



# THE VOTER NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016

## Mark Your Calendar!

- October 20 – November 5      **Early Voting** in Dare County at BOE Office in Manteo, Fessenden Center, KDH Town Hall, & Pitts Center (See our website for dates/times [www.lwvdarenc.org](http://www.lwvdarenc.org))
- November 4      **First Friday Hot Topic Luncheon** at Peppercorns at the Ramada Inn; 12 Noon; Speaker: Nancy Griffin of Children and Youth Partnership; RSVP & Menu Pre-order required to Lynda Burek [rmburek@charter.net](mailto:rmburek@charter.net)
- November 4      Early Voting Ends at Fessenden Center, KDH Town Hall, Pitts Center
- November 5      Early Voting Ends at Board of Elections Office, Manteo
- November 8      **General Election Day**
- November 16      LWV **Board Meeting**, KDH Library Meeting Room, 10:15 AM (Members welcome)
- December 2      LWV **Annual Holiday Luncheon**, Duck Woods Country Club, 11:30 AM; RSVP & Menu Selection to Nancy Birindelli [bbirindelli@aol.com](mailto:bbirindelli@aol.com) or 261 3915; See details page 3
- January 6, 2017      **First Friday Hot Topic Luncheon**, Venue TBD; Speaker: Lynn Blackburn of the Dare Literacy Council
- February 1, 2017      Educational Event on **Seismic Testing**; Venue & Details TBD; Speaker: Ladd Bayliss; N.C. Coastal Federation

## Co-President's Message

Hello LWV Dare Members!

This is the time of year that I am most proud to be a part of the League of Women Voters! Our Voter Services team always steps up in a BIG way to serve the residents of Dare County with registration assistance and candidate information ... this year was no exception!

Our **Voter Registration** outreach to the community during September, in multiple venues, with dozens of volunteers was phenomenal! We touched many Dare County residents, answered questions, and enabled them to cast their vote! Thank you to all that participated and especially to Audrey Esposito, who spearheaded the efforts! *(See more information later in the Media Relations article)*

Unfortunately, the last several weeks have been taken up with Hurricane Matthew and its effects. Our hearts go out to those affected throughout Dare County. Due to losses suffered and the ongoing recovery efforts, our planned three **Voter Forums** were decreased to one Forum, which was held on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Nags Head ES. It was a very well attended event, however, and with 9 candidates on stage (plus one in the audience) it was quite lively, as well! I want to recognize the great job done by the team involved in the planning and execution of this successful event, headed up by Lin Logan.

As if that weren't enough, Lin also contacted the local and state candidates and forwarded their responses for the compilation of a **Dare County Voters Guide** to the local media outlets. You can find the Guides on our website: <http://www.lwvdarenc.org/elections.html>. If you would like information on the many state level candidates on the ballot you can use [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) to obtain information on those candidates, as well!

Don't forget that **Early Voting** continues through November 5<sup>th</sup> this year at the Manteo site and until November 4<sup>th</sup> at the 3 satellite sites: Pitts Center in Southern Shores, the KDH Town Hall, and at the Fessenden Center on Hatteras Island.

We have a **First Friday Hot Topic Luncheon** planned for November 4<sup>th</sup> at Peppercorns at the Ramada Inn, 1701 South Virginia Dare Trail in KDH. The featured speaker will be Nancy Griffin of Children and Youth Partnership. Please make your reservation & menu selection by contacting Lynda Burek [rmburek@charter.net](mailto:rmburek@charter.net).

Lastly, our **Annual Holiday Luncheon** will be at Duck Woods CC, on Friday, Dec 2. The festivities will start at 11:30 am and in addition to the luncheon we will enjoy both a Silent and Live auction! This is always a fun event! For reservations and menu selection, contact Nancy Birindelli at 261-3915 or [bbirindelli@aol.com](mailto:bbirindelli@aol.com) by Nov 24. *(Details next page)*

**Submitted by Lorelei DiBernardo and Geri Sullivan, Co-presidents**

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 2, 2016  
11:30 AM  
DUCK WOODS COUNTRY CLUB  
\$20.00 per person

Pay at the door

## MENU

→ House Salad

→ Choice of:

- 1) **Chicken Piccata with Angel Hair Pasta & Broccoli**  
(can be made gluten free)

Or

- 2) **Vegetable Lasagne**

→ Rolls & butter

→ Mini snowballs for dessert

→ Beverages

→ Cash Bar

**RSVP to Nancy Birindelli at 261-3915 or [bbirindelli@aol.com](mailto:bbirindelli@aol.com)  
with your reservation(s) & entrée selection.**

**LET HER KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS!**

**RSVP BY NOVEMBER 24!!!**

**LWV VOTER FORUM  
Nags Head Elementary School  
October 16, 2016**



*L - R: Danny Couch, Monica Thibodeau, Steve House, John Towler, Bob Woodward, Rosemarie Doshier, Wally Overman, Warren Judge, Beverly Boswell*

**“LWV questionnaire reveals some clear differences...”**

... quoting a line from *Wednesday, October 28-November 1, 2016 article, Outer Banks Sentinel article by Neel Keller* shows that the purpose and goal to the League of Women Voters sponsored candidate forum was achieved. An opportunity for all candidates to voice their positions on issues and an opportunity for the voters in Dare County to be able to hear first-hand those positions.

