



# LEAGUE LINES

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## CALENDAR & NEWS

### APRIL

**27-28 (S-Su) 2013 LWVSC Convention**

<http://lwvsc.org/convention2013.html> for highlights

### MAY

**6 (M) Board Mtg., 5:30, Nurses Assoc. Bld.**  
(Gadsden St. behind Governor's Mansion)

**6 (M) Deadline** for application to Richland County  
Board of Elections and Voter Registration (see p. 6)

**11 (Sat) Moms Demand Action on Gun Control - march** for Gun Control (see p. 6)

**14 (Tu) - Annual meeting - 5:30 PM**

**Grecian Gardens on Hwy. 378.**

We will have a private room and will order dinner off the menu.

### JUNE

**19 (W) - Purple Martin Fundraiser**  
for LWV Columbia

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013 - 5:30 PM**

## ANNUAL MEETING

Grecian Gardens Restaurant on Hwy. 378

### Agenda

Dinner and "Catchin' Up"

Business

- Adoption of Local positions/studies
- Election of Directors/Officers (**below**)
- Adoption of Budget for 2013-2014

MORE socializing

### Reservations Preferred

**Susan B James at [sc.rr.com](http://sc.rr.com) or 256-6822**

**Note: We will order from the menu.**

### **Slate Submitted for Election** **(term expires 2015)**

#### **Officers**

<b>President</b>	<b>Martha Roblee</b>	<b>(2015)</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Julie Sellers</b>	<b>(2015)</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Al Roblee</b>	<b>(2015)</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Marianne McGrath</b>	<b>(2014)*</b>

#### **Directors**

<b>Pat Forbis</b>	<b>(2015)</b>
<b>Pat Mohr</b>	<b>(2015)</b>
<b>Sarah Leverette</b>	<b>(2015)</b>

\* Completing second year of a two-year term.

### **Continuing Board Members** **(term expires 2014)**

#### **Officers**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** **Sally Huguley**

#### **Directors**

**Sej Harman**  
**Lynn Teague**

#### **Nominating Committee (2013-14)**

**Rita Paul, Chair**

Thanks to 2012-13 Nominating Committee: Janie White, Cynthia Flynn, and Sej Harman.

**The Prez Says...****Rita Paul**

Our League “year” is beginning to wind down—our all-important **annual meeting** is set for **May 14, 2013 at Grecian Gardens in West Columbia**. We will begin at 5:30 and will keep the agenda similar to last year’s meeting—socializing, conducting necessary business, and ordering dinner from Grecian Gardens’ menu. Business will include approval of a new slate of officers for our board as well as the proposed budget and local positions/studies for consideration. Hope to see ALL of you there!



Those of you who attended our final Public Policy meeting were treated to a wonderful tour of the **Impressionist Exhibit** at the Columbia Museum of Art. Thanks to our very own “docent in residence,” **Susan James**, we had a delightful time. It was a wonderful way to wrap up our luncheons for this year! [see recap on page 4]

I hope you have been following the League’s work on **ethics reform**. **Lynn Teague** and **JoAnne Day** have spent most of their lives the last few months at the State House testifying and meeting with key legislators on this very important part of our democracy. **Lynn** recently presented on this topic at the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Local Issues Committee. **Please pay attention to alerts you receive. It is critical that you contact your legislators when alerted to do so. We need each and every voice!**

The Delta March was a huge success, and great fun, despite the rainy weather.

Please see information in this edition [page 5] about the recent forum in Charleston on “The Future of Solar and Wind Power in SC.” The forum, consisting of a panel of four experts in the field, was moderated by our own **Chester Sansbury**. Columbia League members **Suzanne Rhodes**, **Joanne Williams**, and **Andy Yacinsac** were in attendance. This is definitely a topic near and dear to the League that will remain on our future agenda.

**Martha Roblee** recently presented at the Council of Columbia Neighborhoods. The presentation was during Women’s History Month and also gave us a great forum to share information about the League with an organization with partnering possibilities.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in a couple of weeks! Please be there—we need your voices. Always remember: it is YOUR League...speak out!

Thanks for all you continue to do!

