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# LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF DARE COUNTY

November 2018 Newsletter

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## Co-President's Message



### Message from Co Presidents

Thank you to so many members for pulling together to make all of the voter activities during this month of October go so smoothly.

The four candidate forums on Oct. 14 were outstanding under the leadership skills of Lorelei DiBernardo and Lin Logan. Many were involved as question reviewers, greeters, timers, setting up, refreshments, and

coordinating the video taping.

On Oct. 10 Craig Merrill presented a packed house with an understanding of the League's positions on the six constitutional amendments on our election ballot. His power point presentation, informal style and time for questions and comments from the audience proved to be a very valuable evening for all who attended. These sessions are posted on our web site via You Tube. You can click [HERE](#) to view the full video.

Voter Registration activities took place over several days prior to early voting at Front Porch Cafes, Hotline II, COA, Food-A-Rama, and First Flight High School.

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First Friday at the Outer Banks History Center for "NC Women in Politics" exhibit and a tour of the Center, followed by lunch at The Avenue Grill, was enjoyed by all who attended.

Marty Hamed has submitted many press releases on Vote 411 information, Candidate Forums, and Constitutional Amendments Session. Reporters from the Coastland Times, and Outer Banks Sentinel have also reported on these sessions.

James Cofield has been representing us at the Dare Board of Elections meetings since June. He has also been appointed to the NC Complete Count Commission, which is working on the 2020 Census.

Election Day is November 6th. Let's all work to remind everyone that their vote does count and for many of us it was a hard-won right and shouldn't be squandered.

## Upcoming Events - November

### Belk Charity Day Sale

When: November 3, 2018

Where: Belk Store in Kill Devil Hills, 1732 N Croatan Hwy, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948 (Dare Centre). ([DIRECTIONS](#))

What: LWV will be participating in the sale and will be sending members two tickets @ \$5.00 per ticket to take advantage of the severe discounts during the sale. You get an additional \$5 off the special sale item with each ticket you purchased. You can shop the week before, and they will hold the items after Nov. 3 so you can use the \$5 ticket, and we also get a portion of the sales' revenues distributed to participating agencies.

### First Friday Luncheon Event

When: Friday, November 9, 2018

Where: Roosters Kitchen, Kill Devil Hills ([DIRECTIONS](#))

What: Four high school student leaders will be attending and sharing their perspectives on the Election Process, what is important to them and younger voters, etc. Order lunch individually off the menu, socialize and discuss your ideas for future programs.

Please reply to Colleen Oaksmith at [colleenoaksmith@gmail.com](mailto:colleenoaksmith@gmail.com) so she can inform the restaurant of how many are attending.

### Holiday Lunch and Silent Auction

When: Friday, December 7, 2018, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Duck Woods Country Club ([DIRECTIONS](#))

What: The Holiday Lunch and Silent Auction at Duck Woods Country Club is another opportunity to gather with members and share the holiday spirit with one another. It is also a fund raising event to cover the many forums and programs we video and present for the general public to educate and inform. You can help by

1) donating a personal or household item you may have in good condition that you may not be using, but someone else may use (great way to recycle).

2) Asking a restaurant or business you frequent for an item or gift certificate to donate to Dare League of Women Voters. This is not tax deductible, but they may be able to use it as a marketing expense. If you would like a copy of the League's Donation Letter, please email Fran at [fkapinos@aol.com](mailto:fkapinos@aol.com). Donation suggestions include restaurants, boutiques, spas, salons, jewelry stores, weekend or week stays at a vacation home or resort, gift baskets, fitness sessions, etc.

Please e-mail Carol Butscher in advance at [cab313@yahoo.com](mailto:cab313@yahoo.com) with the item(s) you will be donating, and bring the items prior to 11:30 on Dec. 7. If you cannot attend and would like the item to be picked up in advance contact Nancy Birindelli at [bbirindelli@aol.com](mailto:bbirindelli@aol.com)

See our full calendar of events for November and December 2018 [HERE](#).

### Reminder - Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, now is the time to do so! We need you!

\$55 individual, \$80 family

Checks payable to: **LWW Dare, PO Box 689, Kitty Hawk, 27949**

You can pay online through PayPal [HERE](#). Follow the link to the page then scroll to the bottom.



### Membership Update

by Susan Merrill

Our current membership number is up to 81!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members

Margaret Privott  
Linda Campbell  
Wendy and John Addison  
Debbie Taylor

Please look for these new members at our upcoming events and welcome them to the League.

**Announcements and Recommended Reading from Lorelei**  
By Lorelei DiBernardo

## DARE LWV CANDIDATE FORUMS

We want to thank all of the volunteers who helped out at our Candidates Forums on Sunday, October 14th at Jennettes Pier. The 4-part program lasted from 1 - 5 pm, there were 14 candidates participating or attending, and the entire afternoon went very smoothly! If you missed it, you may view the Forums (Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, Register of Deeds) & the NC State Candidate presentations on our YouTube page.

[Click HERE to link to League's YouTube page to watch the videos.](#)

Forum Volunteers included:

Moderator: Lin Logan

Greeters: Barbara Becker, Susan Merrill, Marion Midgett, Andrea Van Wyck,

Screeners: Nancy Birindelli, Nancy D'Andrade, Audrey Esposito, Marty Hamed, Glenda Keel

Timers: Carol Kimmel, Teuta Towler

## VOTE411.org

The League of Women Voters of North Carolina pledged to utilize VOTE411, an On-Line Voter's Guide, throughout the state in 2018. This was a aggressive undertaking and the Dare County LWV Chapter readily agreed to move our Voter Guide efforts to this easy-to use, one-stop shop, for voting information. VOTE411 can be utilized on your PC or your phone by just entering your address! It was a pleasure working with the candidates and acclimating them to this new platform. We are happy to let you know, that of 36 candidates on your Nov 6th ballot, all but 9 have responded to our invitation to participate in VOTE411, and 8 of the 9 are unopposed candidates! That means, that only 1 opposed candidate on your ballot declined to participate! This is a pretty good result for the first year!