Kudos to a job well done by Lin Logan and her able team !!!!!

## Treasurer's Report and Fundraising Committee

The **Citizens Guide** fundraising effort is in full swing. Donations are coming in from businesses and the towns. If you, as a member, would like to make a donation to the Citizens Education Foundation (CEF), the tax-deductible arm of the League's financial program, please send your check to me at:

LWV – Dare -- CEF  
P.O. Box 689  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

All donations that are \$100 or greater will be acknowledged on the back cover of the Citizens Guide; however, all donations of a lesser amount will be greatly appreciated.

The **Belk Charity Day Sale** is Saturday, November 5. You should have already received your two tickets. If you can use them, please send \$5.00 per ticket to the PO Box cited above. If you do not wish to participate, please discard the tickets. Your League does receive approximately \$1,200 annually in proceeds from the Charity Day sales (two per year), and members save tremendously on the vast range of discounted items.

The calendar says that the holidays are right around the corner. Your League's fun time **Holiday Luncheon** will be held on Friday, December 2, at the Duck Woods Country Club. Members are collecting items for the exciting Live Auction, with auctioneer extraordinaire – Tony DiBernardo. The other event of the day is the Silent Auction where members provide items for "sale" to the highest bidder. It is requested that all members who have an item to donate to the auction, contact Nancy Birindelli via email at [Bbirindelli@aol.com](mailto:Bbirindelli@aol.com) or 261-3915. I will need the name of the item and the approximate value so that sheets can be placed on the tables for bidders to view. Members are asked to provide the information and then BRING the ITEM to the luncheon. If you are not able to attend but have something to donate, please contact me about a week prior to the event, and I will arrange to have it picked up.

The holiday luncheon is one of our most enjoyed events. Reservations should be made by contacting me either via email – [Bbirindelli@aol.com](mailto:Bbirindelli@aol.com) or 261-3915. I will need the number of reservations to include guests and the menu selection(s) which is listed in another section of this newsletter. Please do NOT send a check for your reservation but PAY AT THE DOOR! The luncheon will be \$20.00 per person, discounted for attendees. Reservations are required in advance, deadline is Nov 24th, and those who make a reservation and are unable to attend will be charged the \$20 since the League will be responsible for all reservations made in advance to the club. The Board hopes that many members will be able to attend this fun filled event!

Many thanks for your participation in your League's events!!!

***Submitted by Nancy Birindelli, Treasurer***

## Media Relations Committee

League members were out in force during the month of September offering voter registration, providing information on Early Voting, answering numerous questions on voting procedures, handing out sample ballots, and encouraging citizens to make their voices heard in this election.

Early in September members Marty Hamed, Barbara Becker, Lorelei DiBernardo, Geri Sullivan, Lin Logan, and Audrey Esposito participated with a League Voter Registration table at the **College of the Albemarle Student Gov't Activity Days**.

On Saturday, September 18 LWV Dare was present for the **OBX Latin Festival** sponsored by Mano al Hermano, "My Hand to my Brother". Judy Lotas, Nellie Healy, Barbara Becker, Glenda Keel, Marty Hamed and Audrey Esposito distributed information, in Spanish as well as English. Nellie Healy, fluent in Spanish, was definitely an asset in giving out information.

Tuesday, September 27 was **National Voter Registration Day**, and here LWV Dare did an incredible job!! A total of 22 volunteers covered nine sites in Dare County assisting with voter registration forms, handing out Early Voting Schedules, answering many questions, and providing valuable information to prospective voters. League members were stationed at **COA, three Front Porch Cafes, and three Hot Line thrift shops, and Food-a-Rama**. Dare County was well covered! Over 30 registrations were filled out, checked by Leaguers, ready for mailing. Some forms taken by the prospective voters for filling out at a later time.

Kudos to our volunteers: Lorelei DiBernardo, Marty Hamed and Roy Hiler Lynda Burek, Judy Lotas, Nancy D'Andrade, Laurie Martin, Courtney Gallop, Peggy Birkemeier, Coleen Oaksmith, Fran Kapinos, Francine Kelly, Barbara Becker, Lin Logan, Mary Jane Slesinski, Mary Ellen Hawthorne, Jane and Dick Welch, Marion Midgett and Audrey Esposito. We had a volunteer who lives part time on OBX. He had contacted me indicating that he wanted to help. His wife is a League member from Wake County. I met them at the Front Porch in Manteo and Paul Carr and his wife helped us out for three hours! They both were appreciative of what LWV Dare accomplishes here and wanted to be of service. We certainly appreciate their assisting us!

