

OCTOBER 2014

# VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE LOWER CAPE FEAR



## IMPORTANT DATES....

October 7 and 8 WECT and  
LWVLCF Candidate Forums

October 13 Board at Temptations 5:30

November 4 Election Day

November 10 Board at Temptations 5:30

November 24 Hot Topic Lunch 11:30

December 8 Board and Holiday Party  
at Temptations 5:30

## Message from Our President...

I am late again with the newsletter message. I am having difficulty sorting through the issues. Indeed, I am questioning if I can make a difference. I wonder just how many Americans are feeling they don't make a difference. I am sure many folks will not vote because they feel their vote doesn't count or they may be sick of politics. They may think that politicians will say anything to get elected.

However, like other Leaguers, I can't accept this negative position. We want to move forward, not backward. We need to change opinions. We need to help voters make a difference. We need to register, educate, and promote voting. We need to clarify misconceptions and encouraging involvement. We belong to a progressive group of women who will stand together to promote voting rights for every citizen in the United States. Our group needs help from all of our members. Embrace your need for involvement.

Chris Abrons

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News from the Membership Chair,  
Lorraine Buker

Welcome  
New Members

Rebecca Philpott

As a lifelong North Carolinian I am concerned about our state, and the many critical issues that we face; voter registration, our environment, education and overall transparency of our politicians and corporations. I respect the approach of the League of Women Voters and would like to assist with voter registration and other issues in the future.

Anne Eitelman

My husband and I finally got to "retire" to Wilmington 10 years ago to live in the home we built back in 1987. However after moving here I went back to work part-time for the local school system, retiring again this year. I joined the league because I am so concerned about the direction our legislators are going with education in NC.

Ann Maxwell

I have lived in Wilmington for 9 years with my husband and 3 daughters who are either in college or working. My husband, who is a North Carolinian, and I are former FBI agents, and I continue to do contract work for the FBI. I grew up in Buffalo and have lived in New York City, Alexandria VA, and Kansas City. I have done substitute teaching in New Hanover County but have been doing adult tutoring at the Cape Fear literacy Center for the past three years. I have had a life long interest in politics and civic issues, and know that the LWV will provide great opportunities for learning and meeting some great women!

Cammy Bain

Forty years ago, my husband Roy, son James and I moved to Wilmington and I immediately joined the League of Women Voters. Among the illustrious members were Karen Gottovi, Carole Ellis, Mary Cantwell, Liz Bryan and many other great women. We spent most of our time on the passage of ERA ( unfortunately, unsuccessfully!) Then life took over. I worked for the newspaper, Cape Fear Hospital, etc. and had more children..and grandchildren. Now seems like the perfect time to rejoin the League. I think the world is sorely lacking in objectivity and I admire the League's insistence on studying issues before taking a position. Talk about coming full circle..I look forward to learning from you all!

Look forward to your involvement in our important mission!

*September 23, 2014 - National Voter Registration Day  
Leagues sponsored over 400 events nationwide*

LWVLCF sponsors Candidate Forum with WECT/Fox News

October 7 & 8  
5:30 Mingle, 6:00 Forum

**New Hanover County Senior Resource Center**

**2222 South College Road**

**October 7:**

**New Hanover County Sheriff**

**New Hanover County Board of Education**

**New Hanover County Commissioners**

**October 8:**

**North Carolina State Senate 8**

**North Carolina State Senate 9**

**North Carolina State House of Representatives 20**

**New Hanover County Position Statement**

**Support for NHC Bond Referendum for Education**

*League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear Adopts Position Statement*

Wilmington – The League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear, a nonpartisan organization now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year of working to register, educate and empower area voters, has announced its support for the 2014 New Hanover County Bond Referendum for Education.

“Public education is a cornerstone of our democracy,” said Chris Abrons, League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear President. “Without adequate and safe physical facilities that are properly equipped, we cannot carry out our civic responsibility to our children who will be the leaders of tomorrow. The demonstrated need is great, because of both aging facilities and significantly increased enrollment in our county schools.”

“While reasonable people may differ about the proper way to fund school construction and related facilities improvements, a bond program is the structure we have available to us for the present,” Abrons added. “The critical needs New Hanover County Schools face today can no longer wait without severely compromising our children’s educations and their futures.”

The League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear urges all voters to inform themselves about this important issue by visiting [www.nhcs.net/bond](http://www.nhcs.net/bond). After careful consideration, the League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear endorses the Bond Referendum for Education and urges its passage.

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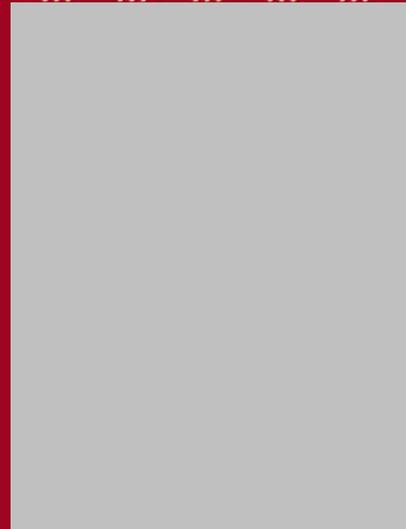
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