

League of Women Voters of Darlington County, SC
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The League of Women Voters was created in 1920 when the US Constitution's Nineteenth Amendment permitted women to vote. However, they soon realized that they actually knew little about their government and its policies. This non-partisan organization is a multi-issue grassroots body representing us at local, state and national levels with men and high-school/college students welcome as well. Inquire about membership at www.darlington.sc.lwv.org.

Other 2017-2018 meetings:

- November 16, "Redistricting", Hartsville, Coker College Library, 2nd floor room 228.
- January 27, "League Leaders' Day, Columbia
- February 15, "SC Utilities", Hartsville, TBA
- March 15, "SC Transport", Darlington, TBA
- April 27, "LWVSC Council", Columbia, TBA
- May 17, "Annual Meeting", Darlington, Council on Aging, 402 Pearl St.

Featuring a new member: Bill Heitsman joined our local League at the May, 2017, Annual Meeting where he had been invited to speak on his instructor experiences as a "civics" teacher and professor at Francis Marion University – "Were voting protocols discussed?" Reared in Alliance, OH, he received his college education there in Canton College and Akron University. A career educator, he has taught at Hartsville High School as well. Asked why the League had interested him, his response was that it was a non-political look at politics, and really as such, he considered it to be "the only game in town". Bill's current interest is in redistricting, which national and state League has identified as its focus too.



Topics To-Date: Our Darlington County local applied for a LWVSC grant citing two emphases this fall - “Making Democracy Work” (September’s meeting theme) where targeted voter registration was explained and resources distributed to six civic partners agreeing to host the two-week registration. Initial contacts had been made by Sheila with the LWVD volunteers implementing delivery and pick up of about 35 registration applications.

Sheila and Joyce attended a United Methodist Church of SC coalition who presented our October’s meeting theme “Courageous Conversations on Race”. A starter kit for this meeting ("Holding Up Your Corner: Talking about race in your community") is available as a tool for duplication by contacting Sheila at her e-mail address. haneyls@yahoo.com

Business:

Next meeting is a “field trip” to the state meeting’s League Leaders’ Day, Saturday, January 27, 2018 in Columbia. Details later. We plan to gathering in December.

Winter-Spring 2018 calendar events are Hartsville’s February 15’s “SC Utilities’ Status” and Darlington’s March 15’s “SC Public Transport”. Locations to be announced.

Let Sheila know if you are not receiving by US mail your SCVoter Winter, 2017 newsletter as you’re entitled to one now three quarters a year (no summer edition).

Several of our inactive members would appreciate hearing from you: Veronica Wilson, Dorothy Quist, Sheri Misner; all are listed in the 2017-18 revised membership.



President Sheila Haney and Vice President Joyce Franklin at spring’s 2017 League of Women Voters SC Columbia Convention.

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