

MAY 2015

VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LOWER CAPE FEAR



IMPORTANT DATES....

May 11 Board at Temptations 5:30

June 8 Board at Temptations 5:30

June 10 Brunswick Members Lunch at
Gail Bromley's 10:00 am

June 22 Our Annual Meeting at
Temptations at 6:00
(Read information for a vote on page 2)

Message from Our President...

I want to take this opportunity to thank our League members for allowing me to serve as your president. During the past two years, we have increased our membership and our involvement in Brunswick County, and we have established our round tables. Our League led very successful forums both years. We signed up voters and informed many more about the changes in our voter laws. We have accomplished more than the state's leadership intended.

As a League, we have to keep moving forward. We have to educate, motivate and support the voters of North Carolina. We have to remain on the front line to defend women's rights, civil rights, gay rights and voter rights. We need to protect public education and our environment. We need to move forward with Medicaid expansion and Immigration reform. This is a very long to-do list. But I believe our League has the energy to help lead the charge.

Chris Abrons

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The Annual Meeting Materials you will be receiving soon will include a proposed dues increase in 2015/16 as recommended by the Budget Committee and approved by the Board. Below is some background information.

Q. What dues are we currently paying and for what period of time?

A. We pay \$52.00 per individual membership and \$70.00 per household membership. If you join after March, you pay only \$5.00/mo. until the next year. Our program and fiscal year runs from July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016.

Q. Where do our dues go?

*A. \$32.00 goes to LWVUS per individual membership and \$48.00 per household membership. \$11.00 will go to the LWVNC per individual and \$16.50 for household.
That leaves **\$9.00** per individual and **\$5.50** per household for our local League use.*

Q. What would the increase mean and how does that affect our budget per member?

*A. The board is proposing an increase to \$60.00 per individual member and \$75.00 per household. That will provide **\$17.00** per individual member and **\$10.50** for a household membership for local use. As you can see, we gain less local income for a family membership, but they are important too.*

Q. What are our proposed local expenses?

*A. Our proposed local budget for our programs comes to **\$1,700.00**. With the amount of money going to national and state dues, without a dues increase, we will have to make up more than **\$1,100.00** in fundraising and donations to make our budget balance. Even with the dues increase, we will need to raise around **\$700.00** to make our budget income balance with expenses. We will still need fundraising and donations.*

Q. What makes up our local expenses?

A. Please refer to the budget line items for this answer. We have fixed costs for our website and our post office box that include nearly \$300. These do change slightly year to year. In addition, most of our program costs go to support operating expenses, candidate forums, voter registration drives, lunches for Hot Topic speakers, postage for committees and printing. We also want to help support travel expenses for those who attend statewide trainings and the conventions. Nearly all of our members readily donate time and resources for our efforts.

Q. Do we have a reserve of cash on hand in case of fiscal problems?

*A. Yes, we try to make sure we carry over **\$1,000** in cash for this purpose.*

**ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER : SI CANTWELL, STARNEWS COMMUNITY EDITOR
"HOW MEDIA CAN IMPACT AN ELECTION"**

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015, 6:00 PM AT TEMPTATIONS, RESERVE BY JUNE 10TH



Pictured 1st row
Loraine Buker, Carol Roberts,
Merdith Glicksman.
2nd row
Cindy Linn, Anne Eitelman,
Gail Bromley, and Carole Ellis.

On May 1 and 2, representatives of our League attended a regional "Board Management Training" in Goldsboro, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of North Carolina.

Training sessions included:

- League Basics
- Partnership Role of Locals, State and National
- Planning and Resource Tools
- Fundraising
- Job Descriptions and Roles for Officers
- How to Conduct Effective Meetings

Welcome New Members!!!

Carolyn Pryor

I moved to Southport 15 years ago, joining my husband, who was living on our sailboat while helping build our waterfront home. After years of working as a school social worker and professor of social work in Michigan, I became actively involved in environmental education and protection, sailing instruction, clinical social work, healthy aging, and teaching sociology part time at Brunswick Community College. I have never been a member of the LWV before, but joined because of my concern about politics and the importance of getting young people involved.

Barbara Burrell

Approximately seven years ago my husband and I moved to Southport from Madison, WI. About three years ago I retired as a professor in the Political Science Department at Northern Illinois University. I have written a number of books on women and American politics. I am looking forward now to being more actively engaged in the political process. I hope to be able to work with the League especially on voter education and registration efforts.

Linda Seifert

More years ago than I care to own up to, my passion in college was political science. I have spent my life in places where following politics has been exciting and early on concluded voting mattered. While In California Jerry Brown was followed by Ronald Reagan; in Wisconsin, Eugene McCarthy won over Lyndon Johnson, in Arizona Barry Goldwater changed the Republican party; in the greater DC area politics reigned over all; during my husband and my 30+ years in Pennsylvania we experienced nail biting elections most of the time.

My greatest concerns about voting now are the registration and participation rates generally and most particularly those of our youngest eligible voters. Now that I have retired, I am hoping to be able to participate in doing what the League has done so well for so many years, increase participation in our democracy.

Know the issues. Know the candidates.

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Voter Information at...

www.vote411.org/

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