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Lunch with the League

"The Affordable Care Act... Where do we go from here?"

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 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 October 12. Let her know if you want a vegetarian meal.

The speakers for the program are Rob Luisana, managing partner of Pilot Benefits and Tim Rice, former CEO of Cone Health System.

A-Z Guide to Voting

FOR GUILFORD COUNTY



THIS ELECTION IS TOO BIG TO MISS

SPEAK YOUR MIND ABOUT
The President • Judges • Lawmakers
Fair Pay • Equal Rights • Cost of College
Black Lives Matter • Police Accountability • Jobs

Vote Early: Oct. 20 - Nov. 5 or Election Day: Nov. 8

The 2016 Voters Guide is ready to pick up and deliver. Copies will be on hand at Lunch with the League on Oct 18. See page 5 for information on how to get copies to distribute right now. Thanks for your help.



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

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Please contact Sue Stinson at suestinson1968@yahoo.com to help with voter registration. The deadline to register before the election is October 14 so now is the time to volunteer for this important activity of the League. Sue has more registration events scheduled. All League members are encouraged to help at least once in this important task.

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LWVNC WITHDRAWS DEBATE SPONSORSHIP WITH TIME WARNER CABLE

At the September 23rd LWVNC Board Of Directors meeting, Mary Klencz and Willie Taylor, co-presidents, updated the LWVNC board on the current status of the Gubernatorial and US Senate debates with TWC. Given the changes in circumstances and with the realization that TWC News may need to proceed with other arrangements, the LWVNC board voted to withdraw the League's sponsorship.

Willie Taylor

VOTER SURVIVAL KIT

Have questions about how, where or when to vote? Want to read some information about the candidates but don't know where to find it? Check out <http://www.VoterSurvivalKit.org> created by our Voter Service Committee. It has information on how to get answers to your questions and links to candidate websites, judicial information and early voting schedules. You can check your own registration and find out your voting site. If you have questions that are not answered on the site, let us know and we will try to include them. Send your question to lwvptmail@gmail.com.

Educate yourself about the candidates that answered our questions at [VOTE411](#).

Just go to <http://vote411.org> and input your street address, city and state. Choose the election race you wish to follow, select candidates to compare and read. Share this with your friends.

You may access other information as well. Suppose you want to learn about ballot initiatives in other states. Search by state and topic. You may have to enter a zip code, but the example for the box will actually provide one. I used this to see the ballot initiatives in California.

Just give Vote411 a look. A lot of work on the part of many Leagues went into the site.

Reservations for: Lunch With the League on October 18, 2016

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

Lynn Grigni Treasurer@lwvpt.org Telephone: 336 285 6717

We would like to welcome new members!

Naomi Galbreath Martha Shafer Jerri Linn Phillips
Cindi Hewitt Libby Connery

And for those of you who are already members. Did you pay your dues???? This has been a hectic year, and some have not yet paid their dues. If you're not certain whether you owe your dues for this year, please contact me at lynn@grigni.com or 336- 285-6717 and I'll check your record.

**Please consider a gift to the LWVPT Education Fund, Inc.
Contributions to this fund are tax deductible.**

We will use your gift to promote citizen knowledge of representative government by educating the public in matters pertaining to government, human resources, natural resources, international affairs, social policy, voter registration election laws, voting regulations, the election process in general, citizen rights, urban policy, transportation and any other subjects relevant to being an informed citizen; to build participation in the democratic process; to study key community issues at all levels of government in an unbiased manner; and to empower individuals to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.

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**Please consider a gift to the LWVPT when you pay your dues or other times.
Contributions to LWVPT are not tax deductible.**

The funds contributed to LWVPT are used for advocacy work in support of issues. An example is the full page ad that was run in the News & Record to fight against SB36, the bill that would have changed the structure of the Greensboro City Council. Other than donations, our only revenue source is your dues, of which only \$23 goes to our local League. Any time we have a position and act upon it requires LWVPT funds, not LWVPT Education funds. Use the same website as above, but select the third option or for regular mail, use the same PO Box.

Important information shared from the Sally Austin Education Committee : we have scheduled Norman Ornstein to come to Greensboro on Thursday, May 10, 2018 and give two presentations, one for League membership and one for the general public.

