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LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE "Immigration Issues: Fears, Facts, Families"

Tuesday, September 19

Doors open at 11:45 a.m., Buffet begins at 12:00 noon
Program follows and is completed at or by 2:00. Those who need to may leave early.

Haywood Duke meeting room, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
607 N. Greene St, Greensboro

<< Reservation Deadline is Wednesday, September 13 >>

The public is welcome. Lunch is optional at \$11.00.
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, with or without lunch.

To reserve a spot without lunch (free), please contact
Bonnie Kristoff at (336) 547-0824 or Reservations@lwvpt.org

[Click here for Reservations with a lunch](#)

Or, send in the registration form on Pg. 3
Vegetarian options available upon request.

LWVPT member and Immigration Attorney Ann Marie Dooley will introduce the program and serve as Moderator.

LWVPT member and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipient Laura Garduno-Garcia will speak in person.
Others in Greensboro Sanctuary or otherwise affected by current immigration policy will be featured via video. They include:
Andy Marchi, Juana Luz Tobar Ortega, Minerva Cisneros Garcia, and Guadalupe Cruz

Time is allocated for questions and comments.

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

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We appreciate Jennifer Filipowski for coming forth to produce the September issue of Voter Impact. What a beautiful job. Thanks, Jennifer.

Message from the President

Hello, Everyone. I hope you had a nice summer and are ready to “fall” into a new season of participating in the political process. As you explore this issue of Voter Impact, you will see we didn’t actually (and I suspect most of you didn’t either) take the summer off but continued delving into and advocating on behalf of the issues about which we are passionate*. You will read about the activities that have been going on within some of our committees and roundtables since we last communicated. I hope it will inspire you, if you’re not already actively involved, to join at least one of them and lend your support, energy, and activism.

September is the month in which we resume publishing this newsletter as well as holding our very informative and motivating Lunch with the League programs. This month, our Comprehensive Immigration Reform roundtable will present the program; in October, we will have a change of venue for our Greensboro City Council Candidate forum; in November, it’s back to Holy Trinity for a program to be announced. Other programs throughout the year and next include presentations by our Public Education and Environment roundtables. I hope you have the third Tuesday of each month marked on your calendar for Lunch with the League. Remember, we do not meet in December.

I want to encourage each and every one of you to vote on November 7 in the municipal election in your city or town. If your community holds a primary, vote in that as well. That’s how you have a say in weeding out the field. Learn everything you can about what it is your local elective bodies do; identify the issues that you deem the most important in your community and find out how each candidate will respond to those issues; attend the many forums that will be available; decide which candidates have the same positions on the issues as you and vote to put them in office.

And, finally, our membership rolls have swollen in the last year. Welcome! We want to be sure we are reaching you and providing you - new and not-so-new members - with opportunities to engage to whatever degree you desire. So please reach out to me or our roundtable and committee chairs. Let us know what is on your mind, what it is you want to do. Let us know how you think we’re doing and how we can improve, with your help.

For more information on League positions on issues, go to:

<http://lwv.org/content/impact-issues-online-edition>

Tracy Nash, President

Reservations for:

Lunch With the League on September 19, 2017

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

The League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad
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Greensboro, NC 27429

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Address _____

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Phone (home) _____

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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 PayPal. Those not having lunch simply preregister as usual by contacting Bonnie Kristoff at 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.

Sally Austin Project Committee

Some months ago, the LWVPT Board decided to undertake our first-ever fund-raising campaign. There were a number of factors driving this decision, but the bottom line is this: With all but \$13 of the \$58 membership dues going to LWVUS and LWVNC, we cannot sustain our current level of growth and activity unless we supplement our revenues.

The Sally Austin Project Committee has been planning an event that would meet our overall mission of voter education and raise some money. There will be several working parts:

- The central event is the talk by Mr. Norman Ornstein in the auditorium at the Elliott University Center on the UNCG campus. His presentation will be free to the public, although we will provide ample opportunity for donations to LWVPT.
- A pre-talk reception in the Maple Room at UNCG at which donors will have an opportunity to meet Mr. Ornstein personally.
- A book signing, site TBA.

While we are waiting for this momentous occasion, what can LWVPT members do?

