



LWVODC Annual Meeting

May 2, 2018

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Shout-Outs

- Elected Officials (as of 4/27)
 - Cindy Perry, Mayor of Pittsboro
 - Valerie Foushee, NC House of Representatives, 23rd district
 - Floyd McKissick, Jr, NC Senate, 20th district
- New Members
- Past & Present Board Members
- Lifetime Members – over 50 years (as of 4/27)
 - Ruth Ann Groh
 - Yvonne Schmidt
 - Patricia Watts
- League Leadership
 - Janet Hoy, Co-president, LWVNC
 - Brenda Rogers, member board of directors, LWVUS
 - Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, former national president, LWVUS
- Outstanding work
 - Cynthia Wertz, 12 years of service to LWVODC as webmaster
 - Re-launch of Lunch with the League
 - Val Gist, Judy Lechner, Lisa May, and Lashanda Willis, for their work on Vote411
 - Forums/Meet Greet: Ann Triulzi, Brenda Rogers, Carolyn White, Vicki Boyer and Tara Fikes
 - Voter Registration-Education: Vickie Shea



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LWVODC Civil Discourse Initiative



- Civil Discourse
 - Courteous, constructive communication
 - Mutual respect, fairness, attentive listening
 - Goal: Promote informed discussion of public issues
 - Essential for making good decisions in government
- LWV is committed to fostering Civil Discourse
 - LWVUS partners with National Institute for Civil Discourse
 - Many state and local Leagues have developed programs
 - LWV California, LWV San Luis Obispo, LWV North County San Diego, LWV Santa Clara, LWV Orange Coast
 - LWV Oregon, LWV Umpqua Valley (OR), LWV Portland (OR), LWV Lane County (OR)
 - LWV Washington, LWV Snohomish County (WA), LWV Seattle-King County (WA)
 - LWV Massachusetts, LWV Harvard (MA)
 - LWV Maine
 - LWV Philadelphia
 - And more . . .

The League Approach to Developing Civil Discourse Programs

- Research best practices and resources
- Reach out to local government
- Collaborate with other groups
- Identify divisive issues
- Host inclusive conversations
- Develop a media presence
- Move toward meaningful change
- “Everyone who participated in the Civil Discourse Study found himself or herself transformed in significant and positive ways by the end of the Study”
 - From the LWV San Luis Obispo Civil Discourse Handbook



What's Next?



- Research on Civil Discourse best practices and resources
 - Initiate LWVODC Civil Discourse Study
- Organizational meeting for the Civil Discourse Study
 - Early June
 - Working Agenda (suggestions welcome)
 - Introductions
 - Identify/distribute background materials collected so far
 - Identify additional sources for background materials
 - Establish methods for reviewing and reporting on background materials
 - Establish Study Group meeting schedule for discussions of background materials
 - Discuss timeline for delivering report on background materials to Board and membership

LWVODC Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

Cynthia LaMaster, Treasurer

Category	17/18 Budget (Rounded)	18/19 Proposed Income
Dues	13,000	15,000
Contributions	3,941	4,025
In-Kind Contributions		-
Total	16,941	19,025
Category	17/18 Budget	18/19 Proposed Expenses
Copying and Printing	250	250
Mail (PO Box \$115)/Postage	265	500
Meetings	350	500
Membership Development	100	217
PMP - NC (Per Member Payment)	2,338	3,060
PMP- National (Per Member Payment)	6,800	8,160
PayPal Fees	225	225
Services (Constant Contact)	513	513
Special Projects	900	900
Supplies	1,500	1,500
Travel	2,500	2,500
Unit Expenses	300	300
Website	400	400
Miscellaneous	500	
Total	16,941	19,025

2018-2019 LWVODC NOMINATION SLATE

- PRESIDENT- Krishna Mondal (Orange)
- VICE PRESIDENT-Pat McDaniels (Chatham)
- TREASURER- Cynthia LaMaster (Durham)
- SECRETARY- Tara Fikes (Durham)
- DIRECTOR (2018-2020)- Joal Broun (Orange)
- DIRECTOR (2018-2020)- Kathy Wright (Durham)
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR- Pam Oxendine
(Durham)



