

Notes From the Chair

Dear Friends,

Well, this is not the usual back-to-fall programming welcome after a summer hiatus. Six months in, and we are still social distancing. Nonetheless, LLL is moving forward with energy and enthusiasm to provide opportunities for our members until we can meet together again. Over the summer, LLL book and media groups successfully met via Zoom. Several small discussion groups have met as well. A positive outcome in spite of the constraints placed upon us.

Thank you for your participation in the member's survey. Your responses were helpful and are being considered as we develop and schedule programs.

Communications

The new website consumed the Steering Committee's attention, but we all believe it was well worth the effort. Thank you to Minerva Castro-Hernandez and her team for a job well done.

- 1) Have you found the website's membership directory yet? Many members have requested this over the years. We ask that you include at least your email address and neighborhood in your listing. The directory is only for LLL members. **YOU** can control what is shown. Need assistance? Contact liberalladiesmembership@gmail.com.
- 2) Did you know there is an app available for your mobile device? You can easily access our newest feature, a members directory, or register for an event on your phone. Check your app store for Wild Apricot and look for the members' version, not the admin version.
- 3) LLL has purchased a Zoom account. It will be available for use by special interest and small groups on a first-come, first-served basis. It allows for longer Zoom meetings and greater numbers of participants. To inquire about using it, contact liberalladiescommunications@gmail.com.

Programming

- 4) Meet and greets are planned with some of the local candidates. These are in addition to the regular monthly meetings. Our focus for the fall is the November 2020 election.
- 5) The Program Committee continues to plan major presentations via Zoom at least through September and October. Using Zoom provides some flexibility to schedule good speakers, so meetings may not always be scheduled on the second Friday.
- 6) LLL's tenth anniversary is in November. We so wanted to have a huge victory party! We're considering how to recognize this achievement. From our founders to our newest members, every one of you makes this the fun, sassy but meaningful organization it is!

Fall 2020 Election

- 7) Please check the Member to Member pages in this issue and on the website ([HERE](#)) for information on how to participate in the get out the vote effort. Every candidate needs your time and financial support. There are opportunities galore. Please get involved. Working together we can make a difference. Let's color SC BLUE!

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8) Hats off to LLL member Marie Hoag and her team who addressed and mailed 175 postcards to unregistered voters and encouraged them to register. This initiative uses the Map the Vote database, which identifies unregistered voters by street address. The postcards were designed by LLL member Ann Durrin, who also sent postcards to her unregistered Bluffton neighbors using the same database.

Marie asked, "What can I do?" What do **YOU** want to do? As always I am here to answer your questions, listen or help in some way. Contact me at liberalladieschair@gmail.com.

Lynn Cordy

MEMBERSHIP/ REGISTRATION

Once again, kudos to Minerva Castro-Hernandez for the migration of our paid-to-date members. As of today, we have 480 members, five of whom joined since our last newsletter. Please continue to be on the watch for reminder emails for your upcoming membership renewals. Be well and stay safe!

Diane Polevoy

Though we are not having our luncheon events due to our wish to keep everyone safe during this pandemic, please continue to watch for emails and invites to our exciting upcoming online events.

Penny Cron

WEBSITE/ COMMUNICATIONS

Mobile Member App Available



MEMBER

It only takes a few minutes to download the Wild Apricot for Members app on your mobile device. With this app you can view your profile, the membership directory, and upcoming events, as well as register and pay for events. The app

is free and available for both Android and Apple devices.

Get started by downloading the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. You log in using the same email address and password you use to access our website.



Liberal Ladies of the Lowcountry has launched a Facebook page designed specifically for our group. On this site, you can post your thoughts, ideas, photos and any news articles you feel might be informative and helpful to our members. We

feel this additional means of sharing information with our members will help promote the objectives of Liberal Ladies. Our Facebook page is restricted to our members only, and nonmembers will not have access to our information.

In order to access the Liberal Ladies Facebook page, you must have a Facebook account. Once you have found our group, simply click on "Request to Join." After the moderator has approved your request, you will be a part of this special Facebook group, and able to share and interact with the group.

