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The 2000 presidential election on November 7th between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush was a cliffhanger we’ll never forget. Al Gore, who led in the popular vote, was just a few votes shy of the electoral college votes needed, but Bush led in Florida and that state’s 25 electoral votes would make him the winner. The nation waited 37 days for the final result which came on December 13th: George W. Bush to be our 43rd president, having won over Gore in Florida by an official margin of 537 votes.



During all this time, Americans refused to be driven into a frenzy, despite the efforts of journalists, who turned out to be a whining lot, bemoaning daily the unsettled race and trying to stir people into forcing a conclusion. A writer for Sports Illustrated put our calm down to the fact that since we’re all used to sports replays, we were content to wait and see if the call was right. Presidential historians put the situation in perspective - Michael Beschloss said that democracy is a messy process, and this kind of situation was exactly what the framers of the Constitution would have wanted, that difficult decisions be made by the three levels of government and by more than one branch. This election caused us to learn about our government and our history more than any election since Hayes -Tilden in 1876. Just as in that race, claims of partisanship dogged this election up through the final phase, the U.S. Supreme Court 5-4 ruling.

Holding up a League position as the way to proceed in this election process caused an unexpected consequence - it cast us in a partisan light. One of our basic tenets is that we protect the right of every citizen to vote, but speaking out for that right put us squarely on the side of one political party. Many of us had to do some soul searching as we wrote letters to editors, but we felt it was important to speak out in this election. It came as a surprise to many Americans that the selection of electors by votes within a state is not a Constitutional right, but a tradition that began at the end of the Civil War. The Florida legislature reminded us, as it assembled to select another set of electors, that legislatures choose electors, not voters. This election caused us to better understand the reasoning behind the League

position to abolish the Electoral College.

It was agonizing to watch Florida. The Florida legislature had given few guidelines for determining votes, and after Election Day no one could give more guidelines without contravening federal law. The antiquated punch ballots still used by some Florida counties, had a far higher margin for error (2%) than the winner's margin for victory, and that was if the machines were in complete working order. Precincts of minorities and poor whites were said to have been issued older and more defective machines than more affluent precincts. Some poll workers were said to have told voters they could not vote a duplicate ballot after making a mistake. Absentee ballots in Florida could come in 10 days after Election Day, but many of the ballots, contrary to Florida law, had no date on the envelope.

As the days passed, we learned of more problems in Florida. Registration lists at the polls were said to be incomplete, and nowhere did we hear of provisional ballots being cast. A "ChoicePoint felon list" had been sent out for county boards of elections to purge the rolls, but this list, even after being corrected, was alleged to be less than 85% correct. Ten presidential tickets on the Florida ballot made for overvote situations (more than one vote cast for an office). In Palm Beach County a confusing "butterfly ballot" caused the problem, and in Duval County it was the listing of the ten tickets on two pages along with instructions to vote every page. Florida, in such

a close election, was practically a catalogue of election mistakes, and every League member knows that in such a close race, it could have been her state.

We already do some things right in North Carolina that we saw as problems in Florida. All absentee ballots are due at our county boards of elections by the time the polls close on election day. We have "no excuse, one-stop voting" for about three weeks prior to Election Day, when people have the opportunity to vote, whether or not they will be in town on Election Day. And in North Carolina, felons automatically regain citizenship and voting rights after serving their sentences.

We can't rest on any laurels, however, because we still have problems. Voting procedures vary widely from county to county - many of our counties still use the old punch ballot machines, while others have up-to-date touch screen equipment. Many of our poll workers lack proper training, lists of registered voter names are out of date, voting lines in some precincts are very long, boards of elections give incorrect information about voting districts, and every year we hear of people voting under other names because identification isn't required to vote or to register to vote. In the aftermath of the Florida election we need to seize the opportunity to look at the variation in voting methods and procedures in North Carolina and join in an effort to decide on the best practices for all to follow. This issue is at the heart of League. Also, next time it could be us.

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

NC VOTER is now available on the web!

www.rtpnet.org/lwvnc

The NC Voter, beginning with the spring, 2000 issue, is on our website. If you have access to the web and would like to cut down on the amount of paper you're receiving in the mail and also help cut state League costs, please send us an e-mail at <lwvnc@mindspring.com> to tell us to stop sending you the NC Voter. We let the local League presidents know by e-mail when the Voter is on our website, which can be one to four weeks before it makes its way through the system to your mailbox.

