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Co-President's Message

by Fran Kapinos and Judy Lotas



Upcoming Events:

Dare LWV Presents Telemedicine Info With OB Hospital Experts on May 1st at 7 PM at KDH Town Hall. See details below.

Annual Meeting with Buffet Lunch at Pamlico Jack's on Thursday, June 6th. Speaker- Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, Bob Woodard will update us on "The State of Dare County".

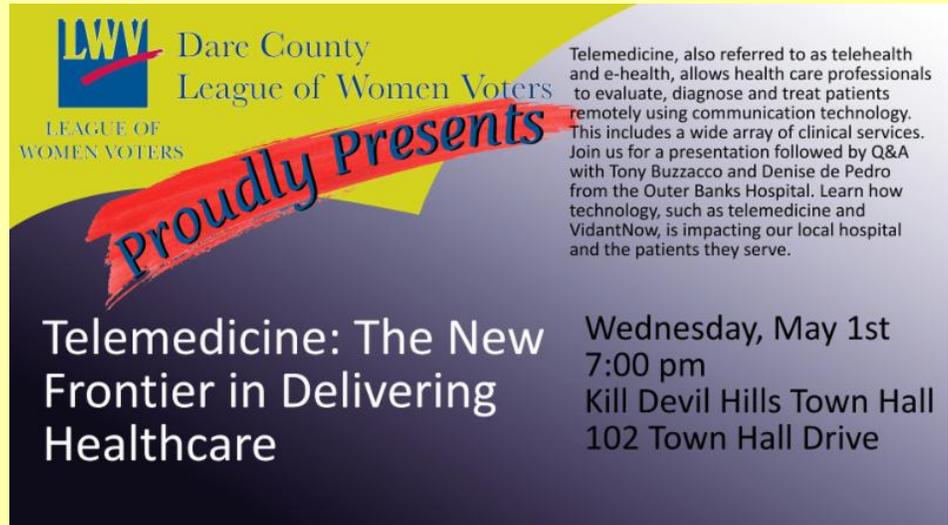
Election and Installation of Officers and Board Members, Budget Adoption, etc. A packet of information is being mailed out for this purpose.

State News:

The State LWV is reaching out to local chapters asking for suggestions as to how the board can be more effective in networking, assisting, involvement in issues, improving skills, etc. Focus will continue on Voting Rights, Voting Services, ERA passage, and Redistricting. Diversity, Inclusion and Equity are goals to be kept in mind. If you have suggestions for the state or our local LWV please e mail Fran and Judy at fkapinos@aol.com and judylotas@gmail.com

Six members of Dare LWV are participating in the state convention on May 17-19 in Chapel Hill. We will be well represented and looking forward to their reports. Two of our members are nominated for board positions: Craig Merrill and James Cofield. Nancy Birindelli, Marion Midgett, Judy Lotas and Audrey Esposito will also attend. Have an informative experience, and lots of fun!

Coming Soon!



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Proudly Presents

Telemedicine, also referred to as telehealth and e-health, allows health care professionals to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients remotely using communication technology. This includes a wide array of clinical services. Join us for a presentation followed by Q&A with Tony Buzzacco and Denise de Pedro from the Outer Banks Hospital. Learn how technology, such as telemedicine and VidantNow, is impacting our local hospital and the patients they serve.

Telemedicine: The New Frontier in Delivering Healthcare

Wednesday, May 1st
7:00 pm
Kill Devil Hills Town Hall
102 Town Hall Drive

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When: Wednesday, May 1, 7:00pm

Where: Kill Devil Hills Town Hall
102 Town Hall Drive
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

What: Find out how the Outer Banks Hospital is using remote care to better serve Outer Banks residents and vacationers using internet, wireless, satellite and telephone service. Join us for a presentation followed by Q&A with Tony Buzzacco and Denise de Pedro from the Outer Banks Hospital.

Please be sure to put these informative, important events on your calendars and plan on attending.

See our full calendar of events for May 2019 [HERE](#).