Voter Education Committee

By Tracy Nash

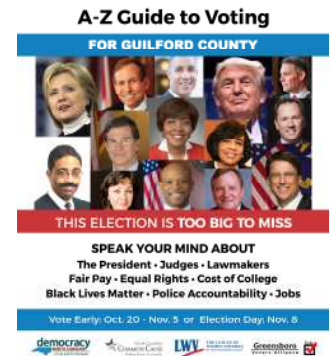
The Voter Education Committee is happy to announce that our printed Voter Guide will be available for distribution starting Monday, October 10. We need your help to get all 15,000 copies distributed. We will have a large quantity available at the October 18 Lunch with the League that you can pick up and take to places all over Guilford county. There will be a list of places where we have delivered the guides in previous years. You may choose to deliver to those places or expand our distribution to other locations.

If you wish to help out prior to or after October 18, you may pick up guides at Beloved Community Center, 417 Arlington Street, Greensboro. Please call Claude Barnes at 336-230-0001 or 336-541-0505 to let him know you are coming. You will need to sign out the guides with your name, the quantity you are taking and where you plan to deliver them, if you have that information. Each year we try to build our database of delivery destinations. When you have distributed all that you got the first time, go back and get more - but let Dr. Barnes know you're coming.

VOTE411.org is online as of October 1. Just go to www.vote411.org, where you can enter your address and pull up all the races you will find on your ballot in the general election. All candidates were invited to participate by providing their photograph, some biographical information, information about their candidacy, and answers to questions of concern to the voters. Our League covered the races in Alamance, Forsyth, Guilford and Rockingham counties; the state League covered all races for statewide offices and LWVUS solicited the information from the presidential candidates. VOTE411 is a website created by the League of Women Voters to further our mission of having an informed electorate.

Our locally created website, www.votersurvivalkit.org, is available to help you with answers to all the questions you have about the election and voting: how, when and where will be answered just by clicking on your question. Want to confirm your voter registration? Need to know the early voting schedule? Confused about the current law about Voter I.D.? It's all there. And more.

Please visit these sites and tell your family, friends and neighbors about them. If you have feedback, please email: votereducation@lwpvt.org.



Upcoming Event

If you have a multi-year calendar, mark Thursday May 10, 2018 as reserved. The Sally Austin Education Committee has scheduled two events with Norman Ornstein. One event will be for League members and another for the general public.

Ornstein is a frequent contributor to NPR programs and now you will get to hear and see him in person. Watch for details as we approach the time.

Fair Elections Roundtable

By *Andy Stern*

At the meeting on Wednesday, October 5, Walter Salinger reported on Tom Ross's presentation on Nonpartisan Redistricting Reform at the LWV Wake County luncheon on September 30, 2016 in Raleigh. Tom Ross and the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke coordinated with Common Cause NC to lead a simulation of an independent, nonpartisan redistricting panel to redraw U.S. Congressional Districts in NC. Eight retired NC Appellate Court Judges (four Republicans and four Democrats) participated in re-drawing the districts. Tom explained the reason for the simulation, the process used by the group, the criteria they had to follow in drawing the districts, and how they arrived at their final congressional districts map. Although neither race, political affiliations, nor historical voting patterns were taken into account while drawing the districts, the agreed upon map resulted in six districts that leaned Republican, four Democratic, and three that were toss ups. (This compares to the most recent map approved by the NC Legislature that resulted in 10 Republican and three Democratic leaning districts.)

Walter shared the graphs he has been creating from the data obtained by LWVNC from UNC Carolina Population Center. The data include demographic information (age, race, ethnicity) for the 50 NC State Senate Districts as they are drawn for the upcoming election. Demographic information for these districts was compiled for 1990, 2000, 2010, and projected for 2020. These data reveal that demographic shifts in NC are so large that, despite the current gerrymandered legislative districts, neither party should have confidence that it will be in charge of redistricting after the 2020 election. Hence, uniquely in NC's history, it is politically advantageous for both political parties to support nonpartisan redistricting reform before the next redistricting in 2021.

