

The Voter of ODC



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CANDIDATE FORUMS

CHAPEL HILL

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, October 5th

7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Chapel Hill Council Chamber
405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.**

PITTSBORO

MAYOR & TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Superior Court House
Pittsboro**

DURHAM

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Durham County Main Library
300 North Roxboro Street
Durham**

Upcoming Events

**September 20
Chatham Unit Meeting**

**October 5
Chapel Hill
Candidate Forum**

**October 6
Durham Primary Election**

**October 7
Pittsboro Candidate Forum**

**October 7
Durham unit meeting**

**October 20
Durham Candidate Forum**

**November 3
Municipal Elections**

Korean Journalist Visits LWVODC



Soojin

Soojin, a native of Seoul, South Korea, came to North Carolina with her husband, Jong Ho Kim, a Korean journalist who is a visiting scholar at Duke University.

Soojin is a script writer for Korea's Educational Broadcast Company, which can be compared to PBS. She has written scripts for a historical drama series for children, a medical documentary series and political talk shows.

While in America she is writing a book about her personal experience of life in America, focusing on the American Educational System.

Soojin has a ten year old daughter who is a classmate and close friend of LWVODC Secretary Ruth Ann Groh's granddaughter, Aleta. Ruth Ann had the opportunity to meet Soojin and found that Soojin was interested in the League of Women Voters. Soojin readily accepted Ruth Ann's invitation to attend the September meeting of the LWVODC Administrative Team. She sent Ruth Ann the following message after the meeting:

Dear All LWVODC members I met today,

Thank you for inviting and giving me a wonderful experience.

As I told you, I couldn't believe what I saw and heard while I was in your meeting. It's one of the most valuable political meetings I've ever joined before.

I really felt the real power of American Democracy while I was watching your meeting. You showed me that how women can join their society wisely and effectively. You also showed me that women's special qualities - such as delicacy, conscientious, and so on - are just fit in our modern community. I'll try not to forget everything I got from your meeting and find some way to apply them to our political situation.

Thank you very much.

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar:

November 12 3:00 - 4:30 PM	Panel Discussion on the NC Budget Durham Technical Community College Representatives Luebke and Michaux & Senator Atwater
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December 3 10:00 AM	Durham County Commissioner and League member Ellen Reckhow will speak about protecting water quality in our lakes and rivers.
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Linda Naylor
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1227 Seaton Road #34
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IN MEMORIAM

Martha (Patty) Hairston

Martha (Patty) Hairston, one of our long-time League members, died at age 90 on November 15, 2008. Her husband, Nelson, was also a League member who preceded her in death by four months. They had been married for 66 years and had three children and five grandchildren.

Patty was adventurous and well-read. She accompanied Nelson to the Philippines and later to Geneva, Switzerland, where he worked for the World Health Organization. During these stays abroad she maintained a welcoming home and home-schooled their children. When Nelson and Patty moved to Chapel Hill in the 1990's, Patty assisted Nelson in carrying out his research on ecology in the Appalachian Mountains, going on horseback to study sites, setting up camp, and helping to collect salamanders in the middle of rainy nights. She remained politically and socially active all her life.

For Sale

2010 League of Women Voters Calendars

As an experimental fundraising project, the LWVODC is selling League appointment calendars produced by the LWV of Missouri. These are simple, 8.5 x 11 inch, month by month calendars with good writing space on each date. Both sides of each page are used, so one turns the calendar around at mid-year. There are no pictures, but each page has a statement about the League or about citizenship. The calendars are suitable for useful New Years gifts.

The price of \$8 will provide modest help to both the LWVODC and the LWV of Missouri. **To place an order, e-mail Ruth Ann Groh before October 15.** Ruthann.Groh@yahoo.com

DURHAM COUNTY

2009 ELECTION

Municipal Elections:

- September 17 One Stop (Early) Voting for Primary Election begins. Citizens may register and vote during the one-stop period if they failed to register before the Sept. 11 deadline. One Stop location: Board of Elections Office, 706 W. Corporation St., Durham.
- October 3 One Stop Voting Ends.
- October 6 **Municipal Primary.**
Polls open 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.
 - Races on the Primary ballot will be:
 - CITY COUNCIL WARD 1
Cora Cole-McFadden
Donald A. Hughes
John Tarantino
 - CITY COUNCIL WARD 2
Howard Clement III
Matt Drew
Sylvester Williams
Sandra Howell
Darius M. Little
- October 15 (or ASAP after Primary when ballots available) One Stop (Early) Voting Begins.
- October 31 One Stop (Early) Voting Ends at 1:00 PM.
- November 3 **Municipal Election**
Polls open 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

