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Lunch with the League

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 11:45

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Congregational United Church of Christ
400 W. Radiance Drive, Greensboro

State of the Union: Immigration Matters

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

Make reservations with Bonnie Kristoff (336-547-0824) or send email to Reservations@lwvpt.org by September 12. Three types of box lunches will be available: traditional with turkey, vegetarian without cheese or gluten free.

Panelists Nathaniel Arrington, Program Monitor with Greensboro's Office of Workforce Development;

Raul Pinto, with the NC Justice Center and Advocacy Committee Chair, American Immigration Lawyers Association Carolinas;

Deputy Chief Mike Richey, Greensboro Police Department;

Yubi Aranda Sandoval of Let's Learn Triad and Let'sLearn NC.

Panelists will respond to the four most common anti-immigrant arguments. The lively format will include videoclips, slides and audience questions.

Ann Marie Dooley, attorney with McKinney Immigration Law, will moderate.

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Message from the President

I hope everyone has had a great summer! Hasn't it just flown by? It seems like just yesterday that we held our Annual Meeting (May 15!) and three of us attended the LWVUS Convention in Chicago (June 28 - July 1). And now we are gearing up for a new year, with Lunch with the League programs (including two Candidate Forums in October!), lots of opportunities for registering voters, and continuing work by our roundtables. This issue of Voter Impact has lots of information for you!

Lunch with the League begins on Sept. 18 with a great program organized by our Immigration Reform Roundtable. (More information about it on page 1.) In October we will have not one, but two Lunch with the League programs, on Oct. 9 and Oct. 16, both of which will be Candidate Forums. Please note that the September and October Lunch with the League programs will be held at different locations. In November, we return to Holy Trinity for our monthly Lunch with the League, with Social Justice organizing the Nov. 27 program (change of date because of the Thanksgiving holiday). For 2019, the January program will be presented by Fair Elections, February by Public Education, March by Health, and April by Environment.

Many of you are already involved with one or more of our roundtables. For those of you who are not but are thinking you might like to be, I encourage you to attend a meeting and see for yourself what is going on. Roundtables are where the grassroots work of the League takes place. I have attended at least one meeting of all of our roundtables and committees, some more than once. My dilemma has always been that there is so much I am interested in that it is hard to decide which one I can join! Of course, if you have the time and energy, you may join as many as you'd like! Or you can just keep an eye on upcoming programs they are presenting -- either at Lunch with the League or in another setting -- and attend those.

As you can imagine, we are receiving lots of requests to help register voters! If you would like to help with this, please contact Barbara Carter by email at VoterRegistration@lwwpt.org. There are opportunities in the UNC-G library, at street fairs and festivals, and at other local sites. We can always use more volunteers to help with this service we want to provide!

Welcome to all new members as well as not-so-new. We want to provide opportunities to everyone so that you can be as involved as you want. Please feel free to contact me, members of the Board, roundtable chairs and committee chairs. Share with us ideas and questions you have, things you'd like to do, how you think we are doing with what we offer, and suggestions as to how we can improve.

Looking forward to a great year!

Vicki White-Lawrence, President

Reservations for: Lunch With the League on September 18, 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

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.

Notes, Health Round Table August 27, 2018

Present: Tim and Robin Lane, Ann Shaw, Anna Fesmire, Wayne Hale, Laurey Solomon, Rob Luisana, Barbara Carter

Wayne gave an excellent power point presentation summarizing the reasons prescription medications cost so much in the US.

Suggestion: pursue giving our presentation some evenings in public libraries.

Rob and Ann will make a presentation September 5, 2018 at Healing Grounds.

Regarding opportunities to distribute our bookmarks, we will have a table at GSO Pride day September 15, 2018. We passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers. Ann will make a schedule. There is also a festival in High Point September 8, 2018. We are a little unclear regarding the potential for distributing book marks there.

We made a few improvements to the bookmark. Laurey will incorporate them and send bookmark to Robin, who will format it as we decided (1/3 the size of a standard page with some red and blue print for emphasis) .

Our Lunch with the League program will be March 2019 (having changed from January 2019). Will finalize our actual program later but we would like, if possible, to ask Dr. Jonathan Oberlander to conduct an evening presentation soon after the Lunch program (in the vein of Dr Ornstein’s presentation earlier this year). Both Lanes sing his praises and assure us he would be a terrific speaker. We will try to arrange a hotel room for him after his presentation.

Birddogging
Study issues. Be well prepared.
Attend meetings with candidates.
Ask questions based on your knowledge and need to know.
Press for answers .

We agreed we should try to solicit donors who do not necessarily wish to join the League but support our work.

Members are encouraged to attend candidate forums or events and to ask questions.

