

DO YOU CARE ABOUT . . .

- Individual liberties and personal privacy?
- Environmental issues like clean water and air, land use, waste management, and energy conservation?
- US relations with other countries and US participation in UN activities?
- Sound fiscal policy and funding government programs?
- Social policies, such as equal access to employment and quality education, and affordable housing
- Informed voter participation?

DO YOU WANT TO . . .

- Become informed?
- Make your voice heard?
- Affect government policy?

**We invite you to join the
League of Women Voters.**

**Your involvement
makes a difference.**

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

LWV of the Piedmont Triad

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Over the years, the LWVPT has helped voters get to know candidates. We have held forums, which have allowed voters to question candidates directly and to learn of candidates' positions on issues. These candidate meetings are often televised. We have frequently published candidates' answers to league questions. In recent years, candidates remarks can be found on our web site (lwwpt.org).

In 2000, the league began offering short courses on topics of interest to the public: Civics 101 & 102—understanding county and city functions and how the courts work (2000 & 2003), and Civics 103—the judicial system (2006). Coming in 2008, the league will offer “Civics 104—Your Health, Your Money, Your Vote: The Health Care Puzzle.” Courses are open to any resident of the community.

HOW WE WORK

At our annual meeting, members elect officers and select our program and study topics for the year ahead. Our board and program committees meet regularly to study issues, plan programs, and recommend action. Membership meetings are generally held monthly. We also hold special meetings (such as candidate forums) and cosponsor events on topics of community interest. All meetings are open, and visitors are welcome.

We study issues in order to develop consensus positions which allow us to take timely action on issues as they arise. The LWVPT's advocacy and actions are based on national, state, and local positions.

You don't have time right now to be actively involved with league work? Join us anyway and receive the following publications which all members receive and which will help you stay informed on important issues in our community and nation.

- *LWVPT Voter Impact* — monthly
- *The North Carolina Voter* — quarterly
- *The National Voter* — bimonthly

When you are able, join us for “Lunch with the League.” And plan to take part in our elections and program decision making at our annual meeting.



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Name: _____ Ho. tel: _____ Off. tel: _____ cell: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Today's date: _____

Mailing address if different: _____ Birth date (for ID): Mo. _____ Day _____

Have you ever been a member of the LWV before? Yes No If yes, where? _____ When did you first join? _____

Type of membership — All types provide membership in the league at all levels (local, state, and national) and selected publications.

Individual.....\$56 Household.....\$84 Student.....\$28 Amount: _____

Contributions — I would like to make a contribution:

To LWV operations (can combine with the dues ck) To Citizen Education Foundation, tax-deductible (separate ck to CEF) Amount: _____

Total: _____

I am interested in

Program/Issues

- Environment
- Education
- Human resources
- International Relations
- Jails & alternatives
- Onward Winston

Organizational Activities

- Lunch programming
- Web page maintenance
- Newsletter

Fundraising

- Corporate calls
- Grant applications
- Other

Voter Service

- Candidate forums
- Candidate questionnaires
- Web site access

Make checks for dues and unrestricted contributions payable to LWVPT. Make tax-deductible contribution checks payable to CEF. Mail this form and your check(s) to LWVPT, P.O. Box 9721, Greensboro, NC 27429. To inquire about need-based dues, call 274-0202.

WHAT WE DO

The League of Women Voters was designed to help 20 million new voters carry out their responsibilities. Today it is a powerful nonpartisan force which helps shape public policy and promotes responsible citizen participation at all levels of government.

We are a multi-issue, grassroots organization, because we care about the many ways government affects our society.

We work for sound, reasonable solutions to today's most pressing policy challenges. And, because we speak with a nonpartisan voice, the league is heard above party politics.

You probably know about our effective and influential advocacy on critical national issues — like sane environmental policy, responsible federal fiscal policy, equitable tax laws, responsive social programs, and international cooperation.

The League of Women Voters is a dynamic force for change in our local community and state. It has worked to make sure children get the education they're entitled to, that tap water is safe to drink, that we breath clean air, that affordable, decent housing is available, and that municipal, county, and state taxes are put to good use.

Voter Service

Dedicated to informed participation in government, we provide a variety of services to voters.

You may remember our voter registration drives (we might even have registered *you* to vote) and the league's hard work to get federal legislation passed which now permits citizens to register to vote when they get their drivers' licenses.

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A SHORT HISTORY

The League of Women Voters of the United States was founded in 1920. Those suffragettes who campaigned so hard for the Nineteenth Amendment recognized that the right to vote carried with it a responsibility to become informed on issues and candidates. They founded the league to promote informed and active citizen participation in government.

Over the years, the LWV has tackled many public policy issues, remaining true to its basic purposes:

- To establish positions on public policy through member agreement.
- To take a variety of actions in support of those positions.
- To encourage citizen participation in federal, state, and local governments.
- To remain nonpartisan, supporting neither particular candidates nor political parties.

The League of Women Voters is organized in all 50 states and in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The League of Women Voters of Guilford County (originally of Greensboro) began in 1948; the LWV of North Carolina began in 1951. The Guilford County league merged with the LWV of Winston-Forsyth in 1999, becoming the LWV of the Piedmont Triad. "Onward Winston," a unit serving Winston-Salem, arranges occasional meetings of particular interest to Forsyth County members.

Although we kept our historic name, we have welcomed men as voting members since 1974. Any citizen 18 years of age or older, male or female, may become a voting member of the league. Associate membership is open to those younger than 18 and to noncitizens.

Each member of the LWV of the Piedmont Triad is also a member of the LWV of North Carolina and the LWV of the United States. Member dues help support league work at all levels—national, state, and local.