Our number of voter registrations is not massive, as in some counties. However, we can be proud of our accomplishments. We reached out and had many conversations, answered many questions, and provided information that is not always clearly available to voters. Well done all!!

***Submitted by Audrey Esposito, Media Relations Chair***

## Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

## *“Equal Means Equal”*

The popcorn was good and some 80 seats were filled at the August 26 screening of “Equal Means Equal”.

The new prize-winning documentary by Kamila Lopez dramatizes ancient gender inequities in a powerful, contemporary way, making ERA newly relevant to all generations.

Lorelei DiBernardo emceed and after the movie, there was an audience Q&A with panelists Lin Logan, Carmen Hooker Odom and Susan Harmon-Scott. Geri Sullivan and Fran Kapinos welcomed attendees and gave each the new ERA-NC brochure.

The state LWV is one of the lead sponsors of ERA-NC. This new group is dedicated to getting ERA legislation passed in Raleigh in 2017. Find out more at ERA-NC.ORG and ERACOALITION.ORG

We have downloaded “EQUAL MEANS EQUAL” and will organize house party viewings through fall and winter. Can’t wait? Livestream the movie available on YouTube, iTunes, Amazon Video and Vudu. Watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1S-VDIKqaCs>

This is an important film. It needs to be shared with all ages, genders and mindsets. Our committee hopes to make that happen.

***Want to help organize house parties? Great! Write me at [judylotas@gmail.com](mailto:judylotas@gmail.com)***

P.S. Next time you’re at Ye Olde Pioneer Theatre in Manteo, be sure to thank Buddy Creef for letting us use his family’s theatre at no charge. Thanks too to Audrey Esposito for doing such a stellar job of promoting the screening!

***Submitted by: Judy Lotas, ERA Committee Chair***

## Membership Committee

**Have you renewed your membership? Your membership may now be overdue...**

It is past time to renew your membership in the LWV of Dare. Please note that our membership year starts July 1 and ends June 30. Check your records to see whether or not you have renewed. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Williams at 261-5275; [lwms@embarqmail.com](mailto:lwms@embarqmail.com).

We are planning an interesting year with many informative programs. We hope you will continue to join us. See membership form at the last page.

***Submitted by Lori Williams, Chair***

## A Fond Farewell and Sincere Thank You

Three of our loyal League colleagues will be leaving the beach and relocating to Tidewater. Their dedication to League service for many years is applauded and so greatly appreciated. Their shoes can never be successfully filled.

*Pat Hayward* moved to the Outer Banks from Northern Virginia twenty-four years ago and immediately joined the League becoming a Board member in 2002. She had the most unique responsibility of serving on the Nominating Committee and was extremely successful in persuading (aka – arm twisting) many co-presidents as well as other officers. Without her able ability to convince others to serve, our League might not be the strong community service organization that it is today. Pat is a very talented photographer with a great knack of capturing scenes that most others would never see. She has also been an active participant in the OBX artist community. Pat will be joining other former Dare League members Pat Storey and Mimi Iacone at Westminster Canterbury in Virginia Beach and would really like to have visitors to her condo #444.

*Laura and John Gilson* have been OBX residents for over twenty-five years after moving several times due to career moves. However, Minnesota was always home. Laura served as a League president for three years and then assumed the position of treasurer for over a decade. Joining her on the Board was John who edited the newsletter for many years.

Laura has been active in other OBX organizations such as the Business and Professional Women, DAR, and the Dare Literacy Council. The couple has traveled extensively with around the world cruises, have served as dedicated volunteers at the Pea Island Wildlife Reserve, and have been very active members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Laura and John will be relocating to the Lake Talbot Condos on Granby Street in Norfolk.

We wish all three the very best in their new residences as they meet new friends and are assured that they will certainly follow their OBX experience by becoming active participants in their new communities. They will be included in our list of honorary members of Dare's League and will continue to receive information about our activities.

Bon Voyage!

***Submitted by Nancy Birindelli***





# League of Women Voters of Dare County Membership Renewal Form - 2016-2017

**ANNUAL DUES**

Individual membership:	\$50
Household membership:	\$75
Amount enclosed (checks made out to LWV of Dare)	\$ _____

*\*\* Membership Year is from July 1 - June 30 \*\**

**CITIZEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Please consider enclosing a tax deductible contribution to the Citizen Education Foundation (CEF). Contributions provide direct support for citizen education programs and the publication of the annual Dare County Citizens Guide which provides information about government and services to county residents.

Amount enclosed (checks payable to LWV-CEF): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE - IF YOU CHANGE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS AND KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

I/we are interested in assisting with: Voter Services \_\_\_\_\_; Education \_\_\_\_\_; Health \_\_\_\_\_; Natural Resources \_\_\_\_\_; Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_; Citizens Guide \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any interests/talents that you would be willing to share/assist our league?**

Plases remit to: League of Women Voters of Dare  
PO Box 689  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949