



# LEAGUE LINES

Post Office Box 12541 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 665-1768 [www.lwvcolumbiasc.org](http://www.lwvcolumbiasc.org)

Facebook & Twitter: @LWVColumbiaSC

Editor: Suzanne Rhodes/Art & Production Editor: Pat Manley

Volume: 70, Issue: 4

February 2018



## Calendar

### February

**Thurs., 15 – FEBRUARY PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON:** County Council Member Greg Pearce

### March: Women’s History Month

**Thurs., 15 Public Policy Luncheon:** The SC Legislature and Women’s Health

**Fri., 30:** Filing deadline for June Primary

### April

**Thurs., 19 -** SC Environmental Focus

### Future Events

**Sat., May 5 -** Registration deadline to vote in June Primary

**Tue., June 5 -** Primary Elections

**Thurs. – Sun., June 28 – July 1-** National Convention in Chicago.



### ALSO INSIDE:

Article	Page
View from River’s Edge	<a href="#">2</a>
Annual Program Planning Recap	<a href="#">3</a>
Other News	<a href="#">6</a>
Members’ Corner	<a href="#">7</a>
Board Contacts	<a href="#">9</a>
Quick Links	<a href="#">10</a>



## PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON Thursday, February 15, 2018



**FEBRUARY PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON: COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER GREG PEARCE** will speak on the Penny Tax and other county Issues. He has served District 6 since 1999. Although Mr. Pearce’s Council interests are varied, his primary expertise falls within the area of healthcare and human services. He serves as the Council liaison to the Richland Memorial Hospital Board, the Columbia Area Mental Health Center Board, the LRADAC Board, and the Transitions Homeless Center Board. The Richland County budget has presented challenges for County Council in that the wants and needs of county residents and employees consistently exceed the financial resources available. Since his election, Mr. Pearce has focused his attention on developing a detailed understanding of the county budget to ensure that he makes responsible recommendations as to how these limited financial resources should be allocated. He has served several times as chair of the Administration & Finance Committee and is also active on the Budget Committee.

**All League members are welcome. RESERVATIONS for a catered lunch are required no later than Wednesday NOON, February 14.**

**Cost of lunch: \$10.00**

**(Attendees may bring a lunch)**

**Please RSVP to Susan James: [sc.susanbjames@gmail.com](mailto:sc.susanbjames@gmail.com)**

**or call 256-6822**

**VIEW FROM RIVER'S EDGE***Janelle Rivers*

**VIEW FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE:** The summer of 1939 was a difficult and anxiety-producing time for many people. Hitler invaded Poland on September 1. My parents married on September 2, and Britain and France declared war on Germany on September 3. My dad used to joke that "that" war had never ended. World War II eventually did come to an end, and my parents are gone, but a quaint artifact of that summer of 1939 survived unnoticed for many years.

In 2000, a framed poster appeared behind the counter in a bookshop in Northumberland. It was one of a series of three "Home Publicity" posters designed by the British Ministry of Information for use during World War II. Two of the posters had been widely distributed with the intention of keeping up British morale during the war. One of them read: "Freedom is in peril. Defend it with all your might." Another one read: "Your courage, your cheerfulness, your resolution will bring us victory." The third one had been kept in reserve for use after serious air raids and was never widely distributed. It is the poster that appeared in the bookshop in 2000. It read: "Keep calm and carry on."

It's a powerful message. A few years ago, a loved one diagnosed with a grave illness took comfort from a British-themed gift with the newly popularized message, "Keep calm and carry on." Variations of the theme, adapted to promote hobbies and humor, have appeared on everything from coffee mugs to T-shirts.

You may be asking: What does this have to do with the League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area? Our second priority for last year has become our first priority for the coming year. We are promoting a non-partisan message that applies to general elections and especially to primaries that frequently matter more in South Carolina than the general elections. The message -- "Keep Calm and Vote!" -- is beginning to appear on oval bumper stickers on vehicles around Columbia. The bumper stickers are a gift to League members and others who are willing to display them and will be available at local League events.

We hope that people will want to promote the idea that participation of informed voters is important for "Making Democracy Work!" We hope each of you will put the message, "Keep Calm and Vote!" on your vehicle and display it with pride.

