

AUGUST 2015

# VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LOWER CAPE FEAR



## IMPORTANT DATES....

Open Board Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 4:30 at Winter Park Pres. Church, 4501 Wrightsville Ave.

August 24 HotTopic Lunch on ERA McAlister's Deli 11:30 (Education Roundtable meeting prior at 10:00 at McAlister's)

August 26 UNCW Involvement Carnival with LWVLCF voter registration table

Check Calendar on [www.lcfwv.org](http://www.lcfwv.org) for Roundtable meetings, voter registrations, candidate forums, and other activities.

## Message from Our President...

This newsletter summarizes our general membership meeting held in place of a July Hot Topics on July 27th. It was good to see such an energetic crowd of our members attend, meet our new Board, lunch and visit, and line up for what will be a busy Fall and 2016 Election Year.

Our roundtables (Voter Services, Environment, Immigration, Women's Rights, and Education) each presented their report at the meeting. Voter Services is offering many Fall registration opportunities at events throughout the area, and several candidate forums. Make an impact - volunteer! Contact those listed in this newsletter.

For constantly updated information and dates, please refer to our own League website [www.lcfwv.org](http://www.lcfwv.org) And be sure to explore the national League site at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

As we kick off our 2015-2016 Program Year, we are fortunate to be working with such a capable Board of Directors, in a growing and active League. Thank you for all that you do!

-Sheila Fellerath

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## LWVLCF Roundtable Highlights

### Women's Rights Roundtable – Jennifer Stancil

Monitors and advocates for topics surrounding reproductive rights, ERA ratification, women in leadership and government, sex trafficking, and economic rights of women. Join us for August 24<sup>th</sup> Hot Topics Luncheon with Roberta Madden, Co-Director of RATIFY ERA-NC.

### Education Roundtable – Anne Eitelman or Anne Cousineau

The Education Roundtable meets at 10 am on the fourth Monday of the month at McAlister's Deli just prior to our League's Hot Topics Luncheon.

We have been very active this year, inviting speakers to our Hot Topics luncheons and also to address our Roundtable group on a variety of topics including last year's school bond referendum, charter schools, education issues in NC (from the point of view of an ex-superintendent), the School to Prison Pipeline, educational advocacy, and community services available for at-risk students in Wilmington. Our current focus concerns the positive and negative implications of charter schools to our public education system, and we are gathering information so that we can determine a plan of action, which may include taking a position on charter schools in NC, or finding a forum to share the information we have gathered with the public. Our other area of interest is in early childhood education as research indicates that quality early childhood education is one of the best ways to prepare at-risk students for success in school. If you are interested in advocating for an equitable, quality public education for our children, please join us.

### Immigration Roundtable – Carole Ellis

We are planning an "Immigrant Mentoring" project. There are a number of immigrants in our school system that may need mentoring through the process of getting accepted and applying for funding for college or community college admission. The project will help encourage these students who have lived here from an early age and been involved in American education from K-12 to go and work for higher degrees. There will be a workshop to train mentors and we will contact and work closely with the local school system. We plan to get other groups involved once we get our Board approval. If you have an interest in this area I encourage you to come and join our group.

### Environment Roundtable – Maggie Parish

The Environment Roundtable meets the first Saturday of each month at approximately 10:30 immediately following the Cape Fear River Watch First Saturday seminar. We meet at Port City Java on Front Street. We recently wrote a letter to the editor of the Star News against Titan Cement's permit, partnering with NC Coastal Federation and Cape Fear River Watch.

***OUR LEAGUE HOT TOPIC LUNCHEONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

***FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT MCALISTER'S DELI, COLLEGE ROAD AT 11:30***



LWVNC State Convention 2015

Attending LWVNC State Convention  
Carole Ellis, Jana Albritton, Gail  
Bromley and Sheila Fellerath

June 5-7, 2015 in Durham, theme of  
“Speaking Out, Reaching Out”

Highlight for our League:  
Jana Albritton was elected to the  
State Secretary position and is now  
part of the Executive Committee.

For NC League programs and  
emphasis, review the 2015 workbook  
from the convention on our website  
[www.lcflwv.org](http://www.lcflwv.org) under the section  
“About LWV”

## From the VOTER SERVICE ROUNDTABLE

Chaired by GAIL BROMLEY

Voter Registration Drives: Brunswick, Barbara Brandes and New Hanover, Johnette Fields

### League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear Candidates Forums for 2015

*Want to learn how your candidates feel about important municipal issues? Want to have input into the questions they are asked? Your vote counts and we'd love to invite you to be a part of a forum in your municipality.*

**Bald Head Island – Wednesday, September 23** at 4:00 p.m. at the Bald Head Club. This forum is being co-sponsored by the Bald Head Association, the Bald Head Island Stage Two Association, and the Bald Head Chamber of Commerce. The moderator will be Cleve Callison, station manger of WHQR Public Radio, Wilmington.

**City of Southport – Tuesday, October 6** at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building. This forum is being co-sponsored by Coastal Water Watch. The moderator will be Carole Ellis, a former president of the LWVLCF.

**City of Wilmington – Wednesday, October 7** at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Services Center on College Ave. This forum is being co-sponsored by WECT-TV. Jon Evans, Anchor and Reporter, will be the moderator for the forum.

**Town of Leland and the H2Go, – Wednesday, October 14** at 6:30 p.m. for the municipal races. The H2Go candidates will follow at around 8:00 p.m. This forum is tentatively set for the New Town Hall council chambers. Sue Cause, a League member and former president, will be the moderator.

To submit question for the forums, please use the email address of [forumquestions2015@gmail.com](mailto:forumquestions2015@gmail.com). It would help us tremendously if you would put the name of the municipality in the subject line. This email address is being offered for questions only and cannot respond to other inquiries.

*Know the issues. Know the candidates.*

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[www.facebook.com/LWVLCF](http://www.facebook.com/LWVLCF)

[www.twitter.com/LWVoftheLCF](http://www.twitter.com/LWVoftheLCF)

*Voter Information at...*

[www.ncsbe.gov/](http://www.ncsbe.gov/)

Beach Day, Oak Island  
July 1, 2015



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