

## 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 website ([www.greensboro.com/lwv](http://www.greensboro.com/lwv)).

In 2000, the LWVPT planned and carried out a course, Civics 101, which helped residents understand county and city functions and how the courts work. A similar Civics 102 course was offered in 2002-03; both were open to any resident of our community. Civics 103 will be offered in the future.

### **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

And, when you are able, join us for "Lunch with the League" and take part in our annual meeting when we make important decisions and elect board



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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE PIEDMONT TRIAD (LWVPT) MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
**1 YWCA Place, Greensboro, NC 27401**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ho. phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Off. phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address if different: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (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 ..... \$84.50       Student ..... \$28      Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contributions — I would like to make a contribution:  
 To LWV operations (can be combined with the dues check)       To the tax-deductible Citizens Education Fund (CEF)      Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am interested in:  
**Program/Issues:**  
 Environment       International Relations       Organizational Activities       Fundraising       Voter Service  
 Education       Local government       Lunch programming       Corporate calls       Candidate forums  
 Human resources       Action committees       Web page maintenance       Grant applications       Candidate questionnaires  
 \_\_\_\_\_       Newsletter       Other       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, 1 YWCA Place, Greensboro, NC 27401. 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.

You may also be aware that the League of Women Voters is a dynamic force for change in our local community and state. For example, over the years, the league has worked to make sure children get the education they're entitled to, that tap water is safe to drink, 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 action 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 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.

Although we keep 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.