- If you haven't done so already, please consider making a donation to LWVPT beyond your annual dues. This is your way to assure that the work of the LWVPT is sustainable. (see pg 5 for details)
- It is strongly recommended that all LWVPT members read Mr. Ornstein's book, *It's Even Worse Than it Was*. This is an updated version of the first edition, titled *It's Even Worse Than it Looks*. The older version has much of the same material, and conveys the same message, but the context has, of course, changed. In this case, newer is better.

If we are successful – and we are off to a great start – then the funds we are able to raise in the community can all be devoted to furthering our mission of voter education.

The Sally Austin Project Committee has had many discussions about how to promote the League. It has become clear to us that, while other non-profit organizations provide direct services to persons in need, we are different. The business of the League of Women Voters is nothing less than the support of democracy itself. At this moment in history, this effort has never been more crucial.

The Sally Austin Project Committee: Terry Ball, Joan Dressler, Judy Hoag, Gary Kenton, Catherine Magid, Walter Salinger, Laura Tew, Trudy Whitacre, Vicki White-Lawrence

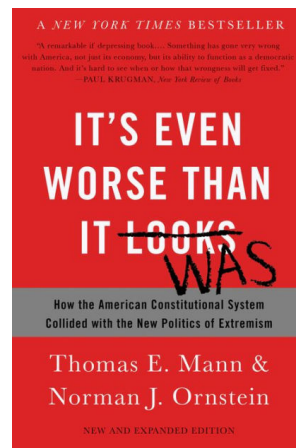
Save the Date!

The evening of
Thursday, April 12, 2018

LWVPT will present

Mr. Norman Ornstein

**Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and co-author of
"It's Even Worse Than It Was: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism"**



We are grateful to the many who have contributed to the LWVPT Education Fund for educational work and for use in the Sally Austin Citizen Education Project. This year’s project is a lecture by noted congressional scholar and author Norman Ornstein on extremism in politics, scheduled for the evening of April 12, 2018. (see previous page)

Names of the contributors in alphabetical order are:

Led Austin	Barbara Grill	Walter & Margaret Salinger
Terry Ball	Emily Herman	Nancy Sands
Lynn Bennett	Judy Hoag	Nancy Sharpless
Peggy Bradt	Sue & Jack Jezorek	Eileen Silber
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Margaret Flannery	Alice & Gordon Patterson	Susan & Clark Wilson
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We hope that many more of you will support this work by making a tax deductible contribution to:

LWVPT Education Fund
 Sally Austin Project
 P. O. Box 9721
 Greensboro, NC 27429

Checks should be made out to **LWVPT Education Fund**, with a memo in the lower left corner “**Sally Austin Project**”. If you wish to contribute using PayPal, go to our website, www.lwvpt.org where there is a tab for making contributions. Again, thank you for your support!

Lynn Grigni, Treasurer, Education Fund

Voter Impact CHANGES

Voter Impact (VI) in PDF format is currently sent to all members as an attachment to a LWVPT email message sent by our new method using MailChimp. The link to Voter Impact at <http://lwvpt.org> is also included. You may read older issues and the current issue online.

If you have an email address and you are not receiving VI via email, please check your SPAM folder. If your email is not there, then inform us at lwvptmail@gmail.com so we can figure out why. If you are reading this message online and want to be on distribution list, send email to the same address.

If you would like to comment on format or anything else, please send email to the address above. The footers of VI contain important website addresses if you should need them.

Notice: Please be aware that there may be literature available or distributed at our events that has not been authorized. Know that simply because you obtained something at an LWVPT event, doesn’t necessarily mean it is a cause or issue supported by LWVPT. When in doubt, please contact lwvptmail@gmail.com

Membership: Results from the April-May Member Survey

Thanks to everyone who participated! We are thrilled to learn how interesting and accomplished our members are and that many of you intend to devote some of your time to League activity!

Following is a short summary of your responses.