You will find our Facebook page at: Liberal Ladies of the Low Country Facebook Page or [HERE](#)

*Minerva Castro-Hernandez
Barbara Ulrich*

SPECIAL EVENT

Chris deVries, the candidate for SC House District 123, participated in a Zoom Meet and Greet with LLL members on August 27. Many members logged on to 'meet' Chris virtually and learn more about her. If you missed the presentation, it has been posted on the website: [HERE](#)

A consummate change agent, Chris has always had a driving passion to use the public policy process to make the world a better place. Growing up in Washington, D.C., the center of our government, she developed an innate understanding of how the passage of legislation can impact the quality of people's lives. This passion has fueled her long and successful career in holding leadership roles in nonprofit organizations.

Since relocating to Hilton Head in 2015, Chris has put her hands-on experience and leadership skills to good use as a volunteer serving on the boards of multiple organizations, including the Beaufort County Democratic Party (treasurer), the Democratic Club South of the Broad (vice president), and Planned Parenthood Votes – South Atlantic (currently on leave).

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She is also an active member of Liberal Ladies, as well as the local League of Women Voters, the Women's Association of Hilton Head, and World Policy Council.

Chris articulated a clear vision of where she and her opponent, Jeff Bradley, stand on issues of importance to all SC residents. District 123 is Hilton Head and Daufuskie Island, but residents throughout the state would benefit from her efforts to expand health care and women's health issues.

If you are not eligible to vote for her, please consider signing up to volunteer. Not being able to canvass to meet the voters has meant more mailings and postage and increased costs. You may donate to her campaign at this link:

<https://chrisdevriesforsc123.com/>

*Lynn Cordy
Mary Ann Littell*

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

We are looking forward to offering some events held outside. The town of Hilton Head has just resumed scheduling within its parks. We will, of course, take into account all regulations necessary as we plan events. Watch for more details on upcoming website notices.

*Linda Moniuszko
Judy Pizzuti*

September Special Event

Liberal Ladies will host Democratic State Senate candidate Nathan Campbell for a Zoom meet and greet on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 PM. Look for an email to register for the event.

Nathan is opposing Tom Davis to represent District 46 in the SC Senate. To learn more about Nathan, visit his website at <https://campbell4sc.com>.



Liberal Ladies Needs Volunteers

The Steering Committee is seeking volunteers to expand its Communications Committee. If this interests you, please contact us at liberal-ladiescommunications@gmail.com.

These are not Steering Committee positions that require attending meetings, but you would provide technical support from the comfort of your home. Volunteers would provide assistance with website administration (forum moderators, et. al) and emails. Obviously, some comfort with technology is desired but you will also receive some training. We'd love to hear from you!



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK GROUP

The book club meets via Zoom the last Wednesday of every month, at 7 PM. We have just selected books for the upcoming season. The lineup is as follows:

- September 30 - "Beloved" and "The Bluest Eye." Two books by Toni Morrison
- October 28 - "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent," by Isabel Wilkinson
- November 18 - "Pelosi" by Molly Ball
- December - No meeting
- January 27 - "Separated: Inside an American Tragedy," by Jacob Soboroff
- February 24 - "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide," by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
- March 24 - "Gullah Days: Hilton Head Islanders Before the Bridge," by Carolyn Grant and Emily Shaw
- April 28 - "This is What America Looks Like: My Journey from Refugee to Congresswoman," by Ilhan Omar
- May 26 - "Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During World War II," by Jan Jarboe Russell
- June 30 - "The Island of Sea Women," by Lisa See

If you are interested in taking part, you can sign up for a meeting via the website. For more information, contact Nancy Nienstedt at nnienstedt@gmail.com.

Nancy Nienstedt

MEDIA GROUP

The media group will meet on Monday, September 14 from 5:30-6:30 PM via Zoom.

