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September Membership Meeting

10 a.m. Wednesday, September 15, 2010
 Public Service District #1
 23 Oak Park Drive
 Hilton Head Island, SC

Our featured speaker for the September Membership Meeting is Scott Marshall, Executive Director of the Beaufort County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. Mr. Marshall was selected to replace Agnes Garvin in April, 2009. He holds bachelor's degrees in political science and psychology and a master's degree in public administration. Mr. Marshall is a retired Air Force officer and a former senior executive mission director of the Presidential Airlift Squadron. With a little over a year in this position, Mr. Marshall will address the results of his review and assessment of the election process in our county and his plans for future improvements. Mr. Ron Clifford, Vice-Chairman of the Election Commission will also speak and answer questions.

October Program

Our League, in conjunction with several other community organizations, is proud to sponsor the Hilton Head Island Mayoral Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. The Forum will start at 7 p.m. in the Visual and Performing Arts Center at Hilton Head High School. The Forum will be televised on the Beaufort County channel. We will not have our regularly scheduled Wednesday meeting on October 13.

League Leaders Day

"Action: It's What We Do!" was the theme of a "packed" League Leaders Day on Saturday, August 21st in Columbia. Janet Law and Barbara Swift drove up for the busy, action-packed, educational and inspirational experience.

Janet and Barbara brought back a plethora of information which will enhance our League. The day started with a panel on the "School to Prison

Pipeline", continuing with some giggles as we heard some of the pitfalls in dealing with candidates and the audience while moderating a forum. After a stellar performance as Democratic hopeful Alvin Greene, Constance Anas-topoulo presented the exciting LWVUS judiciary project which has selected South Carolina as a state to focus on increasing judicial diversity.

A discussion on getting the League message

to the media, a panel on nonpartisanship in the League, and information about the two State consensus questions (water supply and school governance) and a concurrence on the Charleston illegal drug study were also presented. Along with voting, advocacy and redistricting questions, all of these will be part of our HHI League program for the coming year. Look for our evolving and exciting plans.

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From the Presidents



From The Co-Presidents

On August 26 we celebrated Women's Equality Day and remembered our roots. In a column in the New York Times on Aug. 13, Gail Collins writes in "My Favorite August" about the final vote for the passage of the 19th Amendment. The long struggle was winding down and lacked the adoption of one state. The vote was in the Tennessee legislature and a young man by the name of Harry Burn switched his vote from a no to a yes because he got a note from his mother urging him to vote for ratification. It passed with his vote.

And so after we remember our roots, we continue with what we do best. Summer is often a slow period, a "down time" for the League, but not so this election year. Committees and members have been busy planning for the fall. You'll see elsewhere in this issue plans for Program and Voters Service.

For our September Program we look forward to hearing from Scott Marshall, Beaufort County Director of Elections and Voter Registration. Voters Service, with a Mayoral Forum will be our October Program.

In between we will have lots of Voter Service



LWVHHI Co-Presidents
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activity in the form of registering voters at both the High School and the Library, holding other forums, and providing voter information. We've also been asked to provide moderators for other forums.

Remind your friends to check out League web sites for more information: LWVHHI.org, LWVSC.org, LWVUS.org

Voter Service

Now that Fall is approaching, here's the Registration and Voter Service News. Registration days have been scheduled for Hilton Head High School for September 16 and 17 for registering the high school seniors and teachers. This will occur at lunchtime at the school cafeteria. Also 2 registration days have been planned for the Library on Beach City Road for September 11 and September 25 for the general public. The hours are 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. The High School Parent's Newsletter and the Newspapers have been informed of these dates.

Our October membership meeting will be the Mayoral Forum for seven (7) candidates on Tuesday evening, October 12 at 7 PM in the High School Auditorium.

Several candidate forums are in the planning stages for the Town Council Elections. These will probably occur in October.

Membership



This year the League will continue to focus on increasing our membership. Last year we formed a Membership Committee to discuss how to encourage new membership and so far this year, 15 new members have joined whose names I have listed in previous newsletters. Our newest member is Gloria Gleason and I would like to welcome her to our league. Our present membership consists of 88 active members. Unfortunately, during our 2010 membership drive we lost a few of our valued members.

We have an exciting new fall season ahead of us and we hope all our members, new and old, will come forth with ideas to help our committee. Do not feel that any idea is too large or too small. We offer membership in the League to anyone who expresses an interest, be it man or woman. If you would like to express your ideas or know of anyone who may want to join, please contact me at 681-3096..

: Ellen Forwalk Membership Chair

DVD "Iron Jawed Angels" Available

"Iron Jawed Angels" – The story of Alice Paul (Hilary Swank) and the suffragettes is available for loan.

To promote better understanding and appreciation of the tremendous effort it took to get women the right to vote, as part of our celebration of the 90th anniversary of the 19th amendment, LWVHHI will make available for borrowing two DVD's of "Iron-Jawed Angels". You may sign one out at a League meeting.

SEPTEMBER Calendar of Events

Board Meetings

Thursday, Sept. 9, 9:45 at Harbourside Bank,
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All members are welcome at Board meetings.

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Mayoral Forum (all 7 if still running)
High School Auditorium

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