



Florence Area

January e-news

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Monday, January 23, 2017 Health Care Issues meeting at Central United Methodist Church 5:30 p.m. with program starting at 5:45 p.m. **Brittany Timmons, DNP-BC, a board-certified nurse practitioner** at HopeHealth, will be the guest speaker. She received her Doctor of Nursing Practice from the Medical University of South Carolina, She works primarily with residents at Bethea Baptist where she provides primary care to rehab and long-term residents.

February 6 Board Meeting 3-5 pm Consensus on Health and Program Planning meeting at CUMC
All League members are eligible to attend board meetings.

February 11 6-8 p.m. Fundraiser Wine Tasting Tickets (\$20) on sale now. Event will be held at the Clay Pot on Dargan St. with Dennis Fraley, wine aficionado introducing wines to go with the food served. Tickets available at the Clay Pot or from LWV Board members. You will be contacted to help provide food needed. Menu will follow soon.

March 6 Celebrating Women's History Month (TBD)

April 23 Celebrating Earth Day with Dr. Matt Smith from the Pee Dee Regional Research Center. Meeting scheduled for St. John's Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m.

May 8 6 p.m. Annual meeting at the Clay Pot. Menu, prices, etc. announced later. **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Other Important Dates

January 28th LEAD

The LWVSC Board is planning another great Leadership, Education, and Advocacy Day for the last Saturday of January. Mark January 28th on your calendar from 9 am until 3 pm. We will return to The South Carolina Education Association building on Zimalcrest Drive. Lynn Teague will get us ready for the new legislative session. Patrick Dennis, Speaker of the House's Counsel and former Chief Counsel of the House Judiciary Committee, will share his years of insight on how the SC legislature works. Amy Armstrong, the Executive Director and General Counsel of the South Carolina Environmental Law Project will share the latest on natural resource advocacy in South Carolina, and we will still have plenty of time for a program planning and idea sharing session among League's looking for Make Democracy Work programing and common ground issues. Ready to register? Sign up today.

If you are interested in attending LEAD, please contact F. Elmore djmfle@aol.com Your registration will be paid by the League.

April 29-30 LWVSC Convention 2017

The Clemson League has been working with the state League to start planning next Spring's LWVSC convention. Mark your calendars for April 29th - 30th, 2017. The planning for this convention is being led by Clemson, but will be in Columbia to make it as affordable and centrally located as possible. We've reserved The Inn at USC, a boutique hotel located in and around a 1910 home adjacent to USC. Let's fill it up with League members and great speakers for the weekend. We need at least 4 delegates to attend.

Completing the Health Care Consensus

Health Care Consensus Questions

Give us your feedback through e-mail. Below are the questions to be addressed:

1. Do you support expanded health insurance coverage for uninsured South Carolinians? If Yes, which of the following are your priorities? (Check all that apply) covering low income individuals Basic health care mental health care access to health care in rural areas prescription drug coverage co-pays based on income children
2. Should the state of SC take responsibility for providing at least basic health care to its citizens through: a) medicaid expansion b) developing its own plan c) encouraging insurers to offer more affordable options d) Other e) none of the above
3. Should the League support efforts to address lifestyle health issues such as obesity and tobacco use by (check all that apply) supporting policies to address nutritional education and physical activity discouraging the use of tobacco Other
4. How important is it for the League to affirm its commitment to reproductive rights, including family planning, access to abortion and sex education? very important somewhat important not important

Send your responses to djmfle@aol.com before February 6