Theme: Focusing on our experience as young women entering the workplace

Movies:

The Devil Wears Prada
The Assistant
Hidden Figures
Working Girl

You may RSVP to Cindy McCammon at cindyh2chef@gmail.com

*Cindy McCammon
Clare Seliger*

TENNIS GROUP

The next tennis event will be held at Port Royal Tennis Club on Tuesday, October 27 from 4-5:30 PM.

Happy Hour after...details to follow.

Limit of 20 players.

*Harriet Greenberg
Megan Sisson*



Don't Forget.... Our Small Groups

Our small discussion groups are an opportunity to interact with those sharing similar interests. It might be a welcome diversion during this time of limited activity.

Small discussion groups meet to discuss current issues. Some groups identify a topic, while others prefer to be spontaneous and discuss the day's latest headlines. These member-driven groups determine the frequency and capacity of meetings. Some meet in homes, others in public spaces...

If you are interested in joining or hosting a small group, click [HERE](#) to leave a message for Susan Sigalow, our small groups coordinator.

Member to Member/Volunteer Opportunities



As one of only three states in the US with no law specifically protecting citizens targeted by hate crimes, it is long past time that South Carolina moves forward with the passage of hate crime legislation.

In the interest of making that happen, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Charleston, Alliance For Full Acceptance, Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Charleston Hispanic Association, **Lowcountry Coalition Against Hate**, the ADL - Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Charleston Jewish Federation, Columbia Jewish Federation, and others have banded together behind a position statement and an official campaign called **Stamp Out Hate South Carolina**.

Read our position statement and **sign your name** or the name of your organization/business in support of this effort. To sign individually, scroll to the bottom of the page.

Visit <https://stampouthate.sc> for more information.

Donna Morris

Tracking deregulation in the Trump era

Produced by The Brookings Institute, this link is a compilation of all the deregulation Trump has enacted or trying to enact. I found it very shocking. The behind the scenes assault on every aspect of the environment, health care, human rights, Affordable Care Act, immigration, labor and education is pure evil. Most people don't know the extent to which Trump is dismantling our government.

This is easy to use. Click the "+" sign to expand the topic and get a brief summary of the change. I'd like to suggest you look at this when you have a little time. It's unbelievable.

Like you, I spend a lot of time trying to be an informed citizen and I admit I was not aware of most of this. Feel free to circulate the link.

<http://brook.gs/2xNYcDV>

Linda Bange

Volunteer Opportunities Provided by SOB Democratic Club

Many of our members are wanting to help impact the election in some way. Below are a few opportunities for you to participate.

Virtual Text Banks (Mondays & Thursdays from 5 -7 PM) - <https://www.mobilize.us/scdp2020cc/event/291136/>

Virtual Dialer Phone Banks (Wednesdays at 5 PM and Saturdays at 1 PM) - <https://www.mobilize.us/scdp2020cc/event/289970/>

Virtual Open Virtual Phone Banks (Mondays-Saturdays at whatever time is convenient for you!) - <https://www.mobilize.us/scdp2020cc/event/299575/>

Minerva Castro-Hernandez

Call to Action

**SAVE LIVES. VOTE SAFELY.
EMAIL YOUR STATE REPS NOW!**

The South Carolina Election Board has proposed Vote by Mail for All so the election can be conducted "**safely and securely**." Time is short to get this done. So write now to your elected officials (see below) to demand they adopt the Board's proposals:

- **All voters able to vote absentee.**
- Absentee ballots **don't have to be witnessed.**
- **Curbside voting at designated locations** instead of at every polling place.
- Election officials provided **more time to process absentee ballots** or extend the date in which counties must certify the election results.

Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, has said "the best approach to maximizing opportunities to vote in the general election are being discussed and evaluated by legislators on a daily basis and **will be resolved in September when we return to session.**"

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In these - or your own words - say:

I am your constituent. I live in [Town]. I'm writing to urge you to take action to keep voters safe. You must adopt the state Board of Election's recommendations to conduct a safe and secure election.

Allow all voters to use absentee ballots. Allow curbside voting. Allow more time to process votes.

You must protect us. Protect our right to vote. Save lives.

Address your letter to the Governor to

The Honorable Henry McMaster
State House
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

You can find your representative's home address by going to scstatehouse.gov.

