

The Voter of ODC



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General Meeting, September 21, 2006

Hargraves Center, Chapel Hill, 10 a.m.

The first General Meeting of 2006-2007 will be a working meeting of the membership to develop League strategies for the upcoming November elections. Members should come prepared to discuss where, when, and who will do what to educate and inform voters in the November elections, when the three counties will elect local and state officials.

Exciting New Fall Events for LWV-ODC

1776— A musical partnership with The Arts Center, Sunday, Oct. 8th 3:00 p.m.

A play that addresses conflict, terrorist acts, religious fanaticism that influences the government, immigrant strife flaring along the borders and illegal militias training in remote areas. Is it 2006 or 1776? You don't want to miss this musical as we approach the 2006 election season. We have joined with The Arts Center to promote this play and in return we will have a table with our literature and time to discuss LWV-ODC's mission and to recruit new members. The literature table will be available all nights of the play as well as Sunday afternoon. Mark your calendars, plan to bring a spouse or friend and look for more information on purchasing tickets and planned after the play League activity.

This will be a fundraiser for the LWV-ODC. As a corporate sponsor, Panera Bread will have donation boxes at three of their local restaurants during the month of September. Proceeds will be split with the Arts Center, LWVODC, Democracy NC, Common Cause and Generation Engage—all good government organizations in partnership with the Arts Center in Carrboro for this emotional, patriotic and moving play.

Newcomers Presentation-October –DateTBA

We have been invited to present to the Greater Chapel Hill Newcomers Group, which covers our three counties. We will give a general talk on voting machines, registration and similar topics of interest to newly relocated Yankees and others. This group has between 225-300 members. Information will be provided on issues relevant to the three counties in the fall election. A mix and mingle session will follow and we hope that many of you will attend this session and help us educate and hopefully recruit new members for LWVODC. Look for more information in the next *Voter*.

Supreme Court Forum, November 14, 2006

Binkley Baptist Church, Elliott Road, Chapel Hill, 7 p.m.

We are pleased that the League of Women Voters has funded the proposal of LWV-ODC to hold a Forum entitled: **The Supreme Court: Does It Need Reform?** Various positions on length of tenure and impact on cases selected and decided by the Court will be examined. The panel presentation by two speakers will be followed by discussion. The Forum is supported (in part) by a grant from the Program on Constitutional and Legal Policy of the Open Society Institute. The committee, headed by Dorothy Mahan, has worked diligently to prepare for the Forum. We are looking for volunteers to participate in preparing for the Forum. Please call Else Bolotin if you are interested.

See the 2006 election calendar on back page

Upcoming Events

General Meetings

Sept. 21
Hargraves Center

Oct. 8
1776
Carrboro Arts Center

Nov. 14
Supreme Court Forum
Binkley Baptist Church

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
ORANGE DURHAM AND CHATHAM COUNTIES**

Financial Report, FY 2005-2006

Barbara Hardison, Treasurer

This is the final financial report which was not available at the Annual Meeting.

<u>INCOME</u>	2005-06 <u>BUDGET</u>	7/1/05-6/30/06	
		<u>ACTUAL</u> as of 6/30/06	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Transfer CEF	2,153.00	200.00	1,953.00
Citizens Guide	2,750.00	1825.00	925.00
Contributions: LWV	1,250.00	1308.39	(58.39)
Contributions: Other	500.00	380.00	120.00
Dues	8,520.00	6880.00	1,640.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	15,173.00	10593.39	4,579.61
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Copying	2,925.00	2288.92	636.08
Voter		440.04	
Other		1848.88	
Miscellaneous	250.00	306.40	(56.40)
P.O. Box	68.00	68.00	0.00
PMP's	6,480.00	4228.40	2,251.60
State		2172.00	
National		2056.40	(See note)
Postage	700.00	276.89	423.11
Voter		251.54	
Other		25.35	
Rooms-Speakers	700.00	469.33	230.67
Subscriptions/Pubs	50.00	30.00	20.00
Supplies	500.00	57.38	442.62
Telephone	800.00	977.08	(177.08)
Travel-Meetings	2,500.00	1893.57	606.43
TV-Video	200.00		200.00
Grant-The People Speak		200.00	200.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	15,173.00	10795.97	4,377.03
(Note: LWVUS PMP Total \$4112.80)			
<u>CASH ON-HAND</u>		4980.77	

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OTHER ASSETS

Our Dem/Our Airwaves

Balance 6/30/06 171.84

Civics 101 Grant

Balance 6/30/06 300.00

Talvitie Scholarship Fund

Balance 6/30/05 455.00

Donations 10.00

Membership -45.00

Membership -45.00

Balance 6/30/06 375.00

(Note: These funds are already included in assets.)

CEF

Balance brought forward 5852.70

Donations 355.00

LWVUS PMP -2056.40

The People Speak -200.00

Balance 6/30/06 3951.30

Chatham County – Update on the New Library.

Chris Farnan

As I write this on July 10, the Chatham County Public Library is 10 days old. On July 1, 2006, the dissolution of the Regional System of Alamance and Chatham Counties took place, smoothly and without acrimony. This was a historic moment, as it was the first such dissolution in the state. The time was right, since the Director of the Regional Library has retired and Chatham is building a new library on the grounds of the Central Carolina Community College (CCCC). This joint library for the college and the public will also become the headquarters for the new Chatham County Public Libraries. The plans include space for the processing of books and materials. Until it is built, Chatham is contracting with Alamance to provide the technical support.