- There were 90 responses, containing a wealth of information about our members and the ways we interact.
- Preferred contact method: 73% email, 17% phone calls, 10% text.
- Almost all responded that they always or frequently read email communications.
- 86% were happy with the volume of emails: 12% said too much, and 1 person wanted even more!
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- 57% use [lwvpt.org](http://www.lwvpt.org), mostly to check calendar or for general reference, 43% do not use it.
- Among responding members, there is a rich variety of business and professional backgrounds, including health, education, IT, social work, family therapy, psychotherapy, law, research, local and international business, library science, real estate, and film!
- Skills and experience responses cover the list specified, with additional skills noted!
- Almost everyone expects to continue to attend LWL; more than half look forward to participating in a Round Table or committee; many are interested in registering voters, writing letters and making phone calls; several indicated an interest in serving on the Board; and there were at least several people who indicated an interest in each of the topics presented.
- Total hours that responders can commit to League work: 112 per week and an additional 77 hours per month!
- Interest in Roundtables: 48 each for Fair Elections and Social Justice, with Public Education, Environment and Immigration close behind, and significant interest in Health, which is currently inactive.
- One or more responders were willing to consider each of the positions listed, except for Treasurer.

Janice Siebert, Co-chair, Membership Committee

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

In mid-July, we sent out notices that it is time to renew your membership in LWVPT. Our League year runs from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. To date less than half of our members have renewed. It is your dues and your support that make voter education and advocacy on important issues possible. We urge you to renew today, either by mail, or online at

http://www.lwvpt.org/LWVPT_Membership.html

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



Public Education Roundtable Plans

The Public Education Roundtable intends to convene a small group, in late August or early September with LWWPT members who have indicated an interest in serving as the Steering Committee.

At the end of September (20th, 21st, 22nd or 26th), Michelle Chapin, the new Director of *Ready for School, Ready for Life* will join us. We want to continue a focus on Early Childhood needs in both Greensboro and High Point and will likely meet per usual at 4pm at New Garden Friends Meeting to allow teachers to join the group.



In November, we are planning a two part series on the impact of poverty on students and schools. The first part will be during the second week of the month on a date between the 13th and 17th, and the second part will be scheduled for the last week of the month either on the 28th or 30th. Some of the issues we will address are:

- Which Elementary schools in GCS are populated with high concentrations of children who live below the poverty level?
- Which middle schools, high schools, magnets, etc. have high poverty populations?
- How do the realities of poverty impact the students, families, teachers, administrations in these schools? What are interventions?

We plan to lead the Lunch with the League program in February with some special emphases on the historic walk and sit-in that high school students held in High Point on February 11th, 1960, as well as to commemorate the Greensboro NC A&T State University Four. Students at Penn Griffin celebrate the February 11th event in memorable ways each year.

In March, we hope to have Monica Walker, GCS Diversity Director, speak to the RT regarding the ramifications of resegregating public schools. (Date TBD)

This is an ambitious plan and we will confirm specific dates as soon as possible. We have had good attendance at meetings as we have secured meeting dates closer to the date of the actual meeting rather than scheduling them for the full year on a specific date. We anticipate help with logistics from our steering committee.

Dot Kearns and Willie Taylor, Co-Chairs

CALENDAR

Roundtables meet according to their schedules. Check the calendar on our website or contact chair persons on p. 2 for information or to get on the mailing list.

September 19, 2017 11:45 AM, Lunch with the League, see p. 1
 October 5, Environment Roundtable. Watch for announcement.

Immigration Policy Reform Roundtable

Summer 2017 has brought us closer together, strengthened our resolve and reinforced the courage of our convictions. The country has been learning about DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients working as first responders and medics in the Houston floodwaters; there is a report that one has died. Here in Greensboro, we know of three firefighters who are DACA recipients.

Created by President Obama in 2012, DACA is a program which has granted protection from deportation for three-quarters of a million undocumented immigrants brought to this country before their 16th birthdays. They cannot have committed any serious crimes. They are granted temporary work permits and driver's licenses. They are students, teachers, workers, nurses, medics -- black, Asian, white, Latino. They are English speakers who pay income taxes but receive no Federal benefits; they are a net plus to the economy. With DACA rescinded, studies project that turnover costs for businesses to replace their DACA employees will reach an estimated \$3.4 billion and the nation's economy will lose more than \$400 billion over the next decade.