Breaking News: North Carolina's 3rd House District Primary Results

by John Towler

With approximately 90% of the precincts reporting, Republican Greg Murphy holds a comfortable 3,000 vote lead over his closest opponent, Dr. Joan Perry.

Democrat Allen Thomas has won the overwhelming majority of votes in his primary, holding a nearly 6,000 vote lead over Richard Bew, his closest opponent.

The Democrats appear to have a clear winner of their primary, while the larger Republican field has yet to anoint its candidate. If no candidate receives more than 30 percent of the vote on Tuesday, the candidate who receives the second highest number of votes may demand a second primary, which would take place July 9.

Mr. Thomas Thomas served as the mayor of Greenville, North Carolina from December 2011-July 2017. Mr. Murphy is a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, representing District 9. Dr. Perry, who may be Mr. Murphy's opponent in a Republican run-off is a pediatrician from Kinston who has not held elected office.

Republican Primary

Candidate	Vote	Pct.
✓ Greg Murphy	9,163	23.1%
Joan Perry	5,839	14.7
Phil Shepard	4,897	12.3
Michael Speciale	3,902	9.8
Phil Law	3,475	8.7
Eric Rouse	2,919	7.3
Jeff Moore	2,124	5.3
Francis De Luca	1,565	3.9
Celeste Cairns	1,376	3.5
Chimer Clark	1,005	2.5
Graham Boyd	859	2.2
Michele Nix	810	2.0
Paul Beaumont	764	1.9
Mike Payment	537	1.4
Don Cox	243	0.6
Kevin Baiko	160	0.4
Gary Ceres	108	0.3

39,746 votes, 91% reporting (214 of 236 precincts)

– Show fewer candidates

Advances to runoff

Democratic Primary

Candidate	Vote	Pct.
✓ Allen Thomas	12,217	50.0%
Richard Bew	6,168	25.2
Dana Outlaw	3,147	12.9
Ike Johnson	1,604	6.6
Ernest Reeves	664	2.7
Gregory Humphrey	642	2.6

24,442 votes, 90% reporting (213 of 236 precincts)

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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.



Reminder - Belk Charity Day Sale

Coming to your mail box in a few days will be the spring Belk Charity Day tickets and instructions on their use. Please read the letter carefully since the sale has been greatly revised - much longer hours for shopping and several other changes.

For new members, your League participates in this event to augment our operating budget. The purchase of the tickets is voluntary.



SALE DAY - MAY 4 - 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
PRESALE DAYS - APRIL 22 - MAY 3

Thank you for participating and happy shopping.



April 30, 2019

For now, plans are on hold for oil drilling off the North Carolina coast. This comes after an announcement by Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. In late April, he announced the Department was waiting for a decision on appeals of a court order blocking offshore drilling in the Arctic and within specific canyons in the North and Mid-Atlantic before continuing expansions on the East Coast.

While the news is good, it is being met with cautious optimism and opponents to drilling are not letting their guard down.

"This ruling may have temporarily stopped the clock but it does not diminish the threat of drilling along the North Carolina coast," said Todd Miller, executive director of the North Carolina Coastal Federation.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management still has scheduled open houses in Kill Devil Hills and Morehead City later this year, indicating the East Coast could still be considered in long-term drilling plans. Federation members are encouraged to call their state and federal representatives to express concerns about the detrimental impacts offshore oil and gas exploration and seismic surveying would have on our coast. We support and are encouraging state legislation that would prevent offshore drilling.

The federation and Don't Drill NC Coalition partners continue to track activity and are providing updates at www.nccoast.org/oil.

Contact your senators and make your voice heard:

Senator Richard Burr: (202) 224-3154

Senator Thom Tillis: (202) 224-6342

How a mother's note won the right to vote

by Judy Lotas - ERA State Co-chair, League of Women Voters

It was steaming hot in Nashville that day--August 18, 1920--and Tennessee's General Assembly was in fierce session. Of the 36 states needed to ratify the amendment that would give women the right to vote, 35 had voted yes. Just one more state was needed.