Save the date

New members

We would like to welcome new members:

Lynda Clifford, Locke Clifford, Barbara Avent, Judith Hopkins, Robert Alsup, Dana Spector, Maria “MJ” Mayorga, Citlaly Mora, Donna Scheidt, John De Beer, Tricia De Beer, Leah Haynes, Annie Jenkins, Darryl Hyers, Romaine Smith, Clyde Robinette, Bill Bowman, Sylvia Curtis, Bobbie Capobianco, Dana Fisher, Marilyn Evans, Deborah Perry, Patricia Willis, Ellen Fischer, Kathleen La Point, Marion Gamble, Carol Herriman, Suzanne Kolb, Shelly Kappauf, Walter Harris, Mary Kaczmarek, William Soukup, Ann Buffington, and Jessica Goodman.

We hope you will enjoy the programs and activities that our League offers.

Fair Elections Roundtable Highlights August

Walter Salinger gave a summary of his deposition experience on Tuesday, July 31, in Raleigh NC. His deposition was part of LWVNC's response to the US Supreme Court's **remanding LWVNC v Rucho (partisan gerrymandering of congressional maps) *back to** the Federal district court. Prior to his deposition, he prepped with LWVNC counsel, Allison Riggs, SCSJ attorney, and she accompanied him to the deposition.

Gary Kenton, with support from Tyler Daye, presented and discussed a detailed description of LWVNC's efforts to launch a statewide effort for "Reasonable Redistricting Reform" by building a broad-based bipartisan/non-partisan coalition. This effort is supported by a \$10,000 Redistricting Advocacy grant received by LWVNC from LWVUS in June 2018. Gary asked attendees to be thinking of local Republicans, Democrats, and Independents who might usefully serve on a committee in support of this effort.

Gary explained that the effort for "Reasonable Redistricting Reform" is based on "Five Principles" that were developed by LWVNC after conducting thorough research of other states' efforts and experience on this topic. These principles will provide a framework for the future committee to begin its discussions. The Five Principles are detailed in the text box..

LWVPT is to contribute to these efforts by reaching out to local Republican and Democratic party leaders, donors, business leaders, etc to enlist their public participation.

Andy Stern and Walter Salinger

5 Principles for Reasonable Redistricting Reform

- 1) Include a role for the legislature in the process, such as naming some of the commissioners
- 2) Include citizens and/or impartial experts as commission members
- 3) Establish strict rules for the commission's work that:
 - apply traditional redistricting standards (compact, contiguous, keep local government units and communities of interest whole)
 - do not allow the use of partisan data or partisan objectives
 - use voting rules that require bipartisan support for the maps
- 4) Provide for extensive citizen participation and transparency
- 5) Make the maps final on the commission's vote

Do you want to meet new people? Do you want to help them exercise their right to vote? If YES, during this busy year, please sign up to help with Voter Registration by sending email to VoterRegistration@lwwpt.org or call Barbara Carter at 336-299-5680.

So the League is nonpartisan. Does that mean we're not political?

No. We're nonpartisan in that we do not support or oppose any party or candidate. Via our Voter Guides and forums we bring the issues to ALL candidates with neutral questions that do not suggest a right or wrong answer. Voters, after hearing or reading their responses, decide who gets their vote. We are political in that, after study and consensus, we take positions on issues, we educate people and we advocate on behalf of those issues.

Immigration Policy Reform Roundtable

Our well-attended July 30 public program, "Separation and Detention: Children, Families and Communities in Crisis" featured perspectives from the legal and medical professions and the faith community. Walter Salinger met us at the Mullin Life Center of First Presbyterian Church the morning of the program for a systems check and returned that evening to ensure that we were intact. Margaret Arbuckle was instrumental in securing the venue and providing FPC staff contacts.

As of today, 528 children have not yet been re-united with their parents, most due to the deportation of the parent. Kirk Semple and Miriam Jordan of the New York Times visited a family in rural Guatemala whose 8-year-old-son was sent to a shelter in Texas *four months ago* when the father was deported. Judge Dana Sabraw of Federal District Court in Southern California stated, "The reality is that for every parent who is not located, there will be a permanent orphaned child, and that is 100 percent the responsibility of the administration."

If you attended the roundtable's May 2 program at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church you heard Sue Stinson speak on "For-Profit Prisons for Immigrants: A National Disgrace." Sue has visited Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia and helps coordinate the Faith Action International program that takes groups to visit there.

Now there is hope: Recently, the Southern Poverty Law Center released its report about a court ruling against CoreCivic Inc. which is under contract with Stewart County, Georgia, to house people detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The lawsuit states that detained immigrants at Stewart Detention Center who refuse to work are threatened with solitary confinement and the loss of access to basic necessities like food, clothing and products for personal hygiene and phone calls to loved ones. The "Dollar a Day" program there creates a lucrative profit scenario for CoreCivic because detained immigrants are forced to purchase basic necessities from CoreCivic's commissary. They fund their purchases by participating in the work program necessary to operate the facility. These jobs include basic functions like cooking and cleaning, for which CoreCivic would otherwise have to hire and pay outside employees. Similar lawsuits challenging private prison companies' work practices have been filed in California, Washington, Colorado, and Texas.

