



Florence Area

March e-news

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Nominating Chair: Amy Wood '18 and member Hannah Reig '18 (serving as off-board for membership)

Budget Chair : Janet Watt, Chair Joel Thayer Frances Elmore '18 one year terms

Many thanks to Barbara Thayer, Edith Robertson and Sarah Shelley for the Fund Raiser at Seminar Brewing in February. Lots of fun, good conversation, great food and drinks were had by all who attended. If you weren't able to attend or purchase tickets, please send in a donation to our fund raiser. Make checks payable to Florence LWV and send to F. Elmore 4205 Byrnes Blvd. Florence 29506 And thank you!

We welcome back to the League Ellen Hamilton Director of Pee Dee Coalition

Don't Miss This

What: A presentation by Dr. Karen K. Gittings, Associate Dean of School of Health Sciences Francis Marion University

When: Monday March 26— Networking 5:30 p.m. and program begins 6 p.m.

Where: The auditorium of Luther F. Carter Center for Health Sciences on the corner of Irby and W. Evans streets downtown Florence

Other important dates

April 23 Coastal Conservation Voters Political and Outreach Director Will Smith will be discussing the purpose of Coastal Conservation and what "mere" citizens can do to promote environmentally sound energy in South Carolina

May 21 Annual Meeting Top Hat Special Teas Networking 5:30 Dinner 6 p.m.

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It is exciting to celebrate "Women's History Month." The important role of women has not always garnered the attention it deserved. Little to no attention has been paid to women for the many duties they handle each day, to say nothing of the lack of compensation or reward. Too many women perform their roles expertly, then take up the man's job when he no longer is in the home. As nurturers, we have assumed the duties of caring for all: the children, the husband, the house, the pets, and the flowers in the yard. And let's not forget that all the while we are the first teachers to our children.

Now, with the rapid pace of today's world, it seems the routine jobs of yesterday are compounded by the new demands of today. With instant communication from everyone, we are bombarded with

tweets, texts, email and all manner of messages from the family members--kindergarten to college--and don't leave out "honey-do's" from our mates, all asking for some help.

And now, I was just told by radio, we are getting our recognition. We are praised for being more involved in politics. The 2016 presidential election saw two women run for the highest office in the land. Since that election, a record number of women have been inspired to run for office. The #MeToo/Time's Up movements, too, have made it clear that women are forces to be reckoned with.

As we approach the centennial anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters in 1920, we salute our founder, Carrie Chapman Catt, for her vision of such a dynamic organization for women. I hope she would be pleased to know her sisters have now invited their husbands and companions to join them.

Yes, we have a long history of supporting the family and the community as we stand shoulder-to-shoulder for many causes.

~Dot Law, Co-President