Races on the ballot will be:

- MAYOR -
William V. "Bill" Bell
Steven Williams
- DURHAM CITY COUNCIL - WARD I
top two candidates on primary ballot if no candidate receives over 50% of vote
- DURHAM CITY COUNCIL - WARD II
top two candidates on primary ballot if no candidate receives over 50% of vote
- DURHAM CITY COUNCIL - WARD III
Mike Woodard
Allan Polak

Information regarding registration, polling locations, absentee by mail voting, one stop hours, or other election matters may be obtained by contacting the Board of Elections at 919-560-0700 or www.co.durham.nc.us/elec.

Durham Unit Meeting

October 7

1:00 PM

Home of Bessie Carrington

1616 Pinecrest Road

Durham

DURHAM

CANDIDATE MEETING

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Durham County Main Library

300 North Roxboro Street

Durham

Molly Beacham will be moderator of the forum.

This candidate meeting will take place after the municipal primary. Don't forget to vote in the primary on October 6. You can also vote in the primary at the Early Voting Site [Board of Elections Office] from September 17 to October 3, or you can vote absentee. Contact the Board of Elections at 560-0700 for information about absentee voting.

Forum organizer, Bessie Carrington, needs volunteers to greet participants and attendees, hand out League information and collect questions for the candidates from the audience. Please contact Bessie at 489-8668 or bessiec@mindspring.com if you can help.

ORANGE COUNTY

2009 ELECTION

Candidates

Municipal:

- Mayor of Chapel Hill (1 seat)
- Chapel Hill Town Council (4 seats)
- Mayor of Carrboro (1 seat)
- Carrboro Board of Aldermen (3 seats)
- Mayor of Hillsborough (1 seat)
- Hillsborough Town Commissioners (2 seats)

Chapel Hill/Carrboro School Board

- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education (3 seats)
- October 15 One Stop (Early) Voting Begins. Citizens may register and vote during the one-stop period if they failed to register before the October 9 deadline.
- October 31 One Stop (Early) Voting Ends at 1:00 PM.
- November 3 Polls open 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

For a list of the candidates, information on early voting sites and hours of operation, and on polling sites, contact the Orange County Board of Elections:

Office Location:

Court Street Annex
110 E. King Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278
(919) 245-2350

Website:

www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/

- Mayor of Chapel Hill (1 seat)
Augustus Cho
Matt Czajkowski
Kevin Wolff
Mark Kleinschmidt
- Chapel Hill Town Council (4 seats)
Penny Rich
Matt Pohlman
Jon Dehart
Gene Pease
Laurin Easthom
Jim Merritt
Ed Harrison
Will Raymond
- Mayor of Carrboro
Mark H. Chilton
Amanda Ashley
Brian D. Voyce
- Carrboro Board of Aldermen (3 seats)
Jacquelyn M. Gist
Randee Haven-ODonnell
Sammy Slade
Sharon Cook
Tim Peck
- Hillsborough Town Commissioners (2 seats)
Mike Gering
Bryant Kelly Warren, Jr.
Frances L. Dancy
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education (3 seats)
Michelle (Shell) Brownstein
Gary Wallach
Mary Anne Gucciardi
J.M. (Joe) Green
Gregory McElveen
Christine Lee
Susana L. Dancy

CHAPEL HILL CANDIDATES FORUM

Monday, Oct. 5, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Chapel Hill Council Chamber, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

LWVODC past president Jan Richmond will moderate the forum, which has been planned by the Orange County Unit. Sue Brewer, Ruth Ann Groh, Barbara Nettesheim and Rita Weimer, who have made arrangements for the forum, could use some help getting the word out about the forum and helping to make the forum run smoothly. Please contact Rita Weimer at 969-9241 or rkweimer@mindspring.com if you can help.

The committee is also soliciting questions to be asked of the candidates. Please send questions for the candidates to: info@lwvdodc.org.

**CANDIDATES FOR
PITTSBORO MAYOR AND
TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

Mayor:

Randolph Voller
William Crawford

Town Commissioner: (2 seats)

Andrew Allden
Pamela Baldwin
Michael A. Fiocco

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION
SCHEDULE**

Pittsboro, Siler City

- October 15 **One Stop (Early) Voting Begins.** Citizens may register and vote during the one-stop period if they failed to register before the October 9 deadline. It will take place at the Chatham County Board of Elections, 984 Thompson Street, Suite D in Pittsboro
- October 31 **One Stop (Early) Voting Ends.**
- November 3 **Election Day.** Polls are open from 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM.