Lets Work Together



**LET'S WORK TOGETHER
TO KEEP MAIL-IN VOTING**

Contact your legislators to keep absentee and mail-in voting this election season!

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND/BLUFFTON AREA
DEFENDING DEMOCRACY • EMPOWERING VOTERS

Sandy Stern

Poll Workers Needed

If you are interested in becoming a poll worker for the November elections you can complete the application via the link below. If you have questions, contact Flo Rosse at 843-363-5624.

https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/vote/documents/Poll-Worker-Interest-Form_responses.pdf

Judy Pizzuti

Calling All Volunteers for Democratic Campaigns

Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities.

Mitch Siegel for House District 118 is seeking volunteers to apply address labels and stamps (donations welcomed) for a 10,000 postcard mailing. Please contact mitchsiegel843@gmail.com if you have some time.

Chris deVries for House District 123 is seeking volunteers in the Hilton Head/Daufuskie area to host "Coffee with Chris" - small outdoor socially distanced events at your home or other public space where Chris can meet the voters in your neighborhood. If you are interested, please contact Chris at chrisdevriesforsc123@gmail.com.

Joe Biden for South Carolina Facebook Group
[JOIN HERE](#)

National Women for Biden Bi-Weekly Conference Calls

Women for Biden host a bi-weekly conference call every other Thursday at 7 PM to update on campaign activities. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Share Your Story with the Democratic National Campaign

The Democratic National Committee is looking for individual responses to their proposed platform or to share why you are a Democrat. You can audio or videotape responses at the following link and they will be featured online at the Democratic National Convention website.

<https://www.stories.demconvention.com/>

If you have any information that you would like promoted related to Elections 2020 - please contact: beaufortcountydems@gmail.com.

Group Training Strategies for Getting Out the Vote by the Diversity Council

When: Saturday, September 5, 10 AM to noon.
Zoom link provided for each training

Where: In person at 2B & 2C Mathews Court
Safe social distancing for 20 people
Masks are required
Sanitizer for hands and surfaces available

What is it about:

Building relationships with voters
Providing information on how and when to vote
Reaching the disenfranchised voter
Getting to know local candidates

To participate, please email ldiversitycouncil@gmail.com and indicate if you will be attending in person or via Zoom.

Lynn Cordy

Absentee Voting

Photo ID is not required to vote absentee by mail.
Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot:

- Members of the Armed Forces ([click here for additional information](#))
- Members of the Merchant Marine ([click here for additional information](#))
- Spouses and dependents residing with members of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine ([click here for additional information](#))
- Persons serving with the American Red Cross or with the United Service Organizations (USO) who are attached to and serving with the Armed Forces outside their county of residence and their spouses and dependents residing with them ([click here for additional information](#))
- Citizens residing overseas ([click here for additional information](#))
- Persons who are physically disabled (includes illnesses and injuries)
- Students attending school outside their county of residence and their spouses and dependents residing with them
- Persons who for reasons of employment will not be able to vote on Election Day
- Government employees serving outside their county of residence on Election Day and their spouses and dependents residing with them
- Persons who plan to be on vacation outside their county of residence on Election Day
- Persons serving as a juror in state or federal court on Election Day
- Persons admitted to the hospital as emergency patients on Election Day or within a four-day period before the election
- Persons with a death or funeral in the family within three days before the election
- Persons confined to a jail or pre-trial facility pending disposition of arrest or trial
- Persons attending sick or physically disabled persons
- Certified poll watchers, poll managers, and county election officials working on Election Day
- Persons sixty-five years of age or older
- Persons who for religious reasons do not want to vote on a Saturday (presidential primaries only)

[Get the application online.](#) [Use this link](#) to get your application or the application of an immediate family member online. To get your application online, you must be able to print your application or save your application for printing later. You can also use this link to access your application to print again.

[Request an application](#) for yourself or your immediate family member from [the county voter registration office in your county of residence](#) by phone, mail, email, or fax. You will be mailed an application.

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