At this time, the plans for the new library are proceeding smoothly. Mr. Phil Barton, a highly respected library consultant from Rowan County, has written a Joint-use Library Inter-institutional Agreement for a joint public (county)-community college library. This addresses the challenges that the “jointness” of two systems, the Community College and the Public Library, using the same facilities presents. He also is writing the “programming,” which is essentially the allocation of space for various activities based on the wants and needs of the public and the decision makers. Once Mr. Barton’s work is complete, the decision makers will write the RFP (request for proposal) for the architectural firms.

On September 19, The Friends of the Library will present a public forum “We’re Building a New Library!” at 7:30 in the Old Chatham County Courthouse. Presenters are Mr. Barton, Mary Boone – director of the NC State Library, Renee Dickson/Paschal – assistant county manager and head of the library building team, and Sandy Neerman – Director of library services for Greensboro. The Greensboro libraries, as well as the new East Durham Branch Library, have served as models for a modern, exciting new library.

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Durham Neighborhood College

Co-sponsored by the City and County of Durham, the sessions allow residents to learn about key government operations directly from the elected officials and staff responsible for overseeing these key City and County services.

The classes will be held on nine Thursday nights beginning September 14, 2006, from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and on one Saturday morning. Space in the Durham Neighborhood College is limited to twenty-five people, and applications will be accepted to create a diverse participant population from as many Durham neighborhoods as possible. Students must attend eight of the 10 sessions to successfully complete the program.

The final day to apply for the fall session is Friday, August 25, 2006. A light meal is served prior to the start of each nightly class and sessions are held at City and County facilities. There is a \$25 fee for citizens who are accepted to attend the program and five scholarships are also available if needed.

To learn more about Durham Neighborhood College, or to download an application, visit the city website, <http://www.durhamnc.gov/>.

Interested applicants may also contact the City's Office of Public Affairs, (919) 560-4123, or the County's Public Information Office, (919) 560-0008, for more information.

Chatham County Citizen's College

A LWV-ODC member, Anne Bodner, made a presentation about the League on May 25th at the last session of this spring's Chatham County Citizen's College. The presentation included a summary of the National League's history and the local activities and interests of the LWV-ODC. Several of the participants expressed an interest in joining the League and were given membership forms and information.

The Citizen's College was sponsored by the CCEC-Institute, Inc, the tax exempt educational arm of CCEC, Inc, a not-for-profit advocacy/legislative organization. Both organizations are issue oriented and aim to empower citizens to enhance Chatham's future, and neither group endorses candidates for political office.

The college ran for 11 weeks, with weekly three hour evening sessions. There were twenty-five participants and the College was held at the Central Carolina Community College campus in Pittsboro. Each participant paid \$25 to join, and there was scholarship aid available for up to five participants. Rita Spina of CCED was in charge of the College.

Each session of the College featured elected officials from Chatham County and its towns and included representatives from the various government departments and chairs of various boards. At this last session, the College participants were very enthusiastic about what they had learned and planned to put their knowledge to use in efforts to improve life in Chatham County. Another session will be held this Fall.

New Voter Editor



Carol Rist will become the new editor with the next issue. I know she will have the same wonderful cooperation for LWV members that I have enjoyed this last year. Thank you all for your help in submitting timely articles and other encouragements. —Bessie Carrington

Membership

It is July, the start of a new fiscal year, and the time is **now** for membership renewal. Our program depends upon your dues. Fill out the form below with your payment today, before you become enmeshed in the Fall activities.

2006-2007 Membership Form

Dues Payment and Membership Interest Form

Please complete form, make membership dues check payable to LWV-ODC, and send to LWV-ODC
Treasurer, P.O. Box 3397, Chapel Hill, NC 27515

DATE _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Name(s) _____

Address/City/State/Zip (include 4-digit extension)

County of Residence _____ Municipality _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Dues: Check type of membership below

____ Individual (\$45, electronic copy of VOTER) ____ Individual (\$55, printed copy of VOTER)

____ Household (\$65) ____ Full-Time Student (\$30). Note: Talvitie Membership Scholarships available upon request and approval.

Contributions: Contributions to the Operating Fund, (ODC), are especially needed.

\$ _____ payable to LWVODC (In addition to dues, for general LWVODC operating expenses. May be included on same check with dues payment. This contribution is not tax deductible.)

\$ _____ payable to Citizen Education Foundation or CEF. (For educational purposes only. This contribution must be on a separate check.)

\$ _____ payable to LWVODC (In addition to dues, for the "Talvitie Membership Scholarship Fund" to sponsor current and new members. May be included on same check with dues. This contribution is not tax deductible.)

Interest Survey

I would like **to help with** (*check all that apply*):

- ____ Voters and/or Citizen Guides
- ____ Candidates forums
- ____ Public education meetings (Civics 101)
- ____ Campaign finance reform
- ____ Free Air Time
- ____ Assist in recruiting members
- ____ Environmental issues (air and water quality)
- ____ Judicial Independence Project
- ____ Election process reform (HAVA-2002)
- ____ Organizing an evening/afternoon discussion group-around what issue _____
- ____ Other (please specify) _____

Skills/talents/things for which I am willing to volunteer:

- ____ Editing the Voter (need computer skills)
- ____ Data base management
- ____ Financial software / spreadsheets
- ____ Other (please describe)

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization for men and women that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences policy through education and advocacy. Any citizen over 18, male or female, may become a voting member of the League. With that membership comes the opportunity to work on local, state, regional, and national program issues.

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General Elections 2006

Absentee ballot available	September 18
Registration ends	October 13
One stop voting begins	October 19
One stop voting ends	November 4
Election Day	November 7