



# League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley

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

*September 2010*

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

We are always looking for ladies and men who have a passion for making a difference in their communities.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Please join the League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley on:

*August 26 @ 11:30am-4:00 pm*

*Women's Equality Day Celebration & Voter Registration*

*Women's Resource Center  
125 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE  
Hickory, NC 28601  
828-322-6333*

Women in the [United States](#) were given the right to vote on August 26, 1920 when the [19th Amendment](#) to the [United States Constitution](#) was signed. The amendment was first introduced many years earlier in 1878. Every president has published a [proclamation](#) for Women's Equality Day since 1971 when legislation was first introduced in Congress by [Bella Abzug](#). This resolution was passed designating August 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day.

### ***September***

*Constitution Week Activities*

*September 14 DAR/LWVCV Luncheon 12:00 pm*

*Catawba Country Club RSVP to Fran Syptak @ [828-328-4591](tel:828-328-4591) by 9/10/10*

*September 17 Constitution Day Celebration 12:00 pm – 1:30pm*



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*The signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787, by the Founding Fathers is one of the most important and influential events in American history, establishing the many rights and freedoms “We the People” enjoy today.*

*The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution says that all people born or naturalized in the United States are citizens. But citizenship is much more than that.*

*Old 1924 Historical Courthouse*

*30 N College Avenue*

*Newton, NC 28658*

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*Tuesday, September 22*

*CVCC Fall Fling Voter Registration with SGA*

*Dunbar Bldg CVCC Campus 11am-2pm /4pm-6pm*

***October***

*LWVCV 2010 Candidates Forum TBA*

***November***

*Tuesday November 2 Election Day*

***December***

*Saturday, December 11 Annual LWVCV Holiday Luncheon*

*Saturday December 25 Christmas Day*

***January 2011***

*Saturday, January 8 LWVCV Board Meeting 10:00 am*

*Saturday January 15 LWVCV Coffee with our Legislators*

*Catawba County Library, Newton 9:30 am*



# *League of Women Voters* of Catawba Valley

## **February**

*Saturday, February 19 LWVCV Coffee with our Commissioners*

## **March**

*Women's History Month*

*Tuesday, March 8 International Women's Day*

*Sunday, March 13- Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Week*

## **April**

*Friday, April 22 Earth Day*

## **May**

*Tuesday, May 24 LWVCV Annual Meeting*

## **LWV-NC News**

### **A Reminder from the Treasurer:**

Members be sure to renew your membership application is on our website. [lwnvnc.org](http://lwnvnc.org) – go to Catawba.....

The League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley voted at their October meeting to offer members the opportunity for members to pay an additional amount above the annual membership dues. This amount will be from 10.00 to 25.00 annually to offset expenses of the league. This amount can be paid to the treasurer anytime during the year.

### **Member News:**

Lynn Lail is running for re-election to Catawba County Commissioners  
Kitty Barnes is running for re-election to Catawba County Commissioners  
Carolyn Jones Connor is a candidate to the Catawba County Commissioners; she currently a member of the Catawba County School Board  
Doris Kirby is a candidate for Catawba County Sherriff

### **Welcome to our new member(s):**



# League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley

Please welcome our new member: Ms Doris Kirby. We are very excited to have you on board Doris.

## **Additional NC League News:**

### *A Voters' Service Project for all Local Leagues*

As of January 1, 2010 16 and 17-year olds in North Carolina are now able to pre-register to vote using the regular registration form which has been updated. The voting age has not changed, but the new law could boost youth participation by engaging teenagers at the age at which they get their drivers' license or take civics in high school. Pre-registration means they become automatically registered when they reach voting age.

Local League members can help by letting school personnel know about this new law and contacting their local board of elections to find out how to help in getting the registration materials to the schools. The [NC Civic Education Consortium](#) has developed two lesson plans for teachers and an accompanying power point presentation. This material can be used by local Leagues to help communicate and persuade the educational community that this is an excellent idea for youth. If you would like to help schools, youth groups and others implement this new law, please contact League partner [Democracy NC](#)'s Organizing Director Adam Sotak at [adamsotak@democracy-nc.org](mailto:adamsotak@democracy-nc.org). Foster good citizenship -- encourage the young people of your community to pre-register to vote today!

## **News!**

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