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LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE

October 9 and 16 Candidate Forums

Please note change of venue:

Temple Emanuel
1129 Jefferson Road, Greensboro, NC
Doors open at 11:30

Box lunches will be available: Turkey or Egg Salad

We welcome your reservation for each lunch.

The two dates feature different candidates for office.

Come to one or both lunches. Reservations are required for each lunch.

October 9: Candidates for Sheriff, Guilford County Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education
Moderated by Loretta Boniti from Spectrum 14

October 16: Candidates for the NC House of Representatives
Moderated by Bill O'Neil from Channel 12.

Information and discussion of the proposed NC Constitutional Amendments

Click here for [Reservations WITH a lunch](#). Lunch is \$11.00

* The wrong date may appear on the Paypal transaction, but it will process correctly *

Click here for [Reservations WITHOUT a lunch](#). Without lunch, the program is free.

Reservations are required with or without lunch. **Please go through the reservation process twice if planning to attend both events.**

Reservation Deadline is Wed, Oct 3 for Oct 9 lunch. Deadline is Wed, Oct 10 for Oct 16.

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

Please refer to this page when you need to contact a board member.
Where emails are shared by two people, each will get the message.

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Message from the President

Hope you are enjoying the cooler weather! Makes it easier to get out for some exercise, right?

Let's hope that everyone will exercise their right to vote! In preparation for that, the LWVPT is offering two candidate forums, Oct. 9 and 16. Find more information about both on the front page of this issue, and please plan to join us! Both will be great opportunities to learn more about the candidates and issues!

The deadline to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 12. Our Voter Registration Committee has been hard at work offering opportunities for everyone to register or update their registration. Plan to join us if you can!

Early Voting begins on Oct. 17 and ends on Nov. 3. During this time you may vote at any Early Voting site. Find more information about where and when here:

<http://www.votersurvivalkit.org/early-voting.html>

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, with polls opening at 6:30 a.m. and closing at 7:30 p.m. On this day you may only vote at your assigned polling place. **VOTE!!!!**

Vicki White-Lawrence, LWVPT

PLEASE note that each lunch in October, October 9 and October 16 requires a reservation for attendance. You may choose to have a box lunch at each lunch. The candidates for the forums are different at the two lunches. The information does not repeat.

*Once you make a reservation online for either lunch, with or without a box lunch, you will receive a confirmation email message. **You will need to go through the registration process once for each lunch you wish to attend.***

Reservations for:

Lunch With the League on Oct 9 and/or Oct 16, 2018

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

October 9 _____ October 16 _____
(place an X beside the lunch(es) you will attend.)

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. You may order and pay for the Oct 9 or the Oct 16 lunches or both of them on this form. These procedures expedite the check-in process and make certain payment is made for a reserved lunch.

LWV US National Convention

Robin Lane, LWVPT Delegate

With attendance at an all-time high, and multiple opportunities for attendees to learn and contribute, the June Convention can only be described as amazing.

High notes:

1. Seeing the League in action: respectful dialogue, diverse perspectives, decisions by consensus. Delegates continue to receive follow-up messages with access to webinars and other bits of critical information. If something from the Convention workbook (available at <https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-06/LWV%202018%20Convention%20Workbook%20FINAL.pdf>) catches your eye, be sure to ask for more information!
2. Knowing how the League will transform into a more effective, more vibrant organization: The Transformation Journey has begun! (Executive Summary here: https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-06/transformation_roadmap_exec_summary_april_2018.pdf) Plenary sessions helped us see the way to a clear focus on diversity, equity and inclusion, along with a re-energized commitment to creating engaged and welcoming Leagues. All based on strategies to ensure that the necessary resources to support core functions are securely in place.
3. Sharing the commitment of NC Leagues to making affordable quality healthcare accessible for every US resident: Medicare for All advocates led a successful caucus on the last day of the convention. Karen Bean, your state Co-President and a member of the Charlotte Mecklenburg League, and I were a part of the planning process. We proudly listed LWVPT and LWV of CM as contributing sponsors. Watch a video of the caucus presentation and find the facts, figures and messages that the caucus group will use in the coming months at: <http://lwvmetrophoenix.org/HCCAUCUS/>

Thank you Piedmont Triad LWV for the expressions of support you gave me along with your generous funding of convention related expenses. I am grateful for both.

This is the second of three articles about the LWVUS convention in June.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members in September:

Debra Jennings, Noor Alghanem, Joshua Nray, Olivia Thonson,
Peter Delaney, Caroline Wright, Sherry Tow, Susan and Dan Acker,
Genevieve Smith, Andrea Ives and Parke Rublee

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

Peggy Ferebee. Membership co-chair

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

2018 Election Dates

Early Voting
Oct 17 - Nov 3

Election Day
November 6

Visit www.Vote411.org, the LWVUS website for all things related to elections, including election laws in your state, early voting schedules, and candidate profiles.

