



# VOTER IMPACT

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## Lunch with the League

"Hot Topics from the North Carolina Legislature"

House Bill 972: Law Enforcement Recordings/No Public Record

Tuesday, January 17 , 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](mailto:bbklunch@gmail.com) by January 11. Let her know if you want a vegetarian meal.

Panelists for this program are:



North Carolina State Representative John Faircloth is a member of the North Carolina General Assembly representing District 61 in Guilford County. Rep. Faircloth co-sponsored HB972.



Attorney Lewis Pitts is a retired civil rights attorney and has been outspoken about his concerns with HB972. Mr. Pitts serves as a member of the Community/City Working Group.

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**

Voter Impact (PDF format) is currently emailed to all members and elected officials with email addresses. If you have an email address and you are not receiving the VI via email, please check your spam folder. Be certain to add the

[lwvptmail@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Judith Hoag, Lunch with the League Coordinator (2015-2017)**

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**Ellen Olson**

Ellen Olson departed from the LWVPT and Greensboro in early January, 2017. Ellen was a lifetime member of the League and for much of her fifty plus years she was a member of this local League. Ellen served as president of this League twice. She served on committees for Civics 102 and Civics 104 and was an active member of the Guilford County jail study. Ellen was a dedicated supporter of the observer program and worked to see it implemented several years ago. She received a master’s degree from UNCG after her two children were grown and was a leader in her professional life serving Youth Focus and Planned Parenthood. Ellen traveled frequently with her husband, David, and shared their experiences with us in Voter Impact.



The LWVPT sends our condolences to David, children, and grandchildren. We will miss Ellen sitting beside Dave at Lunch with the League.



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**Reservations for: Lunch With the League on January 17, 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](mailto: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 our many new members who have joined LWVPT since the beginning of November, 2016! We have listed the hometown of those from outside Greensboro. We are so grateful for the participation of all of you.

Claire and Megan Adkisson of Pfafftown	Faith Hawes
Julie Brown	Claire and Jaimie Hunter
Marie Brown of Gibsonville	Erin McKee of Winston-Salem
Ann Brunner of Browns Summit	Virginia Morton
Diana Clark	Marian Cowhig Owen
Chris Coughlin	Sangeetha Shivaji
Ellen Curcio	Mary Nelle Smith
Joan Dressler	Maggie Tripplette
Alice Franks	Susan Wilson
Elma Hairston of High Point	Yvette Underdue-Murph
Karen Hartley	

### Directories:

Every member should have received two directories of our members. One directory lists members alphabetically, the other lists members by zip code to help you locate members who live near you. They were sent by email except for those members who have no computer. (They were mailed physical copies).

If you have not received your directories, please contact me at [lynn@grigni.com](mailto:lynn@grigni.com) or 336-285-6717.

We wish to thank those who donated to the League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad (our non tax deductible activist fund):

Carolyn Allen	Emily Herman
Pricey Harrison	Ruth Van Lehn

We wish to thank Janice Siebert for her contribution to the LWVPT Education Fund, Inc. (our tax deductible educational and charitable fund):

Also, many thanks to those members who contributed so generously their time and thoughts in 2016, with many wishes for goodness in 2017....

Lynn Grigni, treasurer

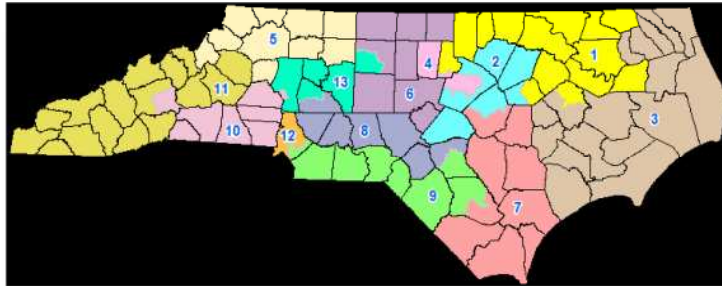
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**NOTA BENE: Page 5 is a flyer for a program on gerrymandering. Please invite your friends to this special event on January 26. The biographical data and photos of the participants are on page 6. Information about the event is also on our website: <http://lwwpt.org>. Links for RSVP ing and for parking are there as well.**





# Restoring Democracy in NC: The Case for Nonpartisan Redistricting



A volunteer panel of 10 retired NC Supreme Court Justices and Senior Appellate Court Judges created a nonpartisan redistricting plan. Join us for a discussion of this plan and the critical importance of nonpartisan redistricting.