And now it was up to Tennessee.

For six weeks women had pleaded, lobbied, leaned on legislators to vote AYE for the suffragists NAY for the antis. And now this final, historic vote was tied 48 to 48!

Harry Burn, the youngest member of the legislature, was personally in favor of ratification but feared for his re-election if he voted yes. But

there, in his breast pocket, was a letter from his mother, just arrived that morning. Harry's widowed mom had written "Dear Son: Hurrah and vote for suffrage and don't keep them in doubt.....with lots of love, Mama."

And here we are again.

North Carolina has the chance to be a national hero by ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment. 37 states have done so; one more state is needed. Bills reside now in the Senate Rules Committee and the House Judiciary Committee. The last several attempts to ratify ERA have failed not because of being voted down but because of never seeing the light of day! They sit in committees gathering cobwebs, ignored, a quiet slap in the face to the 52% of North Carolinians who happen to be women. The ERA is about equality of rights as citizens. Women's legal rights do not equal those of men.

As Justice Scalia said, "Certainly the Constitution does not require discrimination on the basis of sex. The only question is whether it prohibits it. It doesn't." The ERA has nothing to do with abortion-but it does have to do with equal pay for equal work, which would be an enormous boon to the 40% of households headed by women. What is the opposition? Myths. Untruths. Misunderstanding. Businesses that don't want to bother equalizing salaries.

If only Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Berger and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Rabon would write to their powerful sons in the General Assembly and say "Dear Son: Hurrah and vote for the Equal Rights Amendment....it is the right thing to do. With lots of love, Mama."

ERA News

by Judy Lotas

House Judiciary to Hold First ERA Hearing in 36 Years

Article excerpt:

For the first time in nearly four decades, the House Judiciary Committee will hold an official hearing on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This exciting development exemplifies the growing momentum behind finally ratifying the ERA in the Constitution.

The hearing will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at 10:00 a.m in room 2141 of the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. This hearing is an opportunity for constitutional scholars and advocates to address the ongoing need for the ERA. The fact is that the progress we have made towards women's equality can be lost at any time because those advances depend on legislation that can be (and has been) weakened or repealed by Congress without this amendment.

"The ERA is as simple as it is necessary. Nearly 230 years after our Constitution was ratified, and nearly 100 years since the first ERA was introduced, it is shocking the Constitution still fails to expressly guarantee gender equality," House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, (D-New York), said in a statement.

From the Editor - Pays to Vote Instead of Pay to Vote

by John Towler

Just to again prove there's nothing new under the sun, after reading about the low turnout for early voting in the recent special election, I was musing about ways to encourage people to vote. Clearly appealing to civic duty has not worked, so the patriotic approach is out. There have been suggestions

to make Election Day a holiday, but that's been kicked around for 30 years if not more with no success.

I got to thinking about what people do on a regular basis that requires very little effort akin to voting. Something where maybe they use a #2 pencil or pen to bubble in a choice on a paper card...and a little light bulb went off over my head: playing the lottery! Over 90 million people play the lottery annually (many are repeat customers, something we wouldn't want in the polling booth, naturally). That's fewer than the number of people that vote (typically a little more than half of the 235,000,000 people of voting age), but still it would add a healthy chunk of new blood to the polls.

Imagine a voting lottery where a voter in every state has a one-in-whatever shot at winning a \$100,000 prize just for showing up to vote. Your odds would be far better than any of the current so-called Education Lottery's run around the country (currently 1 in about 258.9 million, if you were curious).

Turns out this idea is not new. It has been kicked around for quite a while and there have actually been a few places that have experimented with it. It's a bit difficult to track down reports since searching "voting lottery" gets you a lot of articles about randomly selecting people from the population to serve in office. But if you are interested in learning more about the idea of a cash-incentive to vote, here are a few links. Just click on the title of the article to have a look.

[Would cash prizes make you more likely to vote?](#)

[The Mega Millions Solution](#)

and for a more academic look:

[On Using Fines and Lottery Prizes to Increase Voter Turnout](#)

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