboro campuses. “He always seemed like a bundle of energy and passionate about young people becoming engaged in voting.” (Sue Jezorek) His warmth, enthusiasm, and hard work will be missed.

Here he is pausing while registering students in the fall.

Nonpartisan Redistricting

The League of Women Voters Piedmont Triad organized a recent program on non-partisan redistricting reform on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at UNCG's School of Education. The program presenters, Tom Ross, currently President of the Volcker Alliance and the first Terry Sanford Distinguished Fellow at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy and former President of the seventeen campus University of North Carolina system, and former NC Supreme Court Justices Rhoda Billings and Henry Frye discussed the topic, "Restoring Democracy in NC: The Case for Nonpartisan Redistricting."

Briefly, the message conveyed was that achieving independent/non-partisan redistricting reform in NC will be difficult, but can be done, and is necessary. Their discussion and reflections on their personal experience of a simulation of an independent/non-partisan panel redrawing US Congressional districts in NC was informative, thought provoking, and motivating.

The event, seen by over 365 attendees, was videotaped and an edited version is expected to be uploaded to YouTube, hopefully within the next week. A link to the video will be posted at our website: <http://www.lwvpt.org/> as soon as it is available. Individuals who attended and/or signed up for the event will be sent a follow-up email, which will also include a link to the video.

Local media coverage of the event was extensive; below are links to several articles about the event. Also, the final link is an opinion piece on nonpartisan redistricting from Ellen Weiner, LWVPT Secretary.

Panel including former judges discusses nonpartisan redistricting (Video) from the News & Record 1/26/17

http://www.greensboro.com/news/government/panel-including-former-judges-discusses-nonpartisan-redistricting-video/article_89988ab7-624f-5e7f-938f-86f050b94577.html

Susan Ladd: Want to change Washington? Start in Raleigh

http://www.greensboro.com/blogs/around_town/susan-ladd-want-to-change-washington-start-in-raleigh/article_5536bb96-9981-53ee-93d2-5db6d7651f3d.html

Rhino Times: Dems Making Big Push for Nonpartisan Redistricting

<http://www.myvirtualpaper.com/doc/rhino-times/february-2-2017/2017020101/32.html#6>

At UNCG, Former Judges Make Case for Nonpartisan Redistricting

<http://www.wfdd.org/story/uncg-former-judges-make-case-nonpartisan-redistricting>

Ellen Weiner: Democracy demands, and NC deserves nonpartisan voting districts

http://www.greensboro.com/opinion/columns/ellen-weiner-democracy-demands-and-n-c-deserves-nonpartisan-voting/article_74278d5c-0ea9-5dd5-ad42-c97090418772.html

Nominating Committee

The 2017 LWVPT Nominating Committee is ready to hear from you. Yes, we are waiting to hear from you. Let us know as soon as possible of your desire to commit yourself in a leadership role serving on the Board of Directors in your organization. We are looking to fill Board of Directors positions with members who believe in our service to the community and who are willing to take an active role.

We welcome all member to reach out and serve – both new members and experienced League members. If you have an interest in this organization and you believe that our success is vital to the community we serve, then it is time for you to step up as a board member. We need to fill the positions listed below for the term starting in May 2017.

In sharing her personal experience as a board member, Co- President Janice Siebert said, “Being on the League board, serving first as Membership Chair and then as Co-president, has been an amazing experience! When I moved to Greensboro, I knew nothing about local issues; I am grateful to have found exactly the right place to learn. The bonus has been the wonderful, smart, dedicated women and men I have had the privilege to come to know through working together.”

Won't you become a part of this experience??

Vacancy	Positions	Years	Term
Co- President	1	2017-2019	2 years, staggered
Vice President	1	2017-2018	1 year
Secretary	1	2017-2019	2 years, staggered
Treasurer	1	2017-2018	1 year, (to get back on schedule for 2-year term)
Directors	3	2017-2019	2 years
Nominating Committee Chair	1	2017	1 year
Nominating Committee Member	3	2017	1 year

If you have questions please, contact any member on the nominating committee.

Gloria Harris, Chair email: nominate@lwvpt.org

Committee Members: Barbara Hughes, Ann Davies, Anna Fesmire, Peggy Bradt
(check the directory for contact information)

ERA Ratification

The ERA is part of the legislative agenda of the AAUW, NOW, NC Women United, Business and Professional Women and other organizations, as well as the League of Women Voters.