And the LWVPT Voter Survival Kit is back: <http://www.votersurvivalkit.org/>

Education Funds: Sally Austin Fund and the LWVPT Education Fund

Last year our focus was on raising funds for the Norman Ornstein event through the Sally Austin Fund. Our members and supporters donated their time and money to host an impressive and informative event. Your generosity almost entirely covered the costs of the event, preserving the Sally Austin Fund balance for future large-scale education focused events.

This year our full attention is on the upcoming mid-term elections. The LWVPT Education Fund supports vitally important activities such as Voter Registration, Vote411, and public policy focused educational events. The LWVPT Education Fund needs your support! Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the LWVPT Education Fund in support of our members as they register and inform the public.

Contributors to the LWVPT Education Fund this fiscal year include:

Anne and Joseph Coltrane
Pat Cross
Joan Gould

Barbara Hughes
Marlene Pratto
Betty Rogers

Advocacy Fund:

The LWVPT Advocacy Fund is funded through the small portion of your membership dues retained by LWVPT and additional donations. These funds are used to pay general operating expenses such as our League office rent, telephone, post office box and website hosting costs. LWVPT Advocacy Funds can also be used to lobby and advocate on specific issues which have been studied and brought to the forefront by our 6 Roundtables. Advocacy donations are much needed and always welcomed to further the work of the League. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible.

Contributors to the LWVPT Advocacy Fund this fiscal year include:

Anonymous (The Red Box!)
Carolyn Allen
Sandra Colyer
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Mary Miller
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Trudy Whitacre

Respectfully,

Sandra Colyer and Lynn Grigni

Make **tax deductible donations** to the "LWVPT Education Fund, Inc." online at
http://www.lwvpt.org/donate_form.html

or by mail to:

LWVPT Education Fund
P O Box 9721
Greensboro, NC 27429

Using the same information, you may also make **non-deductible donations** to
"LWVPT" (operating fund), used for advocacy on issues.

Immigration Policy Reform Roundtable

“We Have No Place To Go”: the plight of some remaining residents of the unsafe, unhealthy Cone/ Summit Ave. apartments which the city has condemned. Many of the tenants are refugees whose landlord, Arco Realty, consistently refused or delayed repairs which might have met minimum standards. Volunteers are helping with moves to some new apartments but also, to temporary quarters in hotels with the support of the Greensboro Housing Coalition and a fund established at the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro. The community was galvanized after the May 12 fire in which 5 young children perished. Mayor Nancy Vaughan summarized: “I think they were let down by a lot of people. I think there is a collective anger that there is a hardworking group of people living in substandard conditions and it’s taken a tragedy of this magnitude to point out a number of shortcomings.” A proposed new ordinance would allow the city to inspect all units if there is a safety hazard determined in only one unit of the building.

The Trump administration has slashed the refugee admissions goal for the next fiscal year to a new low of 30,000, the lowest level in U.S. history. A vigil planned for September 26 at Congregational United Church of Christ will highlight the refugees’ enriching our community as well as the negative consequences of the Trump administration’s action, urging members of Congress to push back. A USA Today editorial (September 21) notes that “officials are hard pressed to cite one fatal terrorist attack in America committed by a refugee” and that “refugees relocated into the USA actually provide an economic benefit of tens of billions of dollars over a decade.”

The administration also plans to restrict immigrant applicants for green cards or visas, potentially disqualifying immigrants’ applications based on receipt of federal assistance such as Medicare and Medicaid drug subsidies, food stamps and Section 8 housing vouchers. Fearing being denied green cards and visas, immigrants may withdraw from the public aid programs even though they risk losing their homes and health.

For perspective: the “Immigration Stories” series sponsored by the Greensboro Bound Literary Festival and Scuppernon Books offers a remarkable opportunity to meet and talk with immigrants and refugees about their experiences and their work, beginning October 3 and continuing throughout November. www.greensborobound.com/immigration-stories.

For an award-winning independent film and discussion with the subject Moises Serrano and the producer Tiffany Rhynard: “Forbidden: Undocumented and Queer in Rural America” at UNCG’s Curry Auditorium, November 5, 7-9pm. Co-sponsored by LWVPT and the UNCG School of Dance.

Whitney Vanderwerff, Chair



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.

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Vice-president Anna Fesmire
Secretary Sara White
Treasurer Sandra Colyer

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