*Janelle Rivers, President*

\* \* \*

[BACK TO TOP](#)



## JANUARY ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

### LUNCHEON RECAP:

---

JANUARY PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON WAS OUR ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING:

Usually we have a guest speaker for our luncheons, but at the January meeting members did all the talking. As part of annual program planning, this was the opportunity for local members to have input into the organization. We worked from national's website "Program planning is an essential League tool for focusing and prioritizing our work and insuring that League resources, human and financial, from our grassroots volunteers to our professional staff, are engaged where they have the most impact." Also from the website:

#### TIMELINE FOR 2018-2020 LWVUS PROGRAM PLANNING

November 2017 - Program Planning materials were sent to Leagues

March 1, 2018 - Deadline for submission of online report forms

April 2018 - LWVUS Board develops Proposed Program that reflects input from Leagues

June 2018 - Convention delegates discuss, debate and adopt 2018-2020 LWVUS Program

The National Program will continue the Campaign for Making Democracy Work focusing on:

- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections
- Campaign Finance/Money in Politics
- Redistricting

The local group discussion stressed getting the vote out for all elections, particularly primaries, because many districts do not have opposition candidates in the general election. The Columbia League will distribute a bumper sticker that reads "Keep Calm and Vote!"

Encouraging the use of social media to remind friends and neighbors about forums, debates, and other topics that would help inform the public was also proposed as a way to "get out the vote." As part of the social media discussion, the question of a hashtag topic was mentioned. Do you have a good idea for a hashtag? "Keep Calm and Vote" is being considered. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Snap Chat are all media outlets that can be used to inform voters, particularly the younger population. The question of using billboards was discussed and will be investigated further. Contact the Board if you have ideas that would be useful. Spreading the word in the community is the most important aspect of getting out the vote. Letting people know where to go for early voting is important information. Members suggested that health clubs, beauty parlors, barber

shops, and libraries were proposed as possible places to focus, places where people routinely visit and develop rapport.

During the discussion of early voting, the question of Saturday voting came up. Because voting locations and times are determined by the states, Saturday voting was set aside as something to be addressed on the state level, and members of the LWVSC board who were present were asked to carry that concern forward.

Other strategies discussed were to make sure sites are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Members who have participated in the LWV Observer Corps noted that the Richland County Election Commission has officially committed to address ADA issues before the next election. Having verifiable paper ballots is a concern, because merely rerunning a machine for a number count is not an adequate audit.

The focus on ethics and money in politics is ongoing. We as a state are presently embroiled in the topic, and without proper legislation, will continue to be enmeshed in corruption issues. If your representative hasn't been tainted by the Pascoe investigations, write and express your concerns.

Many of you also want to focus on redistricting. This will start taking on an added importance in 2020 when the next census will be conducted. The 2020 census count will be the catalyst for the drawing of new district lines. The League should start now on educating the public about the census and its effect on voting outcomes.

There was also a discussion on the popular vote. Attempting to abolish the Electoral College via Constitutional Amendment would require either a two-thirds majority of both houses of Congress or a Constitutional Convention. The national LWV opposes a Constitutional Convention because it entails the risk of a runaway Convention and the introduction of unforeseen amendments to change the Constitution. A third way to effectively replace the Electoral College with the result of the national popular vote is state-by-state legislation that requires the state's electors to cast their ballots for the candidate who wins the national popular vote. It has been enacted into law in [11 states with 165 electoral votes \(CA, DC, HI, IL, MA, MD, NJ, NY, RI, VT, WA\)](#). This interstate compact would take effect when enacted by states with 105 more electoral votes. More information is available at <http://www.nationalpopularvote.com/>.

If you can spare the time, sign up to be part of our Observer Corps. Attend a school board meeting, county council meeting, or any other public event. Ask Pat Mohr ([patmohr@mindspring.com](mailto:patmohr@mindspring.com)) to send you the link to submit a brief report for League Lines about what happened. You don't have to attend every meeting, but we ask, when you go, that you wear one of our LWV pins, available for free. Members who need LWV pins should contact Sharon Ayling ([rsalying@gmail.com](mailto:rsalying@gmail.com)). Helping as part of the Observer Corps is another way of keeping informed, sharing the information, and serving as "watchdogs" to promote ethical behavior and public accountability.

As mentioned before, at the local level we will work on four priorities: (1) getting out the vote by expanding voting opportunities; (2) encouraging everyone to respond to Action

Alerts when they are sent out; (3) offering advocacy training for members and the public; and (4) reporting by members who participate in the Observer Corps.

How can you help? Put a “Keep Calm and Vote!” bumper sticker on your car.



For Action Alerts, one suggestion is to keep your local, state, and federal representatives listed in your cell phone, among your favorites, so that you can quickly call them whenever it is convenient for you. Participate in the Observer Corps. Offer your time, talents, and resources to the League in whatever way you can contribute.



**Christina Goodwin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**



**League Members in Attendance**



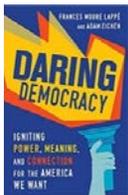
## OTHER NEWS



**THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY HAS BENEFITTED:** Thanks to LWV members who heeded the call to comment on the proposed SC social studies standards by asking the state to add a consistent education-for-citizenship theme! We know that many of you responded to the social media call to comment before the deadline – now extended to February 6 because of inclement weather. Some of you sent copies of your comments, and others sent notes saying that you'd written letters, sent emails, or given input via the forms on the South Carolina Department of Education web site.