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Campaign for Voter Registration

Marian Dodd, 1st Vice President

A naturalization ceremony and granting of citizenship was held at the Raleigh Civic Center in October. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service presented 252 candidates representing 52 countries for citizenship. The Honorable Secretary of State Elaine Marshall addressed the group followed by the judge's "Oath of Allegiance."

Upon conclusion of the ceremony, League volunteers withstood the rush of new citizens at the league's display booth and during the three-day International Festival event. Volunteers helped by answering questions and assisted when necessary as naturalized citizens and residents exercised one of the most important rights. In addition to this particular ceremony, league volunteers have been involved in several other naturalization ceremonies held at the Federal Building.

The News & Observer covered the ceremony in which the League of Women Voters' effort was cited. Through naturalized citizens and primarily residents from the coastal and piedmont counties, volunteers assisted 479 applicants.

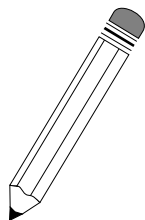
Special thanks to the volunteers: Betty Ellerbee, who e-mailed LWV Wake members in addition to serving as volunteer, Pat Shurtleff, Stella Boyd, Marge Robinson, Mary Rose, Linda Pratt, Diana Phillips and her husband, and Lila Benson.

Educational Project Generates Excitement

Marian Dodd, 1st Vice President

The time it has taken to write proposals for fundraising, selection of video producer, and acquainting people about the civic education project was a worthwhile effort. To learn more about the project, go to the LWVNC Website:

www.rtpnet.org/~lwwnc



click on Voting: "The Root of Democracy"—18-minute documentary style video, includes information on the project, contact list "Advocates for Civic Education" in each county represented by League, click on OFCN for social study lesson plans in addition to Mock Presidential Election.

Classroom teachers across North Carolina have access to 600 voting videos placed in media centers, which were mailed out for the League, by the NC Dept. of Public Instruction. The feedback is wonderful as teachers are beginning to contact local Leagues for speakers in introducing the voting video and assist the classroom teacher.

Project cost: \$12,000 for video production and \$1,000 for 600 duplicates of which \$11,000 was raised through foundations, corporations and Casey Colwell Memorial by league members. \$1,500 came from LWV-NC CEF for completion funds for the video and duplication. Thanks to LWV Wake County for their donation of \$500 toward video duplication.

Status of Project: 600 Voting Videos have been placed in the State's 600 middle school media centers; letter written on behalf of the League and from the Director of Social Studies with the NC Dept. of Public Instruction.

NC, of course, has 100 counties: There has been a suggestion to include as at-large-Advocates for Civic Education other people who could possibly cover some of the other counties; e.g., American Association of University Women.

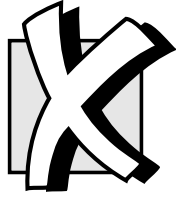
As Leaguers, we know the importance of being involved in the voting process. Hopefully, the Civic Education Project can influence students to become participatory citizens when they become adults.

If you need additional information: Please call Marian Dodd at (800) 851-VOTE or home (919) 787-5180; e-mail: mtdenterprise@mindspring.com

Voters Service

Diane Getz, Voters Service Chair

This year we've done some of our traditional things in the voter service area, such as forums, debates, individual League web sites and voters guides. There have also been new challenges, such as Dnet and "No excuse one-stop voting". It will be interesting to see what effect all of this has on voter turn out. This election season appears to be very close in many areas, thus I'm sure we will have some interesting results



As the full impact of our efforts will not be known until after the election I will make this report brief with a more expansive review later. I am planning to contact each league and see what they did in their community, what they felt was a success and what they think we should do in the future.

As most of you know, I have done a great deal of work with the Dnet (Democracy Network) Project. I will share with you later how that has worked out and what other Leagues in North Carolina did with it. It has been an interesting experience! One of the great things about it is that I have really gotten to know a lot more people in the various Leagues all over North Carolina. I've gone from the mountains to the coast and learned we are definitely a busy group of interesting people. Once we get pass the election season I will give more details of the project and recognize those who were willing to plunge into the unknown and make it work. (The report will be in the next NC Voter.)

DNet

Olivia Thorne, DNet Oversight Trustee, LWV-US
(Reproduced from **LWVTopics** and **lww-presidents**)

A recent New York Times article by Rebecca Fairley Raney may have left readers with the impression that the future of DNet is uncertain or unknown. Since this is not the case, we

wanted to inform the League family directly about the League's commitment to DNet as well as the plans for this year and next.