The group briefly discussed the LWVPT sponsored forum on the independent, non-partisan Congressional map drawing simulation discussed above. The forum will be Monday, January 9, at 6 p.m. in the Mullin Life Center at the First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro. Henry Frye and Rhoda Billings, former Chief Justice and Associate Justice of the NC Supreme Court, respectively, two of the eight justices involved in the nonpartisan redistricting simulation, have committed to the date. The event will be held in honor of Sally Austin. Members of the FER will work with the Sally Austin Citizen Education Fund Committee on details and planning for the event.

The next FER meeting is November 2. Prior to the meeting, Walter will send out updated graphs and information for his presentations. The meeting will discuss how his efforts can be supported and materials for a one page handout for his presentations to various Leagues and Legislative staffs.

Environmental Roundtable

By *Marlene Pratto*

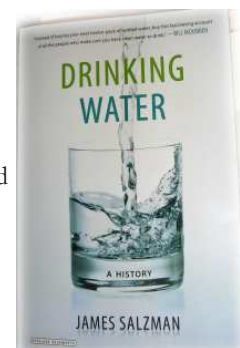
The Environmental Roundtable met on October 6. We agreed to assist in the re-labeling of storm water drains if the appropriate materials are available. (our last attempt found that the signs were not available). We intend to contact local Scout troops to enlist their help. Storm water is not treated before it ends up in bodies of water moving downstream. Residents should not use storm water drains for waste substances and they should be kept free of leaves.

We discussed septic tanks and wells in Guilford County. Septic tanks are not inspected but it is suggested that they be pumped out every 3-5 years. In general, people do not report problems with septic systems. Houses are not built and wells are not dug if the soil does not perk. The state has maps of good soil, ie soil that can handle septic tanks and leaching fields.

We have many websites to share and read concerning the Jordan Lake rules, ground water, ground water replenishing, EPA strategies for coping with climate change, particularly on how it will impact water. We will post the websites on the League webpage for others to read.

The Osborne water treatment facility is undergoing some construction and we are still working on a time to visit. If you are interested please send email to ert@lwwpt.org. We hope to go on a Friday morning.

The next meeting is on November 3.



Many members of the ERT are reading this book by James Salzman. Salzman is a professor of law and environmental policy at Duke.

Happy Halloween.

Immigration Policy Reform Roundtable

by Whitney Vanderwerff

- At the well-designed candidate forum on September 20, question screeners relayed to moderator Gary Kenton one of the questions submitted by the immigration reform roundtable. The question was posed to four of the candidates for the Guilford County Board of Education, selected at random in the rotating candidate question procedure. The four were: Anita Sharpe, Republican, District 2; Pat Tillman, Republican District 3; Lois Bailey, Unaffiliated District 5; and Byron Gladden, Democrat, District 7. The question solicited their opinions about the exclusion of Guilford County Schools undocumented students, most having lived here since childhood, from in-state tuition and programs like Say Yes that would help further their education. Each of the four candidates responded that no one should be excluded; Byron Gladden delivered a passionate statement about some of the Say Yes exclusions.

-We distributed photocopies of the short lead letter to the editor in the September 19 News & Record by well-respected leader Marnie Thompson, who wrote: "The brave young women of *Voces de Guilford Dreamers* have shown incredible heart and vision, not to mention poise and college-readiness. Say Yes has the power to decide on how its funds get spent. I hope the Say Yes leaders change their rules to support the college dreams of these students and others in the same situation so that they can honestly say that Say Yes is for everyone. I'd like to know if the Say Yes funders and donors understood their donations would be used in this exclusionary way."

-The struggle for tuition equity for North Carolina students is advanced by the young people themselves, especially in Let's Learn Triad and Let's Learn NC. Let's Learn's Jose Sandoval and Addy Jeffrey were among the panelists featured at "Racial Justice in Public Education in North Carolina" at the International Civil Rights Center and Museum on October 3. They cited irrefutable research demonstrating positive outcomes in the 20 states now offering forms of tuition equity. From the audience, a young man who had been accepted at East Carolina (4.4 GPA, Early College UNCG) spoke about his experience as he was turned away on-site at the new student orientation.

-We are working towards the release of the Guilford County Immigrant Detention Research Project, coordinated by Guilford College professor Krista Craven, her students, interns and other volunteers.