Our state League is a lead organization of the ERA-Alliance, which has made the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment a 2017 Legislative priority. The Alliance, announced on April 12, 2016 (Equal Pay Day), will hold its first annual meeting in Raleigh on March 13, the day before Women's Advocacy Day at the General Assembly. For information on the Alliance, go to www.era-nc.org.

The 2016 film, *Equal Means Equal* is a dramatic presentation of American women's status and makes a compelling case for the ERA. It's been shown in several places across the state. If you would like to bring it to our local League, please let me know. We could arrange a showing of the 90-minute film, followed by a discussion.

Or we could arrange for a speaker on the ERA, as has been done in Wilmington, Asheville, and other sites across the state.

I'd like to hear from you about the above two opportunities.

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The ERA will be introduced in the General Assembly on February 14 by Sen. Floyd McKissick (D) and Rep. Carla Cunningham (D). A news conference will be held in the press room in the legislative building on that day.

Women and men who believe the Constitution should guarantee equality, regardless of gender, can support action on the ERA in several ways:

- Contact your state legislators and urge them to cosponsor the legislation.
- Join the new ERA-NC Alliance, a nonpartisan coalition of many statewide organizations. For information, go to www.era-nc.org.
- Become informed on the issue at the above website; and also at www.ratifyera-nc.org and www.equalrightsamendment.org.
- Discuss the ERA with friends and neighbors.

To those who say the time is not right for the ERA, I say: remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis, and other courageous men and women who crossed that bridge in Selma. As Dr. King said "The time is always right to do what is right". No one thought it would be easy. We've been working for the ERA for 94 years, since it was first introduced by Alice Paul in 1923, and we must never, never, never, never give up!

If you would like to volunteer to start up a group within LWVPT to work on this issue, please get in touch with me. Tracy Nash, copresident2@lwwpt.org.

A brief history of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA):

The **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)** was a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution designed to guarantee equal rights for women. The ERA was originally written by Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman. In 1923, it was introduced in the Congress for the first time. The ERA has always been highly controversial regarding the meaning of equality for women. Middle-class women generally were supportive. Those speaking for the working class were strongly opposed, arguing that employed women needed special protections regarding working conditions and hours. In 1972, it passed both houses of Congress and was submitted to the state legislatures for ratification. It seemed headed for quick approval until Phyllis Schlafly mobilized conservative women in opposition, arguing that the ERA would disadvantage housewives.

Congress had set a ratification deadline of March 22, 1979. Through 1977, the amendment received 35 of the necessary 38 state ratifications. Five states rescinded their ratifications before the 1979 deadline. In 1978, a joint resolution of Congress extended the ratification deadline to June 30, 1982, but no further states ratified the amendment and so it did not become part of the Constitution. Several organizations continue to work for the adoption of the ERA.

Immigrant Rights Roundtable

Our group meets with others in the Immigrant Rights Working Group of Guilford County (IRWG). We last met on Wednesday, February 1 and will meet again February 15. Regularly scheduled meetings are the first and third Wednesdays, Hampshire meeting room, 1101 N. Elm St. Greensboro. The February 1 meeting was attended by Lewis Pitts and David Fraccaro, Executive Director of FaithAction International House; LWVPT members Steve Sumerford and Gary Kenton; LWVPT and McKinney Immigration's Ann Marie Dooley and Briana Miller who brought with them four McKinney paralegals and staff; DACA recipient Laura Gardun; American Friends Service Committee regional leader Lori Khamala; Kelly Morales of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program at UNCG; and Whitney Vanderwerff as one of the convenors. The new administration's executive orders require careful analysis.

The first executive order would:

- Expand the U.S. southern border wall with Mexico and increase border patrol agents, blocking flight of Central American asylum seekers escaping violence and Mexicans fleeing poverty and violence
- Increase the numbers of detention centers for immigrants and immigrant families. Note that most of these will be for-profit contract detention centers.

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- Increase the numbers of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agencies and reinstate "Secure Communities" so that local law enforcement and ICE must cooperate.
- Expand "287g" which turns local law enforcement into federal immigration agents.
- Punish cities that protect immigrants by taking away those cities' federal funding.