The recent article discusses the future of dotcom voter information portals and included a reference to Grassroots.com's intended shift from an advertising supported political information site to an Internet campaign services firm. Mike McCurry, newly appointed CEO, speculated that perhaps DNet could be most effective as a nonprofit site, but gave no specifics.

DNet is alive and well, after having performed admirably in the recent election. However, there will be changes in the nature of the relationship between the League and Grassroots.com which are being negotiated now. We have to be circumspect in what we can tell you during this process, but in light of the NY Times article, we feel it is important for you to know that things are moving forward in a positive direction.

We will give you all the specifics as soon as negotiations are completed which we expect to be within the next few weeks.

We also want to assure you that these negotiations in no way impact our process for closing out DNet Election 2000 activities and our financial commitments to the state and local Leagues who have worked hard to make this project such a success.

DNet Election coverage in 2001 is moving forward. We have the experience and success of Election year 2000 to build on. Many of our Leagues are already preparing for 2001 coverage.

These are exciting times. We hope that all of you who have been part of the DNet team will continue as we expand this endeavor across the country.



ENVIRONMENT

Politics and Environment

*Margaret Holton,
Off-board Director, Environment*

Opinions of editors quote where the voters are. Voters in North Carolina say clean air, clean water and environmental protection are top concerns - about as important as education., according to a new political poll out of Charlotte. What's interesting is that the findings track what other opinion polls have found - that voters say the environment is a top issue and they want to know what candidates propose to do about it.

Air quality has become important to NC officials so the state has dropped its challenge to EPA's mandate on air pollution. The federal government issued a court ruling forcing North Carolina and other states to adopt federal nitrogen oxide regulations designed to control regional air pollution. This mandate requires the states to sharply reduce industrial emission of smog-producing air pollutants.

Under Governor Hunt's CLEAN AIR PLAN adopted by the General Assembly in June, vehicles will have to burn low-sulfur fuel statewide by 2004. Also, vehicle emissions testing will be increased from 9 to 48 counties by 2006. EPA requirements also require coal-fired electric power plants to cut emissions 69% by 2007 (NC News Network).

Low sulfur gasoline is on sale now in the Triangle. BP and Amoco gas stations have begun selling lower sulfur gasoline 3 years before the state and federal government will require it. BP and Amoco announced in August that they are selling low-sulfur gasoline in 4 NC cities fouled with dirty air: Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh.

The October meeting of the Environmental Management Commission has voted on removing the exemption that coal fired power plants of CP&L and

Duke Power have had. Air quality experts say that tightening controls on these immense smokestacks would ease some of the summer ozone smog that settles over several of the state's major cities.

The new regulations accomplish two goals: first, to comply with a federal order to reduce smog-forming nitrogen oxides from power plants and other industrial sources by 81% within seven years and second, to impose a state standard that cuts the same pollution from power plants alone by 73% from 1995 levels.

Governor Hunt is the first major political figure in the state to say, "We need to clean up our air," said Bill Holman, Chairman of NC Department of Energy and Natural Resources. "Unfortunately, any substantial change takes time."

Demand Healthy Air in North Carolina

*Margaret Holton,
Off Board Director, Environment*

"State of the Air 2000" by the American Lung Association rated the Triangle and Charlotte as the 8th and 17th worst metropolitan areas in the country for ozone pollution and smog. These cities, along with the Triad and the mountains, are experiencing record numbers of "ozone alert days" when bad air threatens children, the elderly, and those with respiratory problems. Something can and should be done about this.

A key component is the production of ozone is nitrogen oxides (NOX). Forty to fifty percent of the NOX in North Carolina comes from 14 coal-fired power plants operated by CP&L and Duke Power. These plants produce 4 - 10 times the levels of NOX allowed under current federal emission guidelines.

Right now the state is considering three different plans to reduce ozone and smog in North Carolina by cutting NOX emissions from power plants. Only the environmental community proposal, which would reduce NOX emissions by 80%, meets the modern NOX emission standard to protect public health according to medical experts and scientists. The industry proposal would only cut 35%, the state plan 50%. Make your voice



heard by contacting the decision makers.

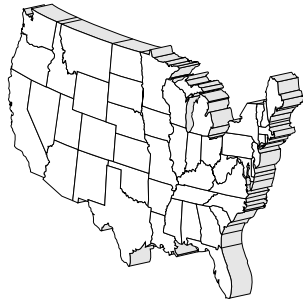
From Asheville comes a report from the Interior Department urging action to reduce air pollution that has reduced the visibility in the mountains such as Clingmans Dome. To help protect national parks, such as the Great Smokies, from air pollution, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is being asked by the Department of the Interior to adopt stricter protection measures.