-Thursday, Oct. 6, 1 pm at Guilford County Board of Elections, 301 W. Market St. GSO: "New American first-time voters speak about the importance of voting." Speakers moved here from Cote d'Ivoire, Mexico, Bhutan, Ghana, Sudan. Gary Kenton and others from our group will attend.

-Also on Thurs. 10/6, a meeting with Lily Eskelse Garcia, NEA President, for Latino education advocates and students at El Centro Hispano in Durham

-GOTV: El voto latino puede ser la diferencia, *New York Times* October 2 full page editorial, English translation followed. Last sentences: "American's 56 million Latinos -- one third of whom are under 18 -- are helping to shape America's future in classrooms, workplaces and neighborhoods. It is only a matter of time before their mark on the nation's politics matches their contributions in other spheres. That moment should start now."

-You may have seen the colorful *Yes!Weekly* cover story "Making Their Mark: Nine Hispanic Leaders Building Bridges in the Triad" Sept. 28 edition (try this link <http://yesweekly.com/nine-hispanic-leaders-buildings-bridges-in-the-triad/>). The story features photos and profiles of some familiar to us: Addy Jeffrey, Kathy Hinshaw, Kelly Morales and Bonner Scholar at Guilford College Jose Oliva as well as Dr. James Breen who, with his wife Dayarmys Piloto de la Paz, founded Vitral Family Medicine here in Greensboro.

-We are finalizing plans for Lunch with the League November 15, with the topic immigrant youth and the struggle for inclusion.

-Our new meeting schedule: First and third Wednesdays, 11:30 am at the Hampshire, 1101 N. Elm Greensboro, light lunch provided. We will also schedule quarterly evening get-togethers with the few who cannot attend the mid-day meetings. Next meeting, Third Wednesday: October 19.

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WANTED

The LWVPT needs a helper for Voter Impact. We need a volunteer to take care of getting a few copies of Voter Impact printed and mailed to the few members without email. Voter impact is published September through April, skipping December. Voter Impact is ready to be printed and mailed eleven days before Lunch with the League each month. You do need a printer at your house or you must be able to pick up a printed copy and take it to Office Depot for duplicating. If you can take on this task or you have questions about it, please contact Emily Herman at eherman@triad.rr.com or 336-275-6015 after October 1. Thank you for your consideration.

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Calendar of events of the LWVPT or others of interest to League members

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- **October 9, 9 PM, Presidential Debate ***
- **October 11, 6 PM, Candidate Forum in High Point (see p. 1)**
- **OCTOBER 12: The candidate forum for Oct 12 that we sent out in an alert has been CANCELLED.**
- **October 14 5PM last day to register to vote on November 8.**
- **October 18, Noon, Lunch with the League (see page 1)**
- **October 18, 7 PM, TWC**
- **October 19, 7 PM, TWC**
- **October 19, 9 PM Presidential Debate ***
- **November 2, 11:15 AM Fair Elections Roundtable meeting. Deep Roots Community Room.**
- **November 3, 4 PM Environmental Roundtable meeting. St. Andrews Episcopal Church Library.**
- **November 8, 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM Election Day (early voting starts October 20. Refer to the votersurvivalkit.org for voting information.)**
- **November 10, 7 PM Tom Earnhart speaks to Audubon Society at Kathleen Clay Edwards branch library.**
- **November 11, 5-7 PM, Wine and cheese League social, Scuppernob Books, 304 S. Elm St., Greensboro. Please respond to Peggy Ferebee <flames1mom@gmail.com> by Nov. 4.**
- **November 15, noon Lunch with the League, Immigrant Youth and the Struggle for Inclusion**

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*** The presidential debates will be broadcast live on C-SPAN, ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC, as well as all cable news channels including CNN, Fox News and MSNBC among others.**

Between issues of Voter Impacts, many events occur and many requests are made for assistance. We compile those and try to send an ALERT once a week on Wednesday. Watch your email for mail from LWVPT. More frequently than we would like changes are made to an already announced event or there is more information about a request for help. In that case we send an additional ALERT. Please check for a newer ALERT when you are planning to attend an event. We try, but things just do change.

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If you have an announcement for Lunch with the League meetings, bring copies of your announcement on paper, preferably colored paper. Your announcement will be placed on the table to your right as you enter the room. The registration table is for registration only.

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