Of the nearly 800,000 DACA recipients nationwide, more than 46,000 live in North Carolina. Attorney General Jeff Sessions's September 5 announcement tears their and their families' lives apart. With gratitude to McKinney Immigration, here is a summary of what rescinding DACA, postponing rescission for 6 months, means to DACA recipients: (1) No new (initial) DACA applications will be taken after today; (2) No more DACA travel permits will be approved. Applications for travel permission that are pending are closed and the filing fees will be refunded; (3) New and renewal DACA applications pending or received TODAY will be accepted and processed normally; (4) DACA renewal applications for people with work permits expiring on or before March 5, 2018 can be submitted between NOW and OCTOBER 5, 2017; (5) If your work permit expires after March 5, 2018 and you have not already filed a renewal application, you will not be able to do so and your work permit will expire on the date stated on your work permit.

Compounding the anguish for DACA recipients, they were required, when registering for work permits, to give the government their personal data including home addresses, information that can be used against them.

As violations of due process, civil rights and human rights increase daily, we are working to affirm and support immigrants without serious infractions here and everywhere. In Sanctuary in Greensboro now are Juana Luz Tobar Ortega (Saint Barnabas Episcopal) and Minerva Cisneros Garcia (Congregational UCC). The husband of then-pregnant Guadalupe Cruz was picked up en route to work and detained for deportation; she has since given birth to their son.

Because those in Sanctuary cannot be with us for "Immigration Issues: Fears, Facts, Families," the Lunch with the League program on September 19, we have designed a program which features them on video. Sue Stinson contacted UNCG Professor Michael Frierson, whose students have created a video of Juana and her family, with on-site support from Sue, Addy Jeffrey, Laura Garduno-Garcia and others. When last visited at Saint Barnabas, Juana made lunch for the volunteers and crew. Like Cisneros, she has no intention to play Victim. Both work as productively as possible within church walls. WRAL TV and the social network Al Jazeera Plus have produced short videos featuring Cisneros and her family. At 3 minutes each, they are included September 19. LWVPT member and DACA recipient Laura Garduno-Garcia will speak in person. As always, the program

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is carefully timed, with LWVPT member and immigration attorney Ann Marie Dooley introducing and moderating. We are deeply grateful to Walter Salinger for planning to meet us with League equipment for our usual pre-presentation run-through.

Outreach to elected officials has included meetings with staff of Thom Tillis, Mark Walker and Ted Budd. We telephone and email their offices as do most League members.

Laura Garduno-Garcia was a panelist at an International Advisory Committee program on immigration.

The North Carolina League Action Team (LAT) on Immigration meets via conference call the 4th Tuesday of every month. Addy Jeffrey, Laura Garduno-Garcia, my daughter P. Whitney Vanderwerff and I are the LWVPT members of the LAT. Lee Luebbe of the Henderson County League (and Hendersonville) and Ashley Nissler of ODC (and Hillsborough) are co-chairs. At this time, an action alert is being emailed about DACA.

The Arpaio pardon is all the more striking as it's revealed that he continued patrols targeting immigrants in Arizona for 17 months, did not request the pardon, was convicted of contempt of court but not sentenced, and remains defiant. Presidential pardon power is absolute. If someone is convicted as a result of Robert Mueller's investigation, he or she may be pardoned. Who might those "someones" be?

In "Forbidden: Undocumented and Queer in Rural America," the profoundly moving Moises Serrano independent documentary, Ann Marie Dooley and Addy Jeffrey are among those featured. League members, you may see yourselves in the audience as Moises (a DACA recipient) speaks to an LWVNC convention. Don't blink!

The Immigration Policy Reform Roundtable meets with other immigrant rights advocates in the Immigrant Rights Working Group. Our meetings are regularly scheduled for first and third Wednesdays of each month, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM.* We sometimes schedule evening meetings as we have this past summer.

Whitney Vanderwerff, Chair, Immigration Reform Roundtable

LWVPT Field Trips

Why should you go on field trips with our Roundtables? When you visit an agency of local government you meet the employees and learn what the plant or office does. From the employees you learn how dedicated they are to their positions, how interested they are in sharing their knowledge and what they do to serve the public and keep us from harm's way, and what their jobs require in terms of education (formal and continuing). The Environmental Roundtable (ERT) has learned much from our excursions to learn how things work. Please join us or another Roundtable on an upcoming excursion!