In a related matter, a letter from Congressman David Price states that the EPA has now successfully resisted a court challenge to new regulations it finalized in 1998 requiring states to reduce NOX emissions which are transported between states. These regulations will require North Carolina and 19 other states to make significant reductions in NOX emissions, primarily from coal-fired utility plants, with state implementation plans due to EPA later this year.

Flood Maps

*Margaret Holton,
Off Board Director, Environment*

An important event occurred in mid-September that has the potential to provide the basis for critically needed changes in water management in NC. This event was the signing of an agree-



ment between the state of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update flood maps in North Carolina (Water Resources Research News).

Why do flood maps need to be updated? Changes in a watershed that influence the hydrologic cycle can affect the flood stage or the height of rising river water resulting from storms. In particular, human activity and development, such as the creation of impervious surfaces (paved surfaces and rooftops), and changes in vegetation can increase the volume of storm runoff and effectively

expand the floodplain. As a consequence, watershed experiencing development should periodically undergo reassessment of flood maps to identify new flood prone areas.

Updating flood maps is an important step. It is most important that communities use the updated information to establish guidelines and restrictions on activities and land use in the floodplain. This act was subsequently ratified by the General Assembly, but not before weakening amendments were added. It needs to be revisited and made stronger.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

State Board of Elections (SBOE) Hearing

Diana Phillips

The record for campaign finance reform in the 1999-2000 General Assembly was abysmal.

We found out at the SBOE hearing on 9/29/00 that we actually lost ground. With the addition of one word “national,” so that a statute would read national political party committees are exempt from the \$4000 contribution limit, the members of the General Assembly opened wide the door for soft money from all over the United States to come in and influence our state elections. Democracy South filed a complaint with the SBOE about the influx of soft money into North Carolina. Bob Hall had done in-depth research, and at the hearing he made a very detailed presentation. The complaint can be accessed by going to www.all4democracy.org. Then click on Soft Money Complaint.

Testimony at the SBOE hearing:

“The League of Women Voters seeks to improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public’s right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process. We support the complaint filed on 9/13/2000 by Democracy South and by Peter MacDowell, a registered voter, in the matter of national “soft money” and state cam

paign finance issues and in accordance with NCGS 163-278.22 and NCGS 150B-21.1.

“We ask the State Board of Elections to investigate the alleged violations of the national and state party committees and to take regulatory and enforcement action as needed, since the federal government leaves it up to the states to regulate or ban non-federal soft money in state elections. The alleged violations include the following:

- depositing contributions meant for party building in another account with the purpose of supporting the election of state candidates in North Carolina;
- sending the contributions directly to candidates or to state parties where it is being spent to benefit directly the election of specific candidates.
- commingling of corporate, union and personal contributions;
- improper disclosing of sources of contributions;

“In 1999 the North Carolina General Assembly gave new authority to the State Board of Elections to adopt temporary rules to take effect immediately in order to preserve the integrity of elections and the elections process. We look to you to take the measures necessary to protect the integrity of the election process in North Carolina.”

Robert Morgan, former Senator and former North Carolina Attorney General, made an eloquent speech about the need to regulate the flow of soft money and investigate the “money laundering” among different PAC’s. It was all to no avail. After deliberating, the SBOE came to a unanimous decision: they could do nothing about the influx of soft money, since the statute, rewritten in 1999, expressly allowed the entry of unlimited national political money into North Carolina. Making national political party money exempt from contribution limits is like a slap in the face to all of us who have been working so hard to bring about reform. We learned from this experience that while our legislators give lip service to campaign finance reform, they write and pass legislation having the opposite effect. Please write your legislators, and get ready for League action in the next legislative session, which begins in January.

