



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FLORENCE AREA SEPTEMBER 2011 E-NEWSLETTER

So, you joined, or are thinking about joining, LWV-Florence Area!
New members or ol..., er, *Maturely Enhanced* members
are invited to attend

“The League of Women Voters in a Nutshell”

Monday, September 26, 5:30 p.m., Spears Fellowship Hall, Central United Methodist Church
(Enter on the Irby St. side under the portico)

Ever stumped when a friend asks you about the League? *Why all the fuss about “Non partisan”?* What’s so special about being a “grassroots organization” anyway? *What does the League do when it isn’t election time?* I heard that you can’t be a League member and belong to a political party. Is that right?...*Are you from Ohio?*

Now is your chance to learn or refresh your memory bank with a few facts about the League, its purpose, history and unique process for adopting positions of national interest. Coordinators for the evening are LWV-SC Co President Peggy Brown and LWV-F 1st VP Dolores Miller. Don’t miss this lively program, informative and fun. Also, details about upcoming programs will be presented.

Check It Out - Thanks to Becky Carr our website has been updated and is full of information. Visit us at www.florencearea.sc.lwvnet.org

A Big Welcome to Melinda Lott of 2247 Inverness Drive, Florence, e-mail mjlott7165@aol.com, who attended the reception as a guest of member and joined the League soon after. Happy to have you, Melinda!

And, Thank You Soooo much!...to all who helped with, who came, who came and brought friends and/or otherwise helped to make our champagne reception on August 25 honoring Women’s Equality Day, founding member Dolores Miller, Patsy Stone, and Barbara Sylvester and our own Peggy Brown such a successful kick off for LWV-F’s 41st year!

League Leaders Day - Becky Carr, Frances Elmore, Dolores Miller and Hannah Reig attended League Leaders Day in Columbia on Saturday, August 27. Much was learned about redistricting, recycling, transportation, etc., thanks to the hard work of LWV-SC board members, including Sheila Gallagher and Peggy Brown, Co president.

FYI - The Northeastern Strategic Alliance held a public hearing on the proposed I-73 on Friday, September 16, at the Lee Nursing Building, Francis Marion University. Peggy Brown, LWV-SC CO President, Becky Carr, LWV-F Board Member and Elizabeth Weems, Horry County MAL Unit Chair, proposed alternatives using existing roads that would be less costly and have less impact on the environment.

****DUES ARE DUE--MAIL TO** Frances Elmore 4205 Byrnes Blvd Florence
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Make check payable to Florence LWV(\$45 for one or \$67.50 for two at the same address)

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER(all programs will be held at Central Methodist at
5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

October 24 Redistricting

November 28 Criminal Justice with Solicitor Ed Clements

January 30 Natural Resources

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

March 26 Education

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

Other Important Dates:

Board Meetings(open to all members) **October 17, January 16, and March 19**
6 p.m.at the home of Rebecca Smith

September 30 Presentation of LWVSC Presidents Oral History & Celebration of LWV-
SC 60th anniversary USC Thomas Cooper Library

October--Voter Education Month

October 9--Last day to register to vote in the 2011 General Election in South Carolina