Voter Services Action Team

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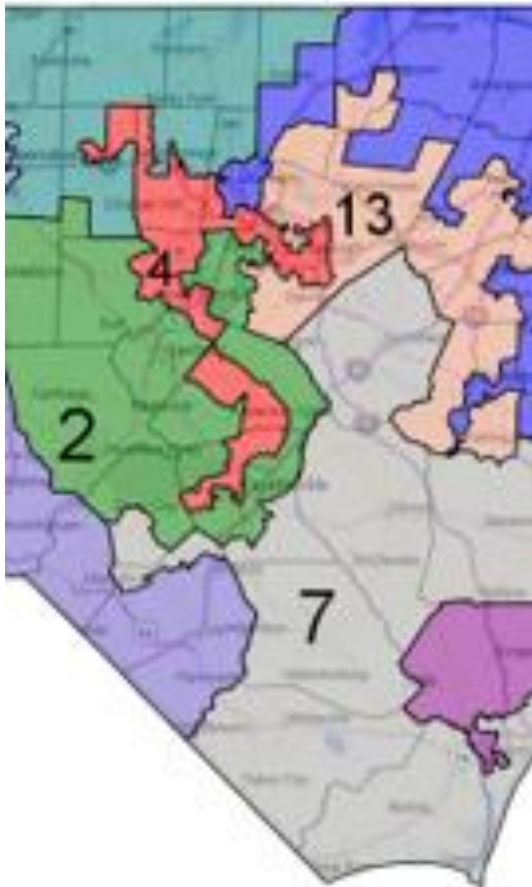


- Goals for 2018-2019
 - Expand and publicize VOTE411.org to cover 2018 general election
 - Conduct candidate forums, meet and greets in our three counties
 - Organize voter education events to address possible changes in voter laws
 - Hold voter registration-educational events around Orange, Durham, and Chatham Counties
 - Encourage Observer Corps presence at meetings of County Commissioners, Boards of Election, and Boards of Education

Fair Elections Action Team

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- Events organized 2017-2018
 - Worked with Wake LWV to contact all members of the General Assembly
 - Composed a Letter to the Editor published in the *News and Observer*
 - Distributed “End Gerrymandering Now” buttons
 - September: public information session on redistricting
 - December: Panel discussion on General Assembly efforts to change NC judicial system
 - Speakers Bureau has given or scheduled more than 10 presentations
- Goals for 2018-2019
 - Strengthen and expand speakers bureau
 - Organize League and public educational meetings on redistricting
 - Participate in LWVNC FEAT activities
 - Lobby team
 - White paper (*Emerging Alternatives for Redistricting*)
 - Collaboration among pro-reform groups
 - Local government resolutions supporting reform
- Our meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4PM in the Chapel Hill Library. Next meeting: May 15.

Public Education Action Team

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- Issues PEAT followed in 2017-2018
 - impact of class size requirements mandated without funding by the NC General Assembly;
 - access to highly qualified teachers, school leaders and educational resources;
 - the use of test performance to rate and rank schools;
 - the impact of charter schools and vouchers on public education.
- Events organized by PEAT in 2017-2018
 - lunch meeting with the four local superintendents or their designated staff that resulted in a deeper understanding of problems facing public schools due to current and proposed legislation.
 - public meeting in January 2018 that featured LaTanya Pattillo, Teacher-Advisor to Governor Cooper to identify concerns of local school officials and legislators, and to discuss possible responses.
- LWVODC member Mary Kolek co-leads the LWVNC Public Education League Action Team
 - Coordinates local League activities across NC
 - Now revising LWVNC's position statements
 - Imminent release of a report by the Lower Cape Fear LWV entitled, "NC Private Schools Receiving Vouchers: A Study of the Curriculum."
- Goals for 2018-2019
 - Public showing in September of the film "Backpack Full of Cash," which explores the growing privatization of public schools and the consequences for students and society, and panel discussion



Environmental Issues Action Team

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- Events organized in 2017-2018
 - Stream monitoring demonstration
 - Attended BOEM Public Comment session
 - Attended Creek Week
- Goals for 2018-2019
 - Complete report on water quality issues in Orange, Durham, and Chatham Counties
 - Inform and educate the public about local environmental issues
 - Liaison with LWVNC Environment Action Team to lobby General Assembly



Violence Against Women Action Team

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- Accomplishments in 2017-2018
 - Hosted talk on Domestic Violence and the Immigrant Community
 - Tabling at Durham Crisis Response Center and Compass Center for Women and Families events
- Goals for 2018-2019
 - Identify gaps in funding and education about family violence
 - Organize discussions by experts
 - Work with state and local violence prevention agencies to advocate for legislative goals



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

- “Democracy is never a thing done. Democracy is always something that a nation must be doing.”
Archibald MacLeish
- Join us in Making Democracy Work®.



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