



**FLORENCE AREA**

**April e-news**

## **Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, April 20 11:30 a.m. Top Hat Special Teas**

It's time to celebrate another successful year with the League of Women Voters of the Florence Area. Join us to elect new officers and board members, approve the budget for 2013-14 and to hear from our guest speaker, **Mr. Ralph Porter, Director of Choices**, a charter school for grades 7-12.

**Please RSVP no later than April 15** by sending your check for **\$25** per person to Frances Elmore 4205 Byrnes Blvd Florence, SC 29506. Make check payable to **Florence LWV**. This is a great time to invite anyone you think might be interested in joining so indicate who your guest/s will be on the check.

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**From the Nominating Committee--**Chair Dr. Belva H. High; members Linda Gremillion and Edith Robertson

**Co-Presidents** 2013 - 2015 Becky Carr and M. Hannah Reig

**Secretary** 2013 - 2015 Sheila Gallagher

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** 2013 - 14 Frances Elmore (filling unexpired term)

**2nd Vice-President** 2013 - 2015- Elizabeth Caldwell

**Board members-** 2013 - 2014 Jane Ketcham (filling unexpired term)  
2013 - 2015 Melinda Lott and Barbara Thayer

**Nominating Committee** Chair Dolores Miller (one year term)  
Member Sarah Shelley (one year term)

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**The Budget Committee**--Chair Lucy Dargan and members Terri Lucas and Rebecca Smith propose the following budget for 2013-14

**INCOME**

DUES (44@\$45; 3 @ \$22.50)	\$2,047.50
FUNDRAISER 500.00	
IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,647.50</b>

**EXPENSES**

STATE DUES (39 @ \$14; 2 @ \$7)	\$ 560.00
NATIONAL DUES ( 39 @ \$30; 2 @ \$15)	1,200.00
BULLETIN	75.00
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	200.00
STATE COUNCIL	150.00
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY	200.00
BOARD EXPENSES	75.00
PRESIDENTS' EXPENSES	125.00
MISCELLANEOUS	62.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,647.50</b>

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**Upcoming meetings of interest**

**Thursday April 11 6-7:30 p.m. Florence-Darlington Technical College--  
Medicaid Expansion Forum**

**Tuesday April 16 7 p.m. West Florence Fire Department --Penny sales tax  
Open Hearing--Let your voice be heard**

**Saturday-Sunday April 27/28 LWV State Convention Spartanburg, SC**

**Meeting with Florence County Delegation**

**The Honorable Kevin L. Johnson, State Senator for District 36 (Clarendon,**

**Darlington, Florence and Sumter Counties)** was the **ONLY** legislator to show for a meeting with LWW-F members on Monday, March 25 at the Florence County Library.

Fortunately for League members, Senator Johnson proved to be the only one needed. A native son, he is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, and spent most of his working career as a state employee at the SC Retirement Division. His public service experience includes serving as mayor of Manning, SC, as well as in the SC House of Representatives prior to being elected to his present position.

During an easy and relaxed presentation, the Senator covered a wide range of issues and bills pending before the General Assembly of interest to League members. Mentioned particularly were Bill 308 allowing concealed weapons in establishments serving alcohol, Early Voting, Question of Electing or the Governor Appointing the Superintendent of Education, and Expansion of Medicaid.

Discussion also included interest in overhauling the system of funding highway construction and repair in the state. Senator Johnson responded freely to questions and urged those present to contact their legislators and voice their wishes about any current issues or other concerns.

Representative Williams, who was unable to be with us because of a prior commitment, sent information about an upcoming meeting concerning medicaid expansion(see information above)

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**Update on Sheila**--"Madam Secretary" remains at her home in Columbia, resting and receiving treatments with frequent "bed checks" by her sister and friends. Keep up the good work, Kid!

**Update on Josephine**--Josephine Jupiter lost her house and possessions to a fire and is currently looking for a place to live. We will be in touch when we get a new address for her. We're all wishing you the best, Josephine!

**Sympathy**--Our prayers and sympathy go out to Linda Gremillion on the recent loss of her sister.

