



# *League of Women Voters* of Catawba Valley

*The Purpose of the League of Voters of Catawba Valley shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and; to act on selected government issues.*

**July 2011**

## **Message from the President**



**Carolyn Jones Connor**

### **Greetings from the League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley**

*With our recent Community Forum at Catawba Valley Community College, we now know that the work of the League is a must in the Catawba Valley Area. We have many resources and the proper training and most of all the heart to work on the concerns that matter most. The work of the League is forever evolving and bringing the issue concerns to the communities we serve. The League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley's Public Policy Positions 2011 – 2013 are:*

### **Representative Government**

*Government should be open, accountable, ethical and responsive to citizens. Measures to eliminate barriers to voting should be encouraged. Authority for administration and enforcement of election laws should be centralized in the State Board of Election; and should be applied consistently across the state and from one county to another. Training of election officials should be mandated and paid for by the state at both the state and county levels*

### **Social Policy**

*Promote social and economic justice, secure equal rights for all, and combat discrimination and poverty.*

### **Education**

*Early Intervention for children at risk.*



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*Additional Public Policy Positions are: Citizen Rights, Fiscal Policy, Natural Resources, Resource Management, Public Participation, Social Policy, Equal Opportunity, Criminal Justice, Child Care, Elder Care and Housing. As you can see the issues are many and I'm inviting women and yes, men to join us as we work on issues for ALL CITIZEN's. We have a website league of women voters of Catawba valley and applications are available online. The site is currently being updated so please feel free to visit. We are also on Face Book, like us and add your comments and concerns. We welcome you to join a great group of women and men that are working together to "Make Democracy work for everyone."*



### ***A message from the Treasurer - JoAnn Spees***

We currently have 20 paid members and 3 associate members. We are excited to have former members Melinda Herzog, Beth Bock, and Sherry Pitts with us again. We also welcome new members: Nancy L. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Cheney Ray Mills and C Jane Johnson, Laura Parnell, and Cliff Moone.

Since I became treasurer from the extremely meticulous Jean Henson, I have never had the balance in the checkbook so close to \$2000. Even though that will change when I pay dues to National, our approved new dues schedule makes the little blue checkbook very happy.

If you are receiving this message and have not renewed your membership or would like to join, dues are:

\_\_\_ Individual Annual Dues: \$50 \_\_\_ Household membership: \$65  
\_\_\_ Student membership: \$20 \_\_\_ Associate membership: \$25

### ***July Meeting***

Our Meeting will be held at Patrick Beaver Library in Hickory ***July 9th at 10:30am.***  
Following the Business Meeting our keynote speaker will be Lynette Scott; Program



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Supervisor of Cognitive Connection in Hickory, NC. Ms. Scott works in the Substance Abuse field and; she is also organizing a youth coalition named "Pill Stoppers" in Catawba County.

Lynette is passionate about educating parents, youth and the community and bringing awareness about the effects of drugs and alcohol and associated behaviors. She also promotes coordination of services for individuals and believes community partnership is the most effective way to serve community as a whole.

Members and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Democracy North Carolina

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### WHO DOESN'T HAVE A PHOTO ID?

The State Board of Elections matched its database of 6.1 million registered voters with records at The Division of Motor Vehicles and found that 1 million voters did not have a NC driver's license or identification card with matching name and address – a current, valid NC photo ID.

Out of the 1 million voters:

- ☐ 114,000 matched except for a variation in name (e.g., women who changed their last name).
- ☐ 334,000 had additional mismatching information but some indication they had an ID

Out of the remaining 554,000 voters where no indication that a match existed:

- ☐ 95,000 are classified as Inactive registered voter

- ☐ **460,500 are Active registered voters with no indication of a NC current and valid ID.**

Out of the 6.1 million registered voters, 5.6 million are Active. **This analysis compares the demographic profile of 460,500 Active voters who lack ID with the 5.6 million statewide.**

For example, while **Blacks** make up 22% of all Active voters, they are 32% of those without an ID, which means if you're a Black Active voter, you're 48% more likely to not have a current ID than other Active voters. **Seniors over 65** are 20% of Active voters but 32% of those with no ID.

**Women** and **Democrats** are also more likely to not have a current ID than men and Republicans.

### COMPARING WHO DOESN'T HAVE PHOTO ID IN N.C.

#### AMONG ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS, 2011

# Active
Registered
Voters
3/3/2011
# Active
Reg. Voters
with
No ID
% Active
Reg.
Voters with
No ID
% of All
Active
Reg.
Voters



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**% of Active  
Reg. Voters  
with  
No ID  
Increased  
Chance of  
Being  
Without ID**

<b>STATE</b>	<b>5,618,530</b>	<b>460,538</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>4,113,656</b>	<b>276,006</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>73.2%</b>	<b>59.9%</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>1,210,707</b>	<b>147,104</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>31.9%</b>
<b>Hispanic, Native Amer., Asian, Other</b>	<b>272,236</b>	<b>27,588</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
<b>Age 18-25</b>	<b>592,803</b>	<b>48,331</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
<b>Age 26-40</b>	<b>1,350,860</b>	<b>100,437</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>
<b>Age 41-65</b>	<b>2,499,478</b>	<b>162,772</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>44.5%</b>	<b>35.3%</b>
<b>Age Over 65</b>	<b>1,108,107</b>	<b>148,988</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>2,531,811</b>	<b>162,640</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>45.1%</b>	<b>35.3%</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>3,037,121</b>	<b>290,521</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>54.1%</b>	<b>63.1%</b>
<b>Republicans</b>	<b>1,784,608</b>	<b>111,665</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>24.2%</b>
<b>Democrats</b>	<b>2,513,385</b>	<b>266,269</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>44.7%</b>	<b>57.8%</b>
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>1,310,602</b>	<b>82,140</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>17.8%</b>

## Upcoming Events

### August

Women's Equality Day 8/26/11  
Women's Resource Center  
Hickory

### September

Constitution Day Week Celebration 9/13/-9/16/11  
Constitution Day Celebration 9/17/11

### October

Voter Education Month  
Voter Registration in ALL High Schools in Catawba County TBA  
Candidates Forum TBA

### November

Election Day 11/2/11  
Veterans Day 11/11/11

### December

League Christmas Dinner TBA



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