*Rita*


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## League Advocacy at Work

### Ethics bill shows we can’t trust legislators

**Op-Ed Piece on Ethics – April 23, 2013**

Visit the website below for this excellent article in The State by Ashley Landess and Lynn Teague

**<http://www.thestate.com/2013/04/24/2738550/teague-landess-ethics-bill-shows.html>**

A copy in Word or PDF format can also be obtained by emailing a request to: [sejharman@att.net](mailto:sejharman@att.net)

### Learn More League!

National: [www.lwv.org/](http://www.lwv.org/)

State: <http://lwvsc.org/>

Columbia: [www.lwvcolumbiasc.org](http://www.lwvcolumbiasc.org)

**PURPLE MARTIN PRE-MIGRATORY ROOST  
PONTOON CRUISE & FUNDRAISER**

**Wednesday June 19th**

**\$45 check out to the LWV Education Fund**



We will leave from the dock near Highway 6 in Ballentine (about 30 minutes from USC) about **7:00 or 7:30** (time to be determined by contributors). We will wander toward “Lunch Island” (also known as Doolittle or Bomber Island) and have dinner and view the new mansions and incoming

Purple Martins on the way out. Sunset will be between 8:30 and 9:30, when the incoming birds are at their peak. We can return to the dock whenever the group wishes after about 8:45 or so, with the goal of returning to Ballentine by 10:00 at the very latest. The trip should take about 30 – 40 minutes each way, depending upon how fast we wish to go, the wind speed and direction, and the number of folks on board. We will go out on the June 20th if the weather is bad on the 19th.

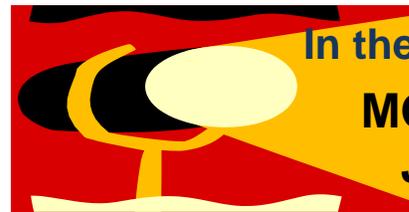
Dinner salads and a simple dessert will be provided. Pontoon boats can be rough in the wind, so consider taking Dramamine in advance, and limiting your liquor intake to ensure a happy tummy. **Bring your own beverages of choice.**

**Provided:** wine opener, church key, glasses, plates, napkins, trash cans; ice and water and a dry bag for your binocs, cameras, towels. Of course: *life jackets*. Hope you can join us!!

**Limitations:** Maximum of 12 people, including boat operator; no privacy on board (although we do have a porta potty in the back of the boat). Folks might consider wearing a bathing suit under shorts so they can cool off in the Lake. Wear shoes that can get wet. It can get cool in the evenings, so a sweatshirt may be comfortable. We'll send a map and a precise departure time after folks agree on what they want to do.

**RSVP Necessary**

*Suzanne - suzrhodes@juno.com*



**In the Spotlight  
MORYAH  
JACKSON**

League Member **Moryah Jackson** participated in our teacher evaluation program and League Leaders Training Day. In addition, she ran for school board seat, has two children and a PhD in education. In April she made the *State* news (business section) having joined New Carolina – South Carolina's Council on Competitiveness as the senior project manager for Education and Workforce Development. In this new role, she will manage activities of the Education and Workforce Development Task Force under New Carolina, which currently focuses on innovation in public education and early childhood development. Jackson has experience in education policy, workforce development and leadership. She is a 2011 S.C. School Improvement Council Education Policy Fellow, as well as a 2012 S.C. Economic Development Institute graduate. In addition, Jackson was recognized by *The State* as a 2012 “20 Under 40” honoree.

Keep your eye on her and read more here: <http://www.thestate.com/2013/04/16/2726069/midlands-people-achievements.html#storylink=cpy>

**The Columbia League is looking for a  
volunteer to maintain our website.**

**Work from Home on your OWN schedule!**



*JoAnne Day* has been doing that for us, but since she will be a state co-president next year [**Yeah, JoAnne!**] we are looking for someone to take on the duties.

**Help publicize the League and its activities, positions, and people in a timely manner!**

**Contact *JoAnne* if you're ready to roll with this most important job!**

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## April League Event...