The second executive order:

- Suspends the entry of all refugees for 120 days and blocks for 90 days citizens from seven predominately Muslim countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.
- Indefinitely bans the resettlement of Syrian refugees. Following this order, the State Department issued an internal memo revoking the visas of all nationals from these countries without notifying them, even those who are legally studying, working and living in the U.S. The *New York Times*, Friday, Feb. 3, quotes Greg Chen, director of advocacy for the American Immigration Lawyers Association: "They are excluding people who have been here for a long time once they leave."

You will remember the cases of Edgar (LWVPT members signed on to write in support of Edgar, who at the border airport was denied re-entry from Mexico where he'd traveled after his grandfather's death) and Walter (left for dead by a Central American gang who cut his throat). McKinney Immigration continues work on both cases. Walter's wife and child have ongoing, daily support from Kelly Morales and other advocates and friends. With this as background, our Wednesday meeting considered recent and upcoming initiatives.

Addy Jeffrey and Adamou Mohamed were instrumental in organizing the Friday Jan. 27 press conference in downtown Greensboro at governmental plaza in opposition to the new executive orders. In addition to Addy and Adamou, speakers included GCS School Board Chair Alan Duncan, Mayor Nancy Vaughan, LWVPT's Janice Siebert, NCCJ's Ivan Canada, and Jeremy McKinney of McKinney Immigration and the Executive Committee of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, all speaking in support of refugees and immigrants. Members of our group attended the meeting and march to support Muslims, held at the Worker Center just behind the Interactive Resource Center on February 2.

Some of us, and many others, met at the Islamic Center of Greensboro, 2023 16th St. GSO, just after weekday prayers on Friday afternoon, Feb. 3 to express solidarity with our Muslim friends and neighbors, promoting civil rights and immigrant rights at the nationwide #WeareAllAmerica rally.

We emphasize that participation in 287g is voluntary. The city (Greensboro) states that they probably wouldn't turn over information about immigrants to ICE but that the city would have to cooperate if ICE has a warrant. Clarity is vital. Gary Kenton offered to reach out to GPD officials and also to the Sheriff's office to request meetings with IRWG to discuss current policy (two separate meetings). Greensboro declared itself a Welcoming City in September 2014. Our mayor stated last week that Greensboro will provide "safe harbor" or "safe haven." What does this mean?

Like many in LWVPT, members of our group participated in the DC Women's March and other marches and rallies in Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte and Durham, and more recently, in marches and rallies protesting the new administration's executive orders.

Many will remember hearing Moises Serrano from Yadkinville speak. It's been a long time coming, but we are told that "Forbidden: Undocumented and Queer in Rural America," the independent film about Moises, now released nationally and nominated for awards, is scheduled for local release some time in March.

The weekend of February 3-4, U.S. District Judge James Robart in Seattle imposed a nationwide hold on the new administration's executive orders banning travelers and immigrants from seven predominately Muslim countries and giving preference to Christians. The administration's executive orders undermine the role of an independent federal judiciary and are considered unlawful and unconstitutional by growing numbers of people including 97 heads of corporations signing a friend of the court brief Sunday night, February 5. "Extreme vetting" is already in place involving the State Department, the Department of Homeland Security, the Defense Department, the National Counterterrorism Center and the FBI. Refugee processing takes from eighteen to twenty-four months and involves six data bases, five background checks and interagency security reviews.

The first weekend in February brought news that at its Saturday, February 4 retreat, the Guilford County Board of Education approved a resolution in support of our immigrant communities. As it's now a partisan board, the unanimous vote in favor is encouraging and significant. To Chairman Alan Duncan and the board: gratitude and hope!

Whitney Vanderwerff

Checklist on ways to be involved in the political process so that our voices are heard.

1) **Connect** with like-minded folks for individual voices to organize in concert.

The League of Women Voters is frequently one way to connect. Other organizations rally around various issues as well.

2) **Call** State Legislators for state issues: <http://www.ncleg.net/representation/WhoRepresentsMe.aspx>

3) **Call** Legislators in US Senate & House with your concerns

a. For all Congressional Offices, Washington, DC: (202) 224-3121 [Here's a list of Congressional Office phone numbers: House: http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/mcapdir.aspx ; <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

and here are the phone numbers, web sites, and email forms for the Senate: Senate: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/>

b. Local offices for US Senators and Representatives from North Carolina:

Senator Thom Tillis	336-885-0685
Senator Richard Burr	336-631-5125
Representative Mark Walker (district 6)	336-333-5005
Representative Ted Budd (district 13)	336-998-1313
Representative Alma Adams (district 12)	704-344-9950
Representative George Holding (district 2)	919-782-4400
Representative Virginia Foxx (district 5)	336-778-0211

c. When you wish to express your opinion on an issue of interest to you, here are some helpful hints for identifying yourself and making your point.

