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October 2018 Newsletter

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Co-President's Message



Message from Co Presidents

What a busy time of year! We were spared the wrath of "Florence", with those of who stayed having a quiet time to reflect and be grateful.

Our kick-off dinner at Duck Woods Country Club on Sept. 21 was enjoyed by members and guests who attended from the Dare County Board of Elections, and some candidates running for offices in the

November 6 election. Michelle Barnes, Director of Dare BOE, presented information on matters of importance and relevance to our group. She and her assistant are always available to answer questions from the public. We thank Michelle, Carol Butscher and Nancy Birindelli for coordinating, and Duck Woods Country Club for their usual hospitality and delicious dinner topped off with their yummy ice cream dessert.

We look forward to seeing you on Oct. 5 at our First Friday event at the Outer Banks History Center at 11 AM, followed by lunch at the Avenue Grill on the waterfront in Manteo. Samantha Crisp, Director of OBHC, will guide us through the exhibit on "North Carolina Women in Politics, 1894-2010". Please reply to fkapinos@aol.com if you can join us for lunch about 12:30. If time allows you can look at the galleries at Festival Park and Dare County Arts Council. Be sure to invite your interested friends. Since so many voters are seeking to understand the proposed six NC Constitutional Amendments, which will be on the election ballot, board member, Craig Merrill will present an overview on the topic on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at the KDH Town Hall at 7 PM. Please spread the word and encourage the public to attend.

Our Candidate Forums for the general public are scheduled for Sunday Oct. 14 from 1 - 5 PM at Jennette's Pier. The schedule is:

1 - 2:30 Board of Commissioners Candidates

2:30 - 3:00 PM, NC Senate and House Candidates

3 - 4:15 PM, Board of Education Candidates

4:15 - 5:00 PM, Register of Deeds and Other County Positions

Attendees will have an opportunity to submit written questions at each session. Each session will be videotaped and available for viewing on our www.lwvdarenc.org web site, and BOC and BOE Government channels

[YouTube](#)

[Facebook](#)

(times and dates to be determined).

Lorelei DiBernardo is coordinating the forums and still needs help as Timers, Greeters, Question Reviewers, and with refreshments. If you can assist please contact her at loreleidibernardo22@gmail.com.

During National Voter Registration Week several members have set up voter information tables in various locations and have had positive responses from our community. Thank you to Judy Lotas, Susan Merrill, Marty Hamed, Marion Midgett, Nancy D'Andrade, Laurie Martin, Audrey Esposito and Fran Kapinos.

Early Voting begins on Oct. 17 at KDH Town Hall, Dare County Administration Building, and Fessenden Center Annex in Buxton.

Monday - Fridays 7 AM - 7 PM

Sunday, Oct. 28 12 - 4 PM

Saturday, Nov. 3 8 AM - 1 PM

Election Day is Nov. 6 6:30 AM - 7:30 PM at all Precincts/Polling Places

LWV Board of Directors Meeting -Oct. 16, KDH Library 10:15 - 12:15

2nd Friday Lunch - Nov. 9 Details TBD soon

Upcoming Events - October

First Friday Lunch

When: October 5, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Where: Outer Banks History Center followed by lunch at Avenue Waterfront Grill;

What: OBHC Director Samantha Crisp is excited to share her exhibit "Daring to Lead: North Carolina Women in Politics", inspired by the national "pink" campaign. Lunch will follow at the Avenue Waterfront Grille. (five stars!)

Please RSVP (lunch count) by Oct 3 to Colleen at colleenoaksmith@gmail.com.

Addresses:

Outer Banks History Center: 1 Festival Park, Manteo

Avenue Grille: 207 Queen Elizabeth Ave #5, Manteo

Amendment Forum

When: Wednesday, October 10th, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Kill Devil Hills Town Hall, 102 Town Hall Drive, Kill Devil Hills

What: Many voters are seeking to understand the proposed six NC Constitutional Amendments, which will be on the election ballot. Board member, Craig Merrill will present an overview on the topic.

Candidate Forums

When: Sunday Oct. 14 from 1 - 5 PM

Where: Jennette's Pier, Nags Head

What: Candidates for State and Local office, including the Board of Education will take turns answering written questions from the attendees.