*Fun &
Educational
Field Trips*

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined our League since May:

Catherine Jackson, Winnie Robinson, Terry Nemargut, Lynn and Wayne Hale, Linda Faltin, Hana Brown, Susan Sassman, Laura Garduno, Mary Irving, Suzanne Mounsey, Sandra and Stephen Colyer, Jaime Brown, Barbara Carter, and Rebecca Klase.

We hope to see you soon at one of the League activities.

Voter Services

For the first time, we partnered with the Greensboro News&Record developing one set of questions to be used for the Voter Guide, in the N&R in September issues, on our website and N&R website as received. The committee met in June & July creating the questions and worked with NCA&T and UNCG developing these new educational programs. Our theme this year is ***"From Small Turnout to All Turnout."***

Come join us and offer to help!

Wednesday, Sept 13th – NCA&T Kick off of "Beyond the Vote" showing of the film ***"America Divided: Democracy for Sale"*** Zach Galifianakis film (Collaboration with Democracy NC)

5:00 p.m. - NCA&T Campus, Harrison Hall - Following the film, a panel discussion with people from the film.

Tuesday, Sept 19th – 2017 Greensboro City Council Voter Guides

Pick up following the program at Lunch with the League, Holy Trinity Church. If you would like to help with the distribution of the Voter Guides contact: voterservice@lwpvt.org

Wednesday Sept 20th – Greensboro Mayoral, At large, Dist 1&2 Who Should I Vote for? Forum

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Collaboration with Common Cause & LWVPT) - NCA&T Campus, McNair Building, Rm. 240 – RSVP to: rtrapp@ncat.edu

Tuesday, Sept 26th – National Voter Registration Day (Voter Registration Drives at UNCG & NCA&T) TBA

Thursday, Sept 28th – What does City Council do and Why Should I Care & Vote?"

7 p.m. (LWVPT) - at NCA&T Campus, McNair Building, Rm. 240 – Candidates Invited – Explaining what City Council does vs. County Commissioners, Panel discussion. Former Greensboro Mayors, Keith Holliday & Robbie Perkins will discuss how the city changed during their time as mayor & community activist, Amy Murphy will explain how anyone can make a change to our city. (Collaboration with NCA&T) - RSVP to: voterservice@lwpvt.org

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Tuesday, Oct 17th – Greensboro City Council Candidate Forum at "Lunch with the League "

12-1:30 p.m. (LWVPT) First Baptist Church, 1000 W. Friendly Ave, Mayoral Candidates & At Large Candidates (12-1 p.m.) & District Candidates (1-1:30 p.m.) in five separate rooms. Moderator, Bill O'Neil, with WXII 12 News

Thursday, Oct 26th – Community Candidate Forum -All Candidates

5:30 p.m. - Revolution Mill, 1000 Revolution Mill Rd, inside & outside (Sponsored by: Action Greensboro, Code for Greensboro, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Greensboro Jaycees, Greensboro Realtors Association, League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad, Onward, Revolution Mill, SynerG, TREBIC, Greensboro Builders Association, NAIOP, Piedmont Triad Apartments Association)

Voter Registration

The New Co-chairs of Voter Registration, Barbara Carter and Gloria Harris registered 25 New Citizens at the naturalization ceremony recently. Barbara Carter, along with twelve other League members, registered 154 students (and checked voter status on the Guilford County Board of election website for another 300 students) at NCA&T's Organizational Fair with our favorite partner, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream. They scooped 500 cones, all done in 100 degree weather. A great day! The group will continue to register at Scuppernong on First Fridays. Sue Stinson, former chair is continuing to register at the Bus Depot and Interactive Resource Center. They will continue to register until Oct. 13th at 5 p.m. - the deadline to submit to Board of Elections.

2017 Election Schedule - Greensboro City Council

Friday, Sept 15th
Last Day to Register to Vote in Primary
(25 Days before Primary)

Thursday, Sept 21st
Primary: Early Voting Begins

Saturday, Oct. 7th
Primary: Early Voting Ends

Tuesday, Oct. 10th
Primary

Friday, Oct 13th
Last Day to Register to Vote in Election
(25 Days before Election)

Thursday, Oct. 19th
Election: Early Voting Begins

Saturday, Nov. 4th
Election: Early Voting Ends

Tuesday, Nov. 7th
Election Day

Environment Roundtable (ERT):
Trip to the East Burlington wastewater treatment plant
June 20, 2017

Twelve members of the ERT and one granddaughter guest visited the East Burlington wastewater treatment plant in neighboring Alamance County in June. Eric Davis (water and sewer operations), Mike Layne (stormwater), Darrin Allred (operations), and Bob Patterson (water resources director) met us and took us around the plant and then answered even more questions.

