



**MARCH 2024
Newsletter**

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**Tuesday, March 26, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**League 40th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon**  
**Forest Creek Country Club**

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Saturday, March 16, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
CCWA "Moore Than Just Roe"
Pool Park - Southern Pines

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**Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m.**  
**Ruth Pauley Lecture**  
**Sandhills Community College**

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Monday, April 15, 4 - 5 p.m.
April Monthly Meeting
Braver Angels: A New Way of Talking Politics
Pinehurst Village Hall



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF MOORE COUNTY
CELEBRATION
LUNCHEON

40
YEARS
ANNIVERSARY

Inspired Women - Inspiring Women



Our Keynote
Speaker:

Jennifer Watson Roberts

'Honoring the Life and Legacy of Rosalynn Carter'
Former Mayor of Charlotte & North Carolina Co-Lead for
The Carter Center's Strengthening Democracy Project

Enjoy a gourmet buffet lunch, fun raffle prizes, presentation of our
Civic Leader Scholarships and musical entertainment by Miss
Moore County Calli McIntyre!

TUESDAY MARCH 26 2024 11:30-1:30

FOREST CREEK GOLF CLUB

TICKETS \$55 IN ADVANCE ONLY
AT LWVMC.ORG

[CLICK HERE to Reserve Tickets](#)

Members, be sure to log into your account when ordering tickets to avoid a service charge assessed by the website provider.

Tickets are selling out!

40th Anniversary Celebration

March 26 at Forest Creek Golf Club

You can also donate to the [Angel Scholarship Fund](#)
to support the LWVMC Civic Leader Scholarships
and the need-based Civic Scholarship at Sandhills.

[Donate Here for the Angel Scholarship Fund](#)

~ Be sure to bring some Cash or Checks ~

**Win the Raffle Grand Prize of a Two-Night Getaway at the magnificent
Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville!**

Plus many more prizes!



Thanks to each of you who . . .

- Voted
- Used VOTE411
- Promoted VOTE411
- Shared voter information
- Encouraged others to vote
- Served as a poll worker
- Monitored a Board of Elections meeting
- Expressed gratitude to our election workers /Board of Elections staff and Board members

We are grateful for a fair and secure election!!



ANN TOROK Receives Lifetime Service Award

At the February League meeting Ann Torok was presented with a Lifetime Service Award for her 46 years in the League of Women Voters – in Connecticut and North Carolina. Ann has served as President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair, and Chair of Voter Services. Voter Services is her favorite role, and defending democracy is her passion. She has registered voters across Moore County, organized information booths, worked tirelessly on Candidate Forums and Voter Guides, testified for Fair Districts at the state level, rallied in Raleigh to ratify the ERA, and served as League liaison with the Council on Aging. All this while faithfully attending League Board and monthly Luncheon meetings, as well as state and national Conventions. Congratulations and gratitude to Ann for her many years of service in the League of Women Voters!! Pictured are Mary Price (who presented the award), Ann Torok, and Peggy Crawford (LWVMC President)

More Up-&-Coming Moore County LWV Events...



Central Carolinas Women's Assembly
Saturday, 3/16/24
Pool Park
Southern Pines, NC
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Moore than Just Roe

730 S Hensley St., Southern Pines



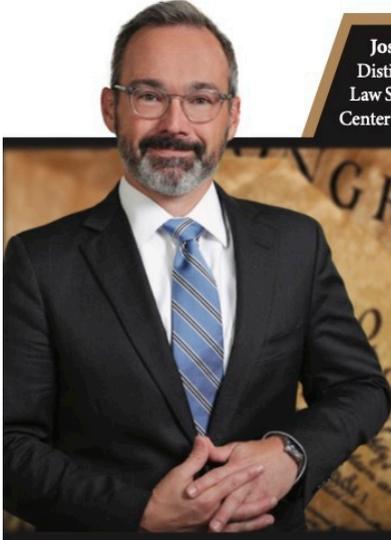
League members are invited to join the NAACP for a Central Carolina Women's Assembly

Saturday, March 16th
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Pool Park – Southern Pines
730 South Hensley St.