Understanding our government and developing skills to evaluate information are vital components of education for citizenship. South Carolina needs an electorate that is sophisticated enough to sift through the blitz of media messages, recognize propaganda and make meaning of competing bits of information. The new standards are expected to be ready by September, and what you have done in response to the League's call for action will make the new SC social studies standards more relevant for the voters of tomorrow.

\* \* \*



**DARING DEMOCRACY BOOK STUDY COMING SOON:** This book differs from many others that have been written in the last few years in that it's solution-oriented. You will soon receive a flyer with more detailed information.

We will discuss the book in three sections, and people can attend any or all of the sections. (Incidentally, the third section is much longer than the other two.)

The dates will be February 22, March 8, and March 22 (Thursdays). Sessions are:

February 22, Part 1: Rethinking the Crisis (Chapters 1-2)

March 8, Part 2: Exposing the Roots (Chapters 3-4)

March 22, Part 3: Creating Solutions Together (Chapters 5-9)

Time is 5:30 p.m.

Location is The Local Buzz in shopping center at corner of Rosewood and South Shandon.

Address is [141 South Shandon](#).

[BACK TO TOP](#)

Menu is on their website, mostly sandwiches & light fare, plus hot & cold beverages, including beer & wine. Not expensive.

*Janelle Rivers*

[The Local Buzz Columbia, SC \[https://www.amazon.com/Daring-Democracy-Igniting-Meaning-Connection-ebook/dp/B01MUB4IP9/ref=sr\\\_1\\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1516374745&sr=8-1&keywords=Daring+Democracy\]\(https://www.amazon.com/Daring-Democracy-Igniting-Meaning-Connection-ebook/dp/B01MUB4IP9/ref=sr\_1\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1516374745&sr=8-1&keywords=Daring+Democracy\)](https://www.amazon.com/Daring-Democracy-Igniting-Meaning-Connection-ebook/dp/B01MUB4IP9/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1516374745&sr=8-1&keywords=Daring+Democracy)

\* \* \*



## MEMBERS' CORNER

---

**WELCOME TO HERB HARTSOOK!** - It is with pleasure that we welcome Herb Hartsook and his wife Melinda to household membership in the League. Many of you know Herb most recently as a speaker at Sarah Leverette's birthday party (his comments are below). Many of us have worked with him through the years. I asked Herb to tell me what he would like League members to know about him and this is what he said:

Herb Hartsook recently retired following a 38-year career as an archivist, chiefly with the University of South Carolina's South Caroliniana Library and South Carolina Political Collections. Over the past 34 years, he has developed the League's archival collections at USC and acquired for the University the personal papers of numerous League leaders. A Michigan native, Herb holds his Masters in History - the Administration of Archives from the University of Michigan. Herb often encourages scholars to study the League's papers, noting, "There is almost no topic of importance relating to modern government which the League has not studied."

We look forward to Herb and Melinda sharing their talents with us as we "Make Democracy Work." *Keller H. Barron*

**HERB HARTSOOK'S COMMENTS AT SARAH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** "I often note that Sarah is an inspiration to all who know her. Today, rather than repeating things I've said before, I just want us all to appreciate how the world has changed since Sarah was born, December 30, 1919.

Then, America had only begun the process of becoming a world power, thanks to its late entry into WWI. Sarah's father was one of the Doughboys who sailed to France and helped defeat Germany and its allies. Transportation was being revolutionized at sea but

particularly on the ground and in the air. The great experiment of Prohibition was about to begin, and the League of Women Voters wouldn't be founded until Sarah was almost 2 months old. Segregation was unchallenged. Gold and silver coins were in common circulation. Most Americans reported annual incomes of less than \$3,000 per year, and those were almost entirely reported by men.

Women might seek employment as a teacher, a nurse, or perhaps a secretary, but those few would never earn salaries and respect comparable to their male counterparts. This was true not only in the United States but around the world, a world mainly ruled by kings, queens, and other potentates. Russia was in the midst of a Civil War that would last until 1922. Mexico was also in the throes of revolution. The world was still reeling from an Influenza Pandemic that killed more people than the Great War itself, somewhere between 20 and 40 million people. Among those who died in 1919 were L. Frank Baum, author of the Wizard of Oz novels; industrialist Andrew Carnegie; Teddy Roosevelt; and revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata. I think Sarah shares some characteristics with each of these. There were also notable births that year, besides Sarah's: Madalyn Murray O'Hair, Eva Peron, Jackie Robinson, J.D. Salinger, and Pierre Trudeau.

Sarah has been witness to changes in society that boggle the mind. And, "she endures!"