(in place of our usual Public Policy Luncheon)

The final “Public Policy Luncheon” was a change of pace. It took place at the Columbia Museum of Art and gave members an opportunity to enjoy both fellowship and the exhibit “Impressionism from Monet to Matisse”



Unfortunately, for those who have not seen the exhibit, by the time you read this article, it will have moved on. Our own **Susan James** was our docent. The tour started

with an excellent lunch served in the Orientation Gallery. The Gallery, based on the theme of the Secret Garden, was designed by Christian Thee. It was painted in the *trompe l'oeil* style to represent three dimensions, so don't try to pick up the postcard on the bench, or, for that matter, lean on the bench's back rail.

The exhibit was on loan from the Dixon Gallery. Susan said that in most cases, when an exhibit goes on tour, it is because the gallery is under renovation, but it could also be for goodwill, publicity, and rental income, as well as allowing others to see the exhibit!

Taking advantage of a docent allowed us to see and understand the evolution of art: in this case, how Monet, Renoir, Mary Cassatt (American female) and others used different strokes and paint blends to move away from the traditional delineated style. Most of the paintings came from the Dixon Gallery, but it was pointed out that CMA has a Monet of its own.

**Note:** If you didn't see the Monet to Matisse exhibit, you can always see the Monet owned by the museum no matter when you go AND Picasso drawings will be on display until August.

*Pam Craig*

**To renew or initiate League membership:** Go to [www.lwvcolumbiasc.org](http://www.lwvcolumbiasc.org), click on “JOIN US” in left menu, and choose your level of membership.

## Transportation Penny Director

Please help to get the word out on this wonderful job opportunity for just the right person!

Richland County is in the process of interviewing for the Transportation Penny Director who will have the responsibility of overseeing the implementation of the penny projects. Some of you may know of possible candidates with the necessary skill sets. Please help get the word out to those who may be interested in applying.

**We're looking to hire around \$100k, and the County has FANTASTIC benefits.** We'd like to hire someone ASAP, so please pass this along as you see fit.

For questions or additional information, please contact **Roxanne Ancheta** (see below).

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## **Vacancy: Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration**

[Published in *The State*, 4/23/2013]

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC — Richland County legislators are taking applications to fill a vacancy on the board charged with repairing voter confidence in the election process.

**Applications will be accepted through May 6** to fill the opening created by the December resignation of chairwoman Liz Crum.

Each of the members of the Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration is paid a stipend of \$1,500 a year, said Chris Whitmire, a spokesman for the state elections office.

**Applications are available by contacting James Brown at (803) 576-1906 or [jamesbrown@richlandonline.com](mailto:jamesbrown@richlandonline.com).**

The county elections board is interviewing candidates to replace McBride, who was reassigned to a deputy position.



Tom Howell has developed information about Economic Benefits from Energy Savings by South Carolina Households and where to get energy information:

“Helping South Carolinians save money on their energy bills can benefit families, benefit local economies, and help reduce pollution and dependence on out-of-state sources of fuel.

The information provides estimates of potential energy savings for:

- 1) Households in Columbia and Richland County
- 2) Households in the 20 largest cities in South Carolina
- 3) Households in the 46 counties in South Carolina”

For more information contact Suzanne or [tom.howell@mindspring.com](mailto:tom.howell@mindspring.com)



## HIGHLIGHTS OF LWV CHARLESTON ENERGY FORUM 4/10/13

Forum on the Future of Solar and Wind Power in SC was sponsored by LWV Charleston and moderated by **Chester Sansbury**. Keith Summey, the Mayor of North Charleston, welcomed us and bragged that 75% of SC solar is in North Charleston (thanks to Boeing’s 2.6 MW PV). He mentioned that three small wind turbines on the roof of the Town Hall contribute to the electrical supply of Town Hall.

Christe McCoy, Natural Resources Director for Charleston League did an outstanding job with the program, presenters, (who stayed on schedule) and she has posted speaker information, presentations and recommended citizen actions at the League’s website <http://lwwcharleston.org/EnergyForum.html>.