Another ray of hope for Dreamers: Several courts' challenges to the administration's effort to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) have been upheld. Anyone who previously had DACA can now renew or file a new initial DACA if he or she had allowed a previous DACA grant to expire. But another outrage: Since 2016 there has been a surge in the US Government's denying passports to Americans along the border citing suspicions that their birth certificates are fraudulent. People born on the Texas side of the southern border are receiving letters from the State Department informing them that midwives who delivered them filled out fraudulent birth certificates. The population there is poor and 95% Hispanic, often unable to afford hospitals. One Brownsville recipient of a State Department letter served three years as a private in the US Army, served as a Border Patrol Cadet and is now a state prison guard.

With the board's approval, LWVPT was a signatory to the News & Record column "In fire's aftermath, concerns and questions persist" which appeared at the top of the Ideas Section July 29. Since the tragic Cone-Summit apartment fire in which five refugee children died on May 12, city housing inspectors found 696 violations of the city's minimum housing code and condemned 41 apartments; community organizations and individuals developed collaborative strategies for working with residents to provide assistance; and Greensboro City Council allocated \$45,000 for the residents' transition expenses. The shortage of safe, affordable housing underscores the depth of the crisis. The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro has established a fund that will be used to pay for families' rent deposits and fees to turn on utilities at their new housing. To send a check, write it to CFGG Landlord-Tenant Partnership Fund, memo line Summit/Cone, and mail it to Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, 330 S. Greene St. Ste. 100, Greensboro 27401. Credit card: CFGG web page, go to Donors, scroll down to Details, and to Giving Online donor portal. If you prefer, CFGG will take your credit card information on the telephone, 336-379-9100. Be sure to specify Summit/Cone fund.

You may remember that we have often mentioned the possibility of a Greensboro showing of the award-winning independent documentary "Forbidden: Queer and Undocumented in Rural America." This is the remarkable Moises Serrano story. The film's producer, Tiffany Rhynard, will be at UNCG in early No-

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Recycle Right

We all hope most of the stuff we're throwing out is recyclable, but unfortunately it is not. Knowing what is and is not recyclable will help the City of Greensboro to keep the recycling stream compliant with what the recycling industry wants and can use.

A big contaminant found in many recycling containers is a plastic bag full of milk jugs, newspapers, aluminum cans and plastic water bottles. All the stuff inside the bag is indeed recyclable, but the plastic bag itself does not belong in the brown can. Dump the contents into the can and reuse the bag or recycle clean and dry plastic bags at the grocery store.

Now why is this? Knowing how the recycling plant operates helps. When the trucks arrive at the Republic Recycling Center, they dump the load which is then sorted by several means including machines, gravity, magnets, and hand sorting. There are many parts to the process and plastic bags can get tangled in the machinery. The machine must be stopped and employees manually cut out the twisted up bag, ropes, hoses, cords, and wires that can become entangled. This is a dangerous task and slows down the processing of other recyclables.

In short, **DON'T PUT ANY PLASTIC BAGS INTO THE BROWN RECYCLING BIN.** Take any clean and dry plastic bags that you are ready to recycle to the grocery store. You can also recycle plastic overwrap (toilet paper/paper towel wrap), bread, produce, dry cleaner, and newspaper bags at the grocery store. For more information, check out www.greensboro-nc.gov/recycle, or download the new app, GSO Collects to use the Waste Wizard to search any item and find out how to properly dispose of it.

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vember. Mark your calendars for 7-9pm on Monday, November 5th, when the film will be shown at Curry Auditorium with Moises and Tiffany present. Sue Stinson has been indefatigable in securing the venue and working with various departments and organizations at the university.

In the film, there's a clip of Moises speaking to a state League convention, and the League is listed in the credits. Ann Marie Dooley and Addy Jeffrey are featured.

The North Carolina League Action Team on Immigration met via conference call on August 31. Addy Jeffrey, my daughter (and LWVPT member) P. Whitney Vanderwerff and I represent LWVPT on the Action Team.

The roundtable has met frequently to plan for the upcoming Lunch with the League on September 18, having been asked by the board to change from our usual November date. Holy Trinity is not available in September. Julie Peoples kindly offered to host us at Congregational UCC, 400 West Radiance Drive, Greensboro. Julie's husband Rev. Paul Davis is working patiently and graciously with us on logistics for "State of the Union: Immigration Matters" with panelists responding to the four most common anti-immigrant arguments. Panelists are Nathaniel Arrington, Program Monitor with Greensboro's Office of Workforce Development; Raul Pinto with NC Justice Center and Advocacy Committee Chair, American Immigration Lawyers Association Carolinas; Deputy Chief Mike Richey, Greensboro Police Department; and Yubi Aranda Sandoval of Let's Learn Triad and Let's Learn NC. Ann Marie Dooley will moderate. Reservations will be available until the cut-off of 170 attendees is reached. See information, VI front page.