\* \* \*

[BACK TO TOP](#)

## BOARD CONTACT INFO 2017 - 2018 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COLUMBIA AREA

### OFFICERS

President	Janelle Rivers	<a href="mailto:rivers12@bellsouth.net">rivers12@bellsouth.net</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Laura Woliver	<a href="mailto:woliverlaurar@gmail.com">woliverlaurar@gmail.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Christina Goodwin	<a href="mailto:christina@hotelguides.com">christina@hotelguides.com</a>
Secretary	Sharon Ayling	<a href="mailto:rsayling@gmail.com">rsayling@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Ann Maletic	<a href="mailto:annmaletic@gmail.com">annmaletic@gmail.com</a>

### DIRECTORS/PORTFOLIOS

Government Liaison	Missy Caughman	<a href="mailto:mpcaughman@earthlink.net">mpcaughman@earthlink.net</a>
Director	JoAnne Day	<a href="mailto:jvdav@yahoo.com">jvdav@yahoo.com</a>
Observer Corps Director	Pat Mohr	<a href="mailto:patmohr@mindspring.com">patmohr@mindspring.com</a>
Voter Participation	Margaret Anne DuBose	<a href="mailto:mabdubose@att.net">mabdubose@att.net</a>
Membership	Janie White	<a href="mailto:Jbwhite64@gmail.com">Jbwhite64@gmail.com</a>
Public Relations Director	Phyllis Jones	<a href="mailto:ajpjm9@aol.com">ajpjm9@aol.com</a>
Nominating Committee	Marianne McGrath	<a href="mailto:mcgrathlady@gmail.com">mcgrathlady@gmail.com</a>
League Lines	Pat Manley	<a href="mailto:dancerpem@aol.com">dancerpem@aol.com</a>

Reservations & Nominating Committee	Susan James	<a href="mailto:sc.susanbjames@gmail.com">sc.susanbjames@gmail.com</a>
Communications	Laura Woliver	<a href="mailto:woliverlaurar@gmail.com">woliverlaurar@gmail.com</a>
Transportation	Lil Mood	<a href="mailto:lh mood@bellsouth.net">lh mood@bellsouth.net</a>
Environmental Liaison	Chester Sansbury	<a href="mailto:csanburyl@sc.rr.com">csanburyl@sc.rr.com</a>
Membership Committee	Sara McBride	<a href="mailto:mcbrideoffrankenstein@gmail.com">mcbrideoffrankenstein@gmail.com</a>
League Lines	Suzanne Rhodes	<a href="mailto:suzrhodes@juno.com">suzrhodes@juno.com</a>
Nominating Committee & League Lines	Pat Manley	<a href="mailto:dancerpem@aol.com">dancerpem@aol.com</a>
Distribution of League Lines	Susan Cirulli	<a href="mailto:cirullisb@gmail.com">cirullisb@gmail.com</a>
Nominating Committee Chair	Marianne McGrath	<a href="mailto:mcgrathlady@gmail.com">mcgrathlady@gmail.com</a>
Tech Support for Voter Data	Duncan Buell	<a href="mailto:buell@acm.org">buell@acm.org</a>
Historian	Julie Sellers	<a href="mailto:Jsellers13@sc.rr.com">Jsellers13@sc.rr.com</a>
PPL Summaries	Pam Craig	<a href="mailto:Pcraig1@bellsouth.net">Pcraig1@bellsouth.net</a>
Observer Corps Coordinator	Rana Davis	<a href="mailto:ranaperi@outlook.com">ranaperi@outlook.com</a>
LWVSC Board	Pat Forbis	<a href="mailto:pforbis@sc.rr.com">pforbis@sc.rr.com</a>
LWVSC Board	Sally Huguley	<a href="mailto:shuguley@sc.rr.com">shuguley@sc.rr.com</a>
LWVSC Board	Sarah Leverette	<a href="mailto:sarahEleverette@gmail.com">sarahEleverette@gmail.com</a>
LWVSC VP Issues & Action	Lynn Teague	<a href="mailto:Teaguelynn@bellsouth.net">Teaguelynn@bellsouth.net</a>



## Websites:

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

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

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

**Facebook:** *To see our Facebook Page:*

1. Go to YOUR Facebook page and begin typing "**League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area**" in the search box until a list pops up.
2. Click on the name **League of Women Voters of Columbia, SC** with the familiar blue LWV Logo on the left.

**That's it!**

## Twitter:

1. Go to YOUR Twitter account and search for the League of Women Voters Columbia Area and connect.

**Facebook and Twitter email address:**

**@LWVColumbiaSC**

\* \* \*



### 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.



### Lexington County Council

Meet: 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)

[www.lex-co.com](http://www.lex-co.com)



### Richland County Council

Meet: 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) 576-2060 or check:

[www.richlandonline.com](http://www.richlandonline.com)

[BACK TO TOP](#)