Our first stop at the East Burlington Wastewater Treatment Plant was at the strainer/fork. The wastewater enters at this point and the solids in the waste need to be removed. Frankly, it is pretty gross to see dozens of plastic tampons, flushable (but not really) wipes, tissues that did not dissolve and other items. While we were looking a toad dropped into the debris.

Next we went up the hill to see the extension pond. This is a huge rectangular pond that usually holds about 5000 gallons of waste water. However, if need be it can hold more on a temporary basis and also less. The water is aerated by shooting it into the air. As it comes down it captures oxygen. The microbes that help to clean the water need oxygen and to decrease the odor of the waste and decaying matter.



We visited the sedimentation tanks where sludge falls down to the bottom and lighter weight materials rise to the top. Bubble machines are at the bottom of the tanks and churn up the water.

The East Burlington Wastewater Treatment facility has four large concrete rectangular ponds where the wastewater is prepared for exiting the system. The far part of a pond is anaerobic (without oxygen) with a stirrer. Next comes the aerated section where oxygen is added. The third part is aerated but without oxygen so it is anoxic at the bottom. A large bubbly section where oxygen is added follows. The water is brown and definitely not appealing as a swimming hole.

Burlington upgraded its wastewater treatment facility using bond money. Burlington dumps the water into the Haw River and thus is a point source for water that eventually flows into Jordan Lake.

During the discussion portion of our trip we learned that there will be measurements of the non-point effluent entering the Haw River on its way to Jordan Lake. The staff does not know where or how at this time.

Burlington has 3000 acres of land where the solids from wastewater are spread. Fescue grows well on the land. Rules govern the use of plant material.

Marlene Pratto, ERT member

Flushable Wipes

- The box says "flushable", but those
- wipes end up as part of the solids in the
- wastewater treatment system. We can
- avoid adding to the burden of wastewater
- treatment (paid for with our tax dollars)
- by using wipes and
- disposing of them in
- our bathroom trash.
- Yes, they will go to the
- landfill where they will
- be mixed with other
- trash and soil, but
- they don't have to go
- elsewhere first.

ERA/Observer Corps

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

POP QUIZ!!!!

What year was the Equal Rights Amendment ratified and made a part of the U.S. Constitution?

ANSWER: Trick question! It is NOT part of our Constitution.

Most people don't know that the Constitution doesn't prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. That leaves girls and women unprotected, without equal rights under the law. And if you think we're kidding, heed the words of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia: "Certainly the Constitution does not require discrimination on the basis of sex. The only issue is whether it prohibits it. It doesn't."

An ERA was first proposed in 1923, but the process has never been completed. In May 1970, Gloria Steinem spoke before the Senate Judiciary Committee about the ERA and told them, "We won't be silent anymore." Two years later, the House and the Senate passed the ERA, but it was only ratified by 35 states — three states short — so it expired in 1982. Advocates have continued mobilizing, and one state, Nevada, just ratified the ERA 35 years after the deadline.

North Carolina is one of the states that never ratified the ERA. The League of Women Voters of North Carolina has a League Action Team (equivalent to our roundtables) to address the Equal Rights Amendment and is trying to help local Leagues establish their own to help coordinate a statewide effort.

If you are interested in helping our League establish an ERA effort, please let me know! Thanks!!!

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OBSERVER CORPS

We are looking to establish an observer corps to attend local meetings and report back to the League on pertinent issues. These groups include the Greensboro City Council, Guilford County Board of Education, Guilford County Board of Elections, and Guilford County Commissioners. As we were looking into setting up this program, we learned that we would actually be RE-establishing this effort, as it is something prior League members have done. Meeting dates and times are set and announced in advance, and meeting agendas are published prior to the meeting, so it would be easy to concentrate on meetings addressing issues about which we are especially interested. If you'd be interested in learning more about this project, please contact me.

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