We request that people carpool when possible. Parking is available in the lot (50 spaces available) on the east side of the church and on East and West Radiance at sides of the church. Overflow: behind 1618 restaurant which fronts on Friendly.

Wheelchair access: on West Radiance side of the church.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 19 at 11:30 PM, McKinney Immigration Law, 910 N. Elm St. Greensboro

Whitney Grove Vanderwerff

VOTER REGISTRATION NEEDS YOU

LWVPT Voter Registration held a VR drive at NC A & T Aug 30 with 112 registrations. Voter registration took place after the August 24 Naturalization Ceremony. Sixteen new citizens registered.

The UNCG registration drive at Jackson Library is underway. 10-4 every T, W, Th Sept 4-Oct 4. There were 49 registrations Sept 4, 46 registrations on Sept 5.

With so many hours to cover at UNCG and other locations, Barbara Carter and her committee can use you for one shift or many shifts.

If you would like to help them, please volunteer. You will always be with another League member or friend of the League. You may bring your own friend and that person can also learn to register voters.

Upcoming VR drives currently scheduled for September include:

Hi-Fest in High Point Sep 8 9-4

Greensboro Pride Sep 15 11-5

Spears YMCA Sep 17 4-7

Twilight High School Sep 24 2-3:15

If interested in helping with LWVPT VR, please contact Barbara at VoterRegistration@lwvpt.org

Voter Registration is one of the League's most important activities and it helps citizens to exercise their right to vote.

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.

Statistics for LWVPT to date: 9/5/18

Total active members in DataBase:	306
Total life members in DataBase	11
Total household members in DataBase:	31
Total membership expiring on 6/30/18	84
Total membership expiring on 12/31/18	11
Total membership expiring on 6/30/19	211

% of members needing renewal on 9/5/18 27

There are 2,196,631 UNAFFILIATED voters in North Carolina.

Help register voters. See box on this page.



[@LWVPT](#) is now on Twitter!

LWVPT now has a Twitter account. Please follow us and tell your friends to do so, too. Questions? Contact our Twitter Master, Tyler Daye: TylerCDaye@gmail.com

2018 LWVUS Convention

In June I was one of three LWVPT members, and more than 1,000 League leaders nationwide to attend the LWVUS national convention in Chicago.

Over the preceding two years, in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of its founding, which will be celebrated in 2020, the League has been defining what they're calling the Transformation Journey, to ensure that the League enters its second century strong, visible, and relevant. As the next step in that journey, LWVUS has published a "Transformation Roadmap" that includes specific action steps to be implemented. I encourage you to go online and find the 5 page summary of this 41-page document, by searching LWVUS Transformation Journey.

It includes the following objectives:

To be:

- More diverse (in race, ethnicity, age, gender)
- Easier to be a part of (as a member, supporter, or volunteer)
- Fiscally and financially sound (in order to have maximum impact)

The program of the convention included:

Business

At the plenary sessions, we elected new officers and directors, amended the bylaws, approved the proposed budget, and adopted resolutions, including one which was proposed by a member of our delegation, which states that when the ERA is finally ratified, the League work diligently to ensure that it becomes an amendment to the U.S. constitution. Another, presented by the Florida state League, is that LWVUS will add NPV to its Campaign for Making Democracy Work. For information on NPV, go to: <https://www.lwvfl.org/issue/npv/>

Speakers

We enjoyed many excellent speakers, including Rosie Rios, who was the 43rd Treasurer of the United States and, most recently, known for initiating and leading the historic efforts to place a woman on U.S. currency for the first time in over a century, and Thomas Hicks who served on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, both under President Barack Obama. The speaker at the Awards Banquet was Elaine Weiss, author of "The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote".

Workshops, Caucuses & Information Sessions

Workshops included:

- budgeting
- fundraising
- using Social Media
- advocacy

There were caucuses on Immigration, Healthcare, Environment, Youth Empowerment, Redistricting, and the Electoral College.

There were training sessions on Vote411 and changes planned for the roster manager portal (the LWVUS master membership database).

My favorite session was the one on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which culminated in the message: *if you want everyone to be able to experience* the desired outcome, it may be necessary to give more to some than others.

If this has piqued your interest, I suggest you go to the LWVUS League Management portal: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management>. Click on: Convention & Council and go to 2018 Convention Presentation Archive.

Sending delegates to convention from LWVPT should be a priority, so I suggest we increase our budget for it and also take a look at raising funds specifically for that purpose.

Tracy Nash, Immediate Past President

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