[Click HERE to check out VOTE411](#)

The Dare LWV Pay Pal/credit card link is up on our website! If you are interested in making an electronic Tax-Deductible donation to our Citizens Education Fund (CEF), please visit our [website](#). The CEF supports the printing of our Dare County Citizens Guide, the taping of our Forums and programs, & other educational activities of the League. Thank you in advance!

The Coastal Studies Institute's (CSI) "Science on the Sound" Series offers a program on Managing Wastewater on Wednesday, Nov 7th at 6 pm ... Click [HERE](#) for details

Did you see that CSI is also sponsoring a FREE addiction workshop starting on Friday, Nov 2 at 5:30 pm ... Click [HERE](#) for details

On the Equality For All front, here is a recent article about the ancient metaphor that created modern sexism. Click [HERE](#) to read the article. Be aware that the Washington Post allows you to view 5 articles for free in a given month. You have to be a subscriber to read more.

## Poll Monitors Needed

A message from the State LWV

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

(Click [HERE](#) to view the message in its original form.)

Friend,

Every eligible voter deserves to have their vote counted-that's the cornerstone of our democracy. Our democracy suffers when eligible, registered voters are turned away from the polls, unable to find their polling place, or otherwise blocked from exercising their rights. That's why every election year, the League partners with the national Election Protection coalition to mobilize volunteers to protect voters. These trained, nonpartisan volunteers serve as voters' first line of defense against confusing voting rules, outdated infrastructure, rampant misinformation, and needless obstacles to the ballot box.

[We're asking League activists and supporters in your state to help. Sign up today as a non-partisan poll monitor with Election Protection and help make sure every vote counts.](#)

Volunteers commit to taking at least one Election Day shift to stand outside of assigned polling location after receiving training. You will distribute "Know Your Rights" cards to voters, answer basic questions from voters at the polls, and help voters resolve any problems that occur, with the help of trained legal professionals.

[Thanks for standing with the League to protect voters this Election Day, and every day. If you can volunteer as a poll monitor, please sign up.](#)

Thanks for all you do,  
Jeanette Senecal  
Senior Director of Mission Impact

## Recommended Reading: Is voting a right or a privilege?

by Jessica Loose

These 2 letters in response to an article in the Denver Post in 2016 are thought provoking. The article is titled "Weed Out the Ignorant Voters" by David Harsanyi, a senior editor at the Federalist. It begins:

"Never have so many people with so little knowledge made so many consequential decisions for the rest of us.

A person need only survey the inanity of the ongoing presidential race to comprehend that the most pressing problem facing the nation isn't Big Business, Big Labor, Big Media or even Big Money in politics.

It's you, the American voter."

The full article can be read [HERE](#)

The responses to the article are published [HERE](#).

## Shelby County Election Commission

Recommended Reading by James Cofield

In Tennessee, the Shelby County Election Commission thought they could get away with invalidating thousands of voter registration applications for supposedly being "incomplete."

They thought wrong.

Thanks to your immediate action and giving, we won our lawsuit against the Shelby County Election Commission in Tennessee!

Last night the NAACP Memphis Branch and the Tennessee Black Voter Project prevailed in the lawsuit against the Commission. The ruling ordered the Election Commission to send notices to voters who submitted incomplete voter registration forms. Those voters will now be able to correct the forms and vote regular ballots at any early voting site and on Election Day.

I just stood side by side with leaders in Memphis this morning, and our message was clear: Our right to vote was earned with blood and sweat over decades. We will fight any attempt to infringe upon it with everything we've got.

Right now, our legal team is actively fighting against attempts to stop voters of color from casting their ballots-and more issues are emerging every day. [Will you chip in right now to support our efforts to combat voter suppression?](#)

A report out of Georgia yesterday indicated that 4,500 vote-by-mail applications have gone missing in DeKalb County, where a majority of citizens are Black. Recently, our Georgia State Conference joined a lawsuit seeking to protect the right to vote of over 53,000 people whose voter registration went unprocessed.

The NAACP will protect the right to vote regardless of whether attempts to suppress it are explicit, implicit, intentional, or other-it doesn't matter. We refuse to have our voices muted.

As we get closer to Election Day, it is absolutely imperative that we stay ready to fight back against any attack on our voting power. And we need your help.

Make a donation today to help us ensure that the rights of voters of color will not be trampled on.

Sincerely,

Derrick Johnson  
President and CEO

# FIGHT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS TO BE FEATURED EXHIBIT AT INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM



The LWVNC is a lead organization of the ERA-NC Alliance. The annual meeting was held in Greensboro at the Civil Rights Museum on September 22. We were delighted to hear that the Museum wants to mount an exhibit in early 2019 that will showcase the long slog, past and current, to winning Constitutional equality for women.

It was a full day with featured speaker Ms. Robles-Roman, Co-President and CEO of the ERA Coalition visiting from Washington, DC. ERA Champion Awards were presented to NC Senator Erica D. Smith and NC Representative Deb Butler for their unflagging support of ERA ratification. Officers were elected and yours truly was re-elected to the Board.

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