



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FLORENCE AREA JANUARY 2012 E-NEWSLETTER

What is the Future of I-73 and Other Road Projects in South Carolina?

Please plan to be present at Central United Methodist Church **Monday January 30th, 5:30 p.m.**

The LWV of the Florence Area will host **Sarah Nuckles, Fifth District Department of Transportation Board Commissioner**, who will share the latest information on the various road projects planned for our state, including the controversial Interstate 73.

Ms. Nuckles represents all, or parts, of 14 counties, including Florence and Darlington. She is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University, a native of South Carolina and currently living in York County.

Voters Service and Citizen Education

The Youth Voter Registration Project, registering high school and community college students, will begin with an organizational meeting **Monday January 30th** immediately after the presentation by Ms. Nuckles.

You are cordially invited to the South Carolina screening of...

Patriocracy, a new documentary about political polarization, on **Wednesday, January 18, 6 pm**, at **Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Auditorium, 930 Richland Street, Columbia.**

According to a LWV release, "*Political dysfunction and polarization have brought American politics to historical lows. This new documentary drills down to the roots of political polarization and offers solutions.*"

The film will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by **Elisabeth MacNamara, LWV-US President**. Panelists include former **US Rep. John Spratt, USC School of Communication Dean** and former **CNN anchor Charles Bierbauer, Greater Columbia Community Relations Council Interim Director Lee Catoe, filmmaker Brian Malone**, and others.

This free special screening of ***Patriocracy*** is open to the public and sponsored by the League of Women Voters in conjunction with Greater Columbia Community Relations Council. Refreshments will be served.

Florence LWV members interested in car pooling to this event are asked to notify Frances Elmore (662-5143) or Dolores Miller (662-4588) ASAP!

Program Planning

The **LWV Florence Area Board** meets **Monday January 16, 6 p.m.**, at the home of **Rebecca Smith, 809 Indian Drive, Florence**. The LWV-US National Program Planning will be reviewed. All members are welcome to attend.

South Carolina's Superintendent of Education Holds Town Hall Meeting

State Superintendent Nick Zais will hold a town hall meeting to discuss opting out of portions of the law **No Child Left Behind Law** on **January 18** at **Florence-Darlington Technical Education College**. *Details to be made available later.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

(All programs will be held at Central Methodist at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

February 11 Annual Fund Raiser - Home of Belva High 10:30 a.m. - Noon

*****(New)February 20** -- **RECYCLING: Joint meeting with Darlington County LWV.**

Guest speaker **Ronnie Grant of SONOCO** will discuss new plans for recycling--
Florence Darlington Technical College Auditorium 5:30 p.m.

March 26 **Education--** Panel discussion concerning evaluating teachers

April 21 **Annual Meeting** - Top Hat Special Teas 11:30 a.m.

Other Important Dates

Board Meetings (open to all members) **January 16, and March 19**
6 p.m. at the home of Rebecca Smith, 809 Indian Drive

Check It Out - Thanks to Becky Carr our web site is FULL of information. Visit us at www.florencearea.sc.lwvnet.org