



## **Florence Area**

## **July 2016 e-news**

## **Management Team**

Teresa Anderson, 2nd VP  
Frances Elmore, Treasurer  
Sheila Gallagher, Secretary  
Karen Herbert, 1st VP  
Judith Kern, Director

At the annual meeting in April 2016, membership voted to be governed by a Management Team (see above listing) since there was no candidate for President. An annual budget was passed and Frances Elmore, Karen Herbert, Edith Robertson, and Sarah Shelley were elected as 1st VP, Treasurer, and Directors respectively to serve two year terms. Hannah Reig was elected Nominating Committee Chair and Josephine Jupiter was elected as a member of the Nominating Committee for 2016-17.

The 2016-2017 Board Planning meeting was held at the Cross and Crown Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Frances Elmore presented a written Treasurer's report. Karen Herbert spoke on membership and looking specifically at Young Professionals, the Rotary Club and Business and Professional Women for potential members and presented a written report on LWVSC State Council meeting. The following plans were made:

### **TENTATIVE DATES**

**Thursday, August 25— Celebrating Women's Equality Day** at the Public Library with a showing of the movie *Suffragettes*. Networking 5:30 with an opportunity to register to vote and a 6 PM movie showing. Please invite friends and pass along to other clubs, etc.

**Monday, September 19-- Candidates forum** at the Public Library. Networking 5:30 and forum to begin at 6 p.m. with those candidates who have opposition in November.

**Monday, October 3** Board meeting 5:30 PM at Central United Methodist Church (CUMC).

**Monday, November 28** Board meeting 5:30 p.m. at CUMC if needed

**Monday, January 9, 2017 Health Gap Issues** meeting at CUMC Time and Speaker to be determined

**February 6, 2017 Board Meeting** 5:30 p.m.

**February ?Fundraiser** (Date and place TBD)

**March 6, 2017 Celebrating Women's History Month** (TBD)

**April Celebrating Earth Day** (TBD)

## **April 29-30 LWVSC Convention in Columbia**

**May 2017** Annual meeting (Date and place TBD)

### **NEWS FROM THE LWV NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Membership in the League will now be open to non-citizens and anyone age 16 or over.

- Program for the next two years will focus on Making Democracy Work. Through the process of concurrence, delegates expanded our healthcare position to include behavioral health and adopted a redistricting position. Other positions are unchanged.
- A budget that will keep PMP (per member payment) to LWVUS at \$32 was approved.
- President Elisabeth MacNamara and other retiring board members, including Barbara Zia and Peggy Appler from South Carolina, were honored.
- New board members and new president, Chris Carson, a history professor from California were elected. Peggy Appler OF SC was named as Nominating Committee Chair.
- Resolutions on gun control, D.C. statehood and climate control were adopted.

### **NEWS FROM LWVSC**

#### **Ethics Reform is Finally The Law in SC**

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina (LWVSC/League) and all of its local Leagues across the state celebrated Governor Haley's signing of two important ethics reform bills passed by the General Assembly. For sixty-five years, volunteer League members have been committed to making democracy work in South Carolina and for the past four years, LWVSC joined reformers and partner organizations to improve trust in and transparency by our public officials specifically through ethics reform. With requirements for public officials across South Carolina to disclose their private and public sources of income (with exceptions such as private pensions, IRAs and disability payments), citizens can now judge more clearly whether our officials are acting in the public's interest or are using their official positions to serve their own interest (H.3186). An independent Ethics Commission assures citizens that any ethics complaints against legislators will now be investigated by an external commission rather than internal House and Senate ethics committees (H.3184). This would not have been possible without Lynn Teague, Director of LWVSC and lobbyist.