Presented by the [League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad](#) in memory of Sally Austin

— *with* —

## Judge Tom Ross

Former UNC President, current President of the Volcker Alliance, and Terry Sanford Distinguished Fellow at the Sanford School of Public Policy of Duke University

— *and* —

## Justice Rhoda Billings (R) & Justice Henry Frye (D)

Retired Chief Justices of the North Carolina Supreme Court

**When:** Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Where:** UNCG School of Education Building, Room 114

1300 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro, NC

**Program & Parking are Free, But Space Is Limited!**

**Please RSVP By Going To: [lwpvt.org](http://lwpvt.org)**

**For Questions, Use This Email Address: [Questions@lwpvt.org](mailto:Questions@lwpvt.org)**



### JUDGE THOMAS W. ROSS



Judge Ross was born in Greensboro, and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Davidson College (1972). After graduating with honors from the UNC School of Law (1975), Ross served as an attorney, a chief of staff to a U.S. Congressman, and as a state Superior Court judge for 17 years. He continued his public service as director of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts. He was appointed Executive Director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation (2001-2007), President of Davidson College (2007-2010), and President of the seventeen-campus University of North Carolina (2011-2016).

Active in civic and community affairs, Judge Ross serves on the Howard Baker Forum Cuba Consortium Advisory Board and has recently served on the Board of Governors of the Center for Creative Leadership, the Executive Committee of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, the Board of Directors of the National System Heads Association, the Association of the Governing Boards' Council of Presidents, and the Council on Competitiveness.

Currently, Judge Ross is President of the Volcker Alliance, a New York City based nonpartisan organization formed in 2013 to address the challenge of effective execution of public policies and to rebuild public trust in government. He also serves as the first Terry Sanford Distinguished Fellow at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy.



### JUDGE RHODA BRYAN BILLINGS

Judge Billings was born in Wilkesboro, NC. After earning her law degree from Wake Forest University (finishing first in her class), she practiced law with her husband, Donald R. Billings. In 1968, Billings was appointed as a Judge in the newly-created District Court in Forsyth County. In 1985, Governor Jim Martin appointed Billings an Associate Judge on the NC Supreme Court. She became Chief Justice the following year. In 1991, she became the first female President of the North Carolina Bar Association. Judge Billings has served on the faculty the Wake Forest University School of Law for more than three decades.

### JUDGE HENRY E. FRYE



Judge Frye was born in Ellerbe, NC. He graduated from NC A&T State University with highest honors. He served as a Captain in the US Air Force and then attended the UNC School of Law, graduating with honors in 1959. After establishing his private law practice, Frye served as Assistant US Attorney in the NC Middle District. After teaching for two years at the NC Central Law School, he returned to private practice. In 1968, Frye was elected to represent the 26<sup>th</sup> House District in the NC House of Representatives. Four years later, he was elected to the 23<sup>rd</sup> House District, where he served until 1980, when he was elected to represent the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District in the NC Senate. In 1983, Governor Jim Hunt appointed Frye as Associate Judge on the NC Supreme Court, a position to which he was subsequently elected, twice. In 1999, Governor Jim Martin appointed Frye as Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court. Judge Frye is currently working at the Brooks Pierce law firm in Greensboro and teaching at NC A&T State University.



## The Guilford Anti-Racism Alliance Doing Our Work 2016-2017 Series\*



# David Billings

One Person's Anti-Racism Journey

**A leader of anti-racist workshops, an historian, organizer, and ordained United Methodist minister, David Billings has worked for half a century in the struggle for racial justice. *Deep Denial* is Billings' first book. It chronicles his coming of age as a white Southern activist, the disappointing turn away from the victories of the Civil Rights movement, and the history of white supremacy in America.**

Talk & Book Signing  
Tuesday, January 24, 7 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
3906 W. Friendly Ave.

\*The January Session of the Doing Our Work 2016-2017 Series, a Fall-Spring monthly series of public talks sponsored by the White Caucus of the Guilford Anti-Racism Alliance (GARA) To learn more about GARA, find us at: <http://www.meetup.com/Guilford-Anti-Racism-Alliance/>

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**Please make a reservation**  
**by**  
**January 11**

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*Janice Siebert*  
*Tracy Nash*  
Vice-president *Gary Kenton*  
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Treasurer *Lynn Grigni*

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- Calendar of events of the LWVPT or others of interest to League members
- January 17, 2017, noon Lunch with the League, see page 1.
- January 24, 2017, Doing Our Work, January Session. 7 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church. See p. 7
- January 26, 2017, 6-8 PM See pages 5-6 for details. Please share with your friends.
- Round tables meet at their regular times. Call or email their chair persons as indicated on p. 2.
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*“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.”*