Wealth Primary Lawsuit

Diana Phillips

The basis for the “Wealth Primary Lawsuit” is that the Constitution of North Carolina has a prohibition against property qualifications for voting and running for public office. Section 11 of the Declaration of Rights reads as follows: “As political rights and privileges are not dependent upon or modified by property, no property qualification shall affect the right to vote or hold office.”*



The lawsuit was filed in December, 1999 by several organizations and individuals, some of whom had run for office. The lead attorney for the plaintiffs is Jim Exxum, former Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The suit was heard in Wake County Superior Court by Judge Howard Manning on Monday, 10/30/2000. Attorneys for the State of North Carolina said that the lawsuit should be thrown out, that only the legislature could change the campaign finance system. Judge Manning said that courts don’t like to get involved with political problems, so why should the court intervene in this situation? Pro-reform attorneys, led by Justice Exxum and National Voting Rights Institute attorney Greg Luke, said that the General Assembly has been asked by voters time and again to change the law and no meaningful change has ever been passed. They argued that a voluntary alternative, such as financing with a Clean Elections public fund, should be offered to candidates and their constituents. When Judge Manning asked that if the legislature were to vote down campaign finance reform, would the plaintiffs still seek a remedy in court, Justice Exxum said they would because the basis of their suit was in the North Carolina Constitution. As of December 15, no ruling had yet been issued.

**See www.rtpnet.org/lwvnc, click on NC General Assembly, click on Constitution, click on Article I, Declaration of Rights, and scroll down to Section 11, Property Qualifications. You can also find the Constitution in the North Carolina General Statutes at public libraries.*

LEAGUE LIST-SERVS

If you want to log onto and/or be involved in interesting discussions of League topics, you can subscribe to list-servs, which are designed to be the equivalent of online unit discussions.

LWVTopics was the very first list (late 1994). It is currently “owned”/operated by Mary Howarth (mmhowart@occ.cc.mi.us). This list is officially owned and operated by local League members, and any topic of interest to League members can be discussed. To subscribe, just send an empty message to: <lwvtopics-subscribe@egroups.com>. You will receive a confirming message to which you are asked to reply. You can then go to www.egroups.com and under “my groups” change your subscription to digest or to web read. You can also view all the archives.

There are two other “independent, grassroots” lists: **LWVWebmasters** (started in late 1995), also run by Mary Howarth, for all League webmasters or aspiring webmasters, and a **UN discussion list** which runs out of egroups.

Currently, LWV-US has five lists: **lww-presidents** and **lww-dnet**, as well as **lww-cfr** (Campaign Finance Reform), **lww-outreach** (Membership) and **lww-glc** (Grassroots Lobby Corps). Other lists, including trade, will be introduced over the next year. Each will be open to all members for discussion on a specific issue or topic. If you have trouble subscribing to any of these lists, send an email to Kristi Zappie-Farradino <KristiZappi@LWV.org> and ask for her help.

Subscribing to multiple lists can be an overwhelming experience if you don’t use the digest feature, which sends all mail only once every 24 hours. To get digests of the LWV-US operated lists, contact Kristi Zappie-Ferradino.



LWV-NC FINANCE DRIVE

February, 2001: We will have our 2000 - 2001 Finance Drive in February to avoid being one of the large number of solicitations that arrive in mailboxes at the end of the year. We welcome contributions at any time, however!!

Planned Giving: If you are making or revising a will, please consider making a bequest to the LWV-NC Citizen Education Foundation. Including the League in your will can be easily done by adding a codicil to your existing will. Gifts to the LWV-NC CEF qualify for federal estate tax advantages.

Stocks: If you would like to make a stock donation to the LWV-NC Citizen Education Foundation, we can accept the shares by way of our brokerage account. Call the state office (800) 851-VOTE to find out the procedure.

Funds from Corporations: At the state level, we don’t want to compete with local Leagues for money so we’re looking for ways to cooperate in seeking out potential donors. One suggestion is for LWV-NC to approach businesses that have a presence in more than one county in NC. Here’s an idea. Would each local League be willing to give LWV-NC the name of a multi-county business in your geographical area that you aren’t going to solicit?

Endowment Fund: After Council last June, Joyce Clayton, state board member and past President of the Catawba League, said that since state is always short of money, she thought we ought to start an endowment fund, and she wrote out a check for \$100 to get it going! Over the past several months the state board has been looking into what establishing an endowment fund would entail. Since League boards may or may not have investment expertise, we contacted Triangle Community Foundation (TCF), which invests money for individuals and groups in the area. They have two



types of funds, “endowment fund,” which keeps principle intact, and “growth fund,” which allows withdrawal of principle. Foundations like TCF give only to 501(c)(3) organizations, so checks would have to be written to our Citizen Education Foundation and come to the League by way of a pass-through grant. The state board will continue to look at this idea over the next few months. If any League member would like to give us feedback or get involved in this project, please call the League office.