i. Ask for the Staff member in charge of whatever you're calling about (for example, "Hi, I'd like to speak with the staffer in charge of Healthcare, please") - local offices won't always have staff for specific issues, but they might. If you get transferred to the designated staff person, awesome. If you don't, that's ok - ask for that person's name, and then just keep talking to the staff member who answered the phone. Don't leave a message (unless the office doesn't pick up at all - then you can...but it's better to talk to the staffer who first answered than leave a message for the specific staffer in charge of your topic).

ii. State your zip code, even if the staffer doesn't ask for it. [Extra points if you live in a zip code that traditionally votes for that elected official, since the staff will want to make sure they get/keep your vote.]

iii. Make it personal. For instance, if you're a teacher, say so. For US Representatives: say what you think about the proposed leader or the particular issue. If you're calling about ACA, say how changes could affect you, and so on. For State Reps: again, if teacher, speak to current issue(s); if health concerns, what about the state of the state re: ACA?

iv. Pick 1-2 specific issues per day to focus on; other issues you can talk about another day. Keep calling. That's how you'll have a voice, according to all that we're hearing.

v. Say exactly what you think; be clear so that your legislator knows where you stand on the issue(s).

vi. Your voice counts every day, so do not think you should stop calling. Keep it up---even when they get to know your voice. That's okay! (Besides, the word is that staff members answering the phones change often.)

vii. Obtain a script or write one yourself, if having a script makes it easier to make the calls: Many emails that request your action on a particular issue will include talking points or even a script. Just use them.

viii. Put the #s of your legislative representatives into your phone contacts, so you can just go right down the list and call your representatives. Here's one way to do it (you may have another way that's better; if so, let us know). In your Contacts list, label the section "Political" Then enter the name of the legislator and the phone #. Then you'll be able to just click on one after another to call each with your message.

ix. From what we hear, Senior Staff and the legislators who are called each day get a report of the three

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most-called-about topics for that day at each of their offices (DC and local); they learn what is said about those three most-called-about topics; they get a tally of the exact number of callers, and that number is sorted by zip code & area code. We also hear that your tally will not be marked down unless you can rattle off a city and zip from the state, or are calling from an in-state area code. You may want to give a particular Representative a piece of your mind, but your call will be ignored unless you can provide a zip from that Senator or House Rep's state. They'll know if you're making it up. Exceptions to this are things like a Representative's national poll (such as Paul Ryan's ACA Poll).

4) Meet Face to Face with Representatives at their offices (DC or local for US Representatives) (Raleigh or local for State Representatives)

Find out times for mobile offices from your representative's website

Go alone, or better yet --- go with a group!

Find out when the Town Hall meetings will be held & attend

Plan with your precinct for these visits and other ways to reach your representatives

Push your representatives for answers; ask lots of questions. Our voices are just as important as are our representatives. We have 'elected' them, and we have the power to 'un-elect' them (especially if we work in concert), if we believe they are not living up to the Constitution of the United States and to our state constitution.

5) Write Letters or Emails

Contact information can be found in the links included in item #3a above.

(Calling and meeting face-to-face are considered more effective than writing. If you do decide to write, a postcard may be more effective than a letter since it does not have to be opened and examined before it is passed to the representative's office.)

6) Keep up to date on what's happening in US Legislature and State Legislature

Here's the link to the US House schedule: <http://www.house.gov/legislative/>

Here's the link for the US Senate schedule: <https://www.senate.gov/legislative/calendars.htm>

Google for more links---the two above are not the only ways to find out information that you may want to know right then and there!

Intern

LWVPT has an intern this semester. His name is Tyler Daye. He is a UNCG student studying political science and sociology. Please welcome him when you see him at lunch or one of the roundtable meetings.

Calendar

Roundtables meet according to their schedules. Contact chair persons on p. 2 for information or to get on the mailing list.

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March 21, 2017 noon, Lunch with the League

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Co-Presidents
Janice Siebert
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Vice-president *Gary Kenton*
Secretary *Ellen Weiner*
Treasurer *Lynn Grigni*

Calendar of events of the LWVPT or others of interest to League members
Round tables meet at their regular times. Call or email their chair persons as indicated on p. 2.

“The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose political parties or candidates.”