Rigas shocked me: the US lacks the heavy vessels to install wind turbines offshore. The market is growing overseas. Maps (on web site) indicated that the US Midwest is well developed to fit the population’s need

for electricity from land-based wind turbines. 40% of the US population is on the coasts, which remain open to future development. SC shallow coast and high coastal population contribute to offshore development potential. Hopefully the Wind Turbine Test Facility and port will assist Charleston development as a hub for wind development (Massachusetts, Norfolk, Delaware are other possibilities).

Hamilton addressed some of the barriers to clean energy – not a real market, an array of policies and regulations; thus far the renewables are mostly biomass and landfill gas. Globally the subsidies for fossil fuels are over one trillion dollars, and the US leads in the subsidies. In addition the US has various subsidies for nuclear insurance, production tax credit for new nukes, and federal loan guarantees that shift costs from nuclear investors to taxpayers. In addition, SC has the “Baseload Review Act” which enables construction work in progress to be subsidized by the ratepayers rather than the stockholders. SC has other clean energy barriers: expensive net metering requirements and interconnection standards, cost recovery mechanisms, exclusion of third-party loans and leasing, and a lack of renewable portfolio standards. In fact RPS is regarded as a “bad word” in SC which has fewer (by hundreds) solar firms, jobs, and rate savings as compared even to Georgia and North Carolina, much less California (which is decades ahead of us).

French stated that the direct solar companies at last count (44) and jobs (<2000, installers), have recently joined with the recyclers (20,000 jobs, led by Sonoco) to work with the Chamber and others to promote a potential 74,000 jobs in SC in 2023. SC trails in energy efficiency as well as in renewables, and asked that Harrell & McConnell be urged to move the solar leasing and energy investment tax credit bills out of committee.

Suzanne Rhodes



### League Media Stars!

*You, too, can be a media star!*

**Members have been SPEAKING UP to legislators and others about several issues...education, ethics, health care, and more for the League AND on behalf of citizens.**

**We APPLAUD those who ADVOCATE for a better quality of life for ALL of us.**

**We ENCOURAGE you to SPEAK UP, too!**

**Announcements & Items of Interest**

**Moms Demand Action on Gun Control - Mothers' Day event**

On **Saturday, May 11**, Moms will meet at the steps of the SC State House that face Gervais Street. Leaving from there at 10:00, we will walk clockwise along the path that circles the State House, ending in the same place we began.

After the walk: We will read the names of participants who have experienced a loss and honor their children. The Mother's Bill of Rights will then be read.

Please contact **Emily Donaldson** for more information, or if you are the parent of a child lost to gun violence and would like to participate. Email - [emilydonaldson@live.com](mailto:emilydonaldson@live.com) Phone - **(803) 466-5629**

Web site - [momsdemandaction.sc@gmail.com](mailto:momsdemandaction.sc@gmail.com)

Thank you all!



**Erin Dando**

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**Lexington County Council**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 4:30 PM  
 2nd Floor County Administration Building  
 212 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29072

For confirmation of meeting dates, please call 785-8103 or check website [www.lex-co.com](http://www.lex-co.com)

**Richland County Council**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 PM  
 2nd Floor County Administration Building  
 2020 Hampton Street Columbia, SC 29202

For more information, please contact the Clerk of Council Office @ (803) 576-2061 or check:

[www.richlandonline.com/departments/countycouncil/index.asp](http://www.richlandonline.com/departments/countycouncil/index.asp) or [www.rcgov.us](http://www.rcgov.us)

**Columbia City Council**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 PM  
 City Hall – 1737 Main Street Columbia, SC 29201

Check website at [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net) for more information.

April showers brought you this "Mayflower" ...ENJOY!



**2012-2013 Board:** President - Rita Paul; 1<sup>st</sup> VP - JoAnne Day (Legislative Action); 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Sally Huguley; Secretary/Treasurer – Martha Roblee; Directors – Sej Harman (Communications/Membership); Sarah Leverette (State Liaison); Lynn Teague (Advocacy); Janie White. **Nominating Committee (2012-2013):** Janie White, chair, Cynthia Flynn, Sej Harman. **Off-Board:** Voter Services – Shirley Geiger; Website – JoAnne Day; Environmental Affairs - Chester Sansbury; Membership – Pam Craig; *League Lines* - Suzanne Rhodes / Sej Harman (Co-Editors).