HEALTH CARE

The state League has received a copy of **Critical Condition with Hedrick Smith** Patient Advocacy Kit. This kit is part of the community outreach package designed to go along with the PBS health care special of the same name. Like the public television program that looked at American health care through the eyes of the chronically ill, the uninsured, the families of medical error victims, doctors and insurance company administrators, this kit takes these same accounts and combines them with questions that let you start a conversation on health care in your community.

PROGRAM PLANNING: 2001 - 2003

At the LWV-NC Convention next June, delegates will choose a limited number of issues on which to focus at the state level for the next two years. Now is the time to begin thinking about program adoption for 2001 - 2003. and determine what you and other League members see as the statewide issues, which need to be addressed in the next two years.

We invite you to submit your ideas for a new study and/or action item to begin in June of 2001. In evaluating study/action proposals, Leagues should keep in mind the following criteria:

- Can the problem be solved by governmental action?
- Is the action timely?
- Will the involvement of the League make a difference?
- Does the proposal offer the potential for attracting the interest of new as well as experienced League members?
- Do political realities permit effective action?
Are government officials aware of the issue?
- Are there reasonable resources, including League members, available to accomplish the objectives, and will you be able to work on the study or action item?

The videocassette in the Patient Advocacy Kit contains nine case studies (excerpts from the PBS program) that will stimulate discussion on topics like stroke and breast cancer treatment, dealing with a Medicare HMO, receiving appropriate care for children with special needs, access to performance information about doctors and hospitals, the high cost of medical errors, and the problems facing the uninsured.



The Viewer/Discussion Leader Guide, which is also available in Spanish, contains descriptions of the video case studies (therefore the guide can be used without the videotape), followed by questions from the perspective of coverage by your HMO/insurance plan, access to specialized care, the freedom to choose your doctor and how America’s aging population will affect health care.

Call the state League office (800) 851-VOTE if your League would like to use the kit. We’ll send it in a priority mail video box so you will receive it promptly.

Note: Campaign finance reform has been the LWV-NC issue for emphasis for this biennium.

LWV-NC CONVENTION 2001

State Convention will be held in Chapel Hill on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 - 3, 2001. The Chapel Hill Area League will host the convention. Why not come up on Friday and visit some of the fine museums in Raleigh. There will be more information in the Winter NC Voter.

BEST WISHES TO JACKIE HAMMOND

Our Environment Chair Jackie Hammond and her husband have been transferred to northern Virginia.

*Thanks, Jackie, for all your work on behalf of LWV-NC.
We wish you all the best!!!*



LWV-NC CALENDAR

Winter – Spring, 2001

Fri., Jan 19	LWV-NC Board Meeting
Sat., Jan 20	League Day, No. Topsail Beach, NC
Sat., Mar. 10	LWV-NC Board Meeting
Wed. Apr 25	Lobby Day (tentative)
Fri., June 1	LWV-NC Board Meeting
June 2 - 3	LWV-NC Convention, Chapel Hill, NC

LEAGUE DAY, JANUARY 20

When : Saturday, January 20, 2001
Where : St Regis, North Topsail Beach, NC
Time : 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Registration 9 - 9:30)
Cost : \$20 (Make check payable to LWV-NC)

DIRECTIONS:

If you come in from Route 210 to North Topsail Beach and are going to St. Regis, you cross the high rise bridge, take first left (New River Inlet Road) past the town hall and travel north approximately 7 miles to St. Regis on right.

If you come in from Route 210/50 to Surf City and are going to St. Regis, you will cross the swing bridge, go to first left (before traffic light) and continue north. You will turn right onto New River Inlet Rd. before you hit the high rise bridge. Travel north approximately 7 miles to St. Regis on right, as above.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Units at the St. Regis are 1, 2, or 3 bedroom with living room, kitchen, 2 baths. They run about \$80-125. Call Tetterton Management at 910-329-4975.

There is a little motel (the Loggerhead) in Surf City, which is about 15 minutes from the St. Regis which rents rooms for \$30-40 per night based on double occupancy. Their phone number is 910-328-3691.

WORKSHOP TOPICS:

- (1) Assessing Election Practices and Procedures - This election has shown that we need to work for uniform election machines and practices throughout the state.
- (2) Lobbying in Raleigh or from Home - Campaign Finance Reform is our Issue for Emphasis, and we'll have workshops on generating interest among Leaguers and communities in this important and complex topic.
- (3) Finding state legislation and regulations on the internet.- We'll give you ideas about how to search the web to find out what you need to know.

Registration for League Day, Saturday, January 20, 2001, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

LWV of _____

Please send registration with check for \$20 to LWV-NC, 3801 Barrett Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609.