For more information on voting procedures, polling places, hours of early voting, etc. call the Chatham County Board of Elections at (919) 545-8500, or Google Chatham, NC Board of Elections.

CHATHAM UNIT MEETING

Sunday, September 20

2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Multiple Purpose Room, Building 2
Central Carolina Community College
Pittsboro

Speaker: **Chris Farnan**

Topic: **No Longer a Dream but a Reality.
A New State-of-the-Art Public Library for
Chatham County**

League member Chris Farnan has organized past Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners candidate forums in Chatham County and was instrumental in editing and printing the first Voters Guide in Chatham. She had significant influence in making the new Chatham Community Library a reality.

After Chris' presentation and a question and answer session, Chatham League Team members will discuss opportunities for League members to become more involved in the League in Chatham County. Some of the team activities which will be discussed are listed on page 7.

**PITTSBORO
CANDIDATES FORUM**

MAYOR & TOWN COMMISSIONERS

October 7

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Superior Court House
Pittsboro

Volunteers are needed to greet participants and attendees at the forum, hand out League information, collect questions for the candidates from the audience, contact local organizations about the forum and distribute flyers. Contact Carol Sherrod (criis@embarquemail.com) if you are interested in helping at the forum

CHATHAM UNIT

Chatham Teams Will Share the Load

The Chatham Unit has a team to interest every League member. Check out the following teams to find out which is the team for you:

VOTER INFORMATION AND CANDIDATE FORUMS TEAM

- Would you like to work with the Chatham County Board of Elections to get more young people involved in the voting process, help register voters, and/or assist at the polls?
- Would you like to help organize candidate forums, create candidate questionnaires, develop voter information materials, help update Chatham County information for the LWVODC Citizen Guide?

If you answered yes to any one of the questions and have an hour or more to volunteer, then this is the CHATHAM UNIT TEAM for you!

CHATHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT TEAM

- Would you like to help Chatham County adopt a master land use plan to support its updated land use ordinances and/or monitor the Major Corridor Ordinance for U.S. 15/501?
- Are you an advocate for long-range budget planning and establishing goals and priorities for county services and want to help ensure good communications in the budget process?
- Are you interested that 60% of Chatham residents work outside the county and that the income of residents who work in the county is the lowest of the 100 counties in NC even though Chatham County ranks number 3 in the state for personal income? Would you like to be a part of the action to encourage more economic development in the county?

If you answered yes to any one of the questions and have an hour or more to volunteer, then this is the CHATHAM UNIT TEAM for you.

IMMIGRATION TEAM

- Would you like to partner with organizations, such as the NC Council of Churches, to help inform Chatham residents about immigration issues and advocate for solutions based upon the new LWVUS Immigration Policy?
- Would you like to understand the Dream Act Legislation (2009) and how the League can work to help immigrants in Chatham County achieve their goals for a better life?

If you answered yes to any one of the questions and have an hour or more to volunteer, then this is the CHATHAM UNIT TEAM for you!

MENTAL HEALTH TEAM

- Are you interested in understanding the Mental Health 2009 Needs Assessment, identifying what needs to be done in Chatham County to improve services, monitoring and/or speaking out for sound mental health policies at the state and local level?
- Are you interested in finding how Chatham County residents who receive mental health services feel about the quality of services they receive?

If you answered yes to any one of the questions and have an hour or more to volunteer, then this is the CHATHAM UNIT TEAM for you.

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization for men and women that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences policy through education and advocacy. Any citizen over 18, male or female, may become a voting member of the League. With that membership comes the opportunity to work on local, state, regional, and national program issues.

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League Calendar

Sunday September 20 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Chatham Unit Meeting Subject: New Chatham County Library	Multiple Purpose Room, Building 2 Central Carolina Community College Pittsboro
Monday October 5 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Candidate Forum Mayor and Town Council	Chapel Hill Council Chambers 405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Chapel Hill
Tuesday October 6	City of Durham Primary Election	Durham
Wednesday October 7 1:00 PM	Durham Unit Meeting Planning for Oct. 20 Candidate Forum	1616 Pinecrest Road Durham
Wednesday October 7 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pittsboro Candidate Forum Mayor & Town Commissioners	Superior Court House Pittsboro
Tuesday October 20 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Durham Candidate Forum Mayor and City Council	Durham Main Library 300 N. Roxboro Street Durham
Tuesday November 3 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM	Municipal Elections	Orange, Durham & Chatham Counties