THURSDAY • 7 PM
MARCH 21, 2024

ALL LECTURES ARE HELD AT
 BPAC'S OWENS AUDITORIUM ON THE
 CAMPUS OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**“America and the Right to Possess Firearms: The Past,
 Present and Future of the Second Amendment”**



Joseph Blocher is a Lanty L. Smith '67 Distinguished Professor of Law at Duke Law School and co-founder of the Duke Center for Firearms Law.

All lectures are free and open to the public. Advance registration is now required so get your free tickets now by scanning the QR Code or by visiting our Ticketless Sandhills link below.

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Ruth Pauley Lecture Series: Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m.
Owens Auditorium, Bradshaw Performing Arts Center
Sandhills Community College campus
America and the Right to Possess Firearms:
The Past, Present and Future of the Second Amendment
Speaker: Joseph Blocher

- Lanty L. Smith '67 Distinguished Professor of Law at Duke Law School where he is also Senior Associate Dean for Faculty
- Principal academic interests include federal and state constitutional law, the First and Second Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, legal history, and property.
- 2018 Co-Founder of the Center for Firearms Law, a leading academic institute and repository dedicated to legal scholarship about gun rights and regulation in the United States

Advance registration is now required for Ruth Pauley Lectures

Get FREE tickets by scanning the QR code on lecture posters or visiting www.ruthpauley.org

The lecture will be preceded with a cash bar in the auditorium lobby.

There will be a Q&A session afterward followed by an informal gathering with the speaker and refreshments in the lobby.

The League of Women Voters is one of the proud sponsors of the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series.



LWVMC April 16, 2024 Member Meeting
Note Time of Event: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Pinehurst Village Hall

Braver Angels: A New Way of Talking Politics
Presenter: Lisa Wells

Lisa Wells, a California native now residing in Whispering Pines, is the founder of Wells & Co, a marketing and operations consultancy. She serves as co-chair of the newly established Braver Angels Alliance of the Sandhills. Braver Angels is a nationwide grassroots movement dedicated to bringing Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic. They envision an America with a respectful embrace of political disagreements, where civic friendship flourishes and competing perspectives strengthen our nation. Braver Angels Alliance supports principles that bring us together rather than divide us and emphasizes empathy, underscoring the belief that love of our country is demonstrated through concern for our fellow citizens.

Recent Moore County LWV "Happenings"...



Over 100 people attended the **free showing of *The Social Dilemma*** on March 1, with a discussion led by former NC Associate Justice Robert Orr. This was the second event made possible through a Unity Grant to the League and the Sandhills Coalition for Peace, Love, and Justice from the Carter Center through Root Change.

Thanks to Agnes Gioconda and other League members for their organizing and to Mary Rocca for designing the poster.

P.S. If you missed the movie, you can view it on Netflix!



Special thanks to League members who served as judges for the **Moore County Middle School Debate Competition** at Sandhills CC on March 5. More than 75 students from every middle school in the county participated. Two young women from West Pine Middle won first place. A coin toss to begin each of the four rounds determined which team would argue the Pro or Con of RESOLVED: Year-round Schools are Better for Students. The civil discourse and critical thinking skills of these students aged 11-14 was inspiring!



Many of us feel overwhelmed by information overload. Yet we want to stay informed. Here are five reliable, non-partisan sources of info on League issues. You may want to sign up for their monthly or weekly communication.

Public Education at the NC Legislature:

Public Schools First: <https://publicschoolsfirstnc.org/>

Health Issues, including Reproductive Freedom:

NC Health News: www.northcarolinahealthnews.org

Equal Rights Amendment:

ERA North Carolina Alliance: <https://www.era-nc.org/>

ERA National Coalition: <https://www.eracoalition.org/>

Environment:

Southern Environmental Law Center: www.southernenvironment.org/

NC Legislature regarding Voting and Fair Districting:

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