The scheduled times for the forums are as follows:

1 - 2:30 Board of Commissioners Candidates

2:30 - 3:00 PM, NC Senate and House Candidates

3 - 4:15 PM, Board of Education Candidates

LWV Board of Directors Meeting

When: Oct. 16, 2018, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Where: Kill Devil Hills Public Library, 400 Mustian St, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

What: The League's Board of Directors Meeting.

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).

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. The sale day is not the only time that members can take advantage of the discounts since there is a two weeks pre-sale when purchases can be made and sale items picked up after the Nov. 3 sale date.

See our full calendar of events for October through November 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: **LWV 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.



Vote 411

by Mary Jane Slesinski, Co-Chair Voter Services



[VOTE411](#) is an on-line Voter guide that is being used throughout N.C. and Dare County this year.

* [VOTE411](#) is a one-stop shop for voting information in North Carolina.

* It is an on-line Voter Guide, as candidates are given the opportunity to express their views in their own words, unedited and unabridged.

* [VOTE411](#) is a nonpartisan source of information; the site does not endorse candidates or advocate on any issues.

* By simply entering your street address, you can see who is on your personalized ballot and find out about the candidates' positions.

* If you have questions about early voting, polling locations, registration, or anything else about voting, [VOTE411](#) has all the info you need in an easy to access format.

Submitted by Mary Jane Slesinski, Co-Chair Voter Services

Fundraising Events

By Nancy Birindelli, Treasure and Fundraising Chair



The fall Belk Charity Day Sale is Nov. 3.

There are several fundraising opportunities coming your way in the next few months. This is special information to our many new members!!

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LWV has a traditional holiday luncheon in early December at the Duck Woods County Club. Part of the event is an interesting silent action that provides members with an opportunity to "sell" their prize positions for other members to possess. The auction usually nets more than \$1,000 for LWV programs. So, search your closets to find "treasures" that others might be proud to own. More information will be forthcoming.

The annual fundraising campaign is in full swing. We are receiving donations from restaurants, real estate companies, towns, and businesses at a rapid pace. We hope to repeat last year's success of over \$8,000. These CEF (tax-deductible) funds provide your League with many opportunities to provide educational information to the public about elections, candidates, and other local issues of interest. The largest effort is the annual Citizens Guide with 7,500 copies that are distributed throughout the county. Member donations are always welcome.

For further information, contact Nancy Birindelli -- 252-261-3915 or BBirindelli@aol.com

Voter ID

Recommended Article by James E. Cofield, Jr.

If you are not current on the status of Voter ID in North Carolina, James E. Cofield, Jr. has recommended the following article from [Longleaf Politics](#) as an excellent way to bring yourself up to speed.

From the article:

"Our state's voters will weigh a host of changes to the N.C. constitution this fall, but it seems like no ballot issue is more emotional than North Carolina voter ID.

Our Republican-led General Assembly wants North Carolina to be the 35th state to require some form of identification to cast a ballot.

The state legislature has passed a law that will ask voters to approve adding a generic voter ID requirement to the state constitution...

...The General Assembly is proposing a North Carolina voter ID provision to the state constitution.

The language is pretty general. All it says is that

North Carolina will require photo ID to vote in person and that the General Assembly will come up with laws to define the requirements...

...What ID would be accepted? How would people get ID?

We have no idea. That's one of the controversial parts of this...



(excerpted from The facts about North Carolina voter ID, Longleaf Politics, by Andrew Dunn, published September 23, 2018)

For more information keep reading ([click HERE](#)).

Membership Update by Susan Merrill

Membership Update

We currently have 75 members who have joined/paid dues for this year. Our "year" runs July 1st to June 30th with renewals happening until there aren't any more! If you haven't yet renewed for the year this would be a good time to do so. You can mail a check (PO Box 689, Kitty Hawk, 27949) or use paypal on the website (<http://www.lwvdarenc.org/join.html>) and save your stamp! Dues are \$55 for an individual membership and \$80 for a household membership.

In addition to sending thanks to those who have renewed for the year, we would like to welcome our new members who have joined thus far:

Carol Sykes
Andrea Van Wyck
Carl Curnutte
William Duiker
Amanda Hooper
Verna Hooper
Morgan Mason
Laura Singletary
Ann Williams

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