

GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS
Saturday May 14, 2011

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.
Mayor, Sumter County Council

Mayor Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. returned to public office in November 2000 as Sumter's Mayor. After serving on Sumter City Council from 1984 to 1986, Mr. McElveen served in the State House of Representatives from 1986 to 1996. Mayor McElveen is a Sumter native and earned a Bachelor's Degree from The Citadel and a law degree from the USC School of Law. He was named Optimist of the Year in 1978 and Sumter's Outstanding Young Man in 1980. Prior to joining the Sumter firm of Bryan, Bahnmuller, Goldman, McElveen, Ford, Bultman and Rodriguez—the Bryan Law Firm, he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and then in the U.S. Air Force JAG Reserve. He is a former president of the Sumter Jaycees, the Sumter Optimist Club and the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. He has also served on the Sumter County Drug Abuse Council, the City of Sumter Zoning Board of Adjustments and the Sumter City-County Planning Commission.

Mayor McElveen is married to the former Kathy Watson and they have two children: Thomas, an attorney and partner with his father in the Bryan Law Firm, and Kate, a recent graduate of Coker College.

Jane Brailsford, Ed.D.
iCivics

As an educator for forty years her primary goals have been to strengthen K-12 US History and American government content in the public schools and to train teachers in using best practice instructional strategies. As the Coordinator for Professional Development, Virtual Schools and 9-12 social studies she has been instrumental in developing and implementing the iCIVICS pilot programs at the middle and high school level in Lexington One.

Since 1987 Dr. Brailsford has been the Coordinator of Social Studies, Professional Development, Virtual School and Strategic Planning and member of the Future Schools Committee for Lexington County School District One, Lexington, SC.

Beginning July 1, 2011, Dr. Brailsford will be leading implementation of iCivics statewide. Jane will be available to work with individual teachers, schools, districts, after school programs, and organizations to spread the word about and implement iCivics in part or as a course in either middle or high school.

Dr. Brailsford was a member of the National iCivics Teacher Council—18-member National iCivics Teachers Council March 2011; Past President and Board Member, Allied Division of the SC Association of School Administrators (SCASA), Past President and Board Member, SC Staff Development Council (SCSDC), Board Member, SC Council for Social Studies (SCCSS), and Founding member, South Carolina Social Studies Supervisors

She earned a Ed.D. Curriculum and Instruction from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC in 1987.

Allison Sullivan, Esq.
iCivics

Allison Sullivan graduated from Furman University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2005. Allison practices with Bluestein, Nichols, Thompson & Delgado, LLC in the areas of workers' compensation and general tort litigation.

Ms. Sullivan is a member of the South Carolina Association for Justice, Injured Workers' Advocates, the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association, the South Carolina Bar, the Richland County Bar Association, the Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group, and the South Carolina Association for Justice. She is presently serving on the Injured Workers' Advocates CLE Committee, and is chair of the South Carolina Young Lawyers Division iCivics committee.

Ms. Sullivan is also an active volunteer with the Junior League of Columbia and Special Olympics South Carolina.

She is from Florence, South Carolina and enjoys traveling, shopping, reading, and playing golf and tennis.

The Honorable Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.
State Treasurer of South Carolina

Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.'s leadership and financial management skills were developed running a successful business before entering public service.

As Treasurer, Loftis has raised the bar on transparency by putting his entire work calendar online, becoming the first and only elected official in the country to do so. Loftis also refuses a state-issued car, saving taxpayers money by driving his own car to and from work. Loftis began his public service career in 2007, serving as the Director of The Office on Aging.

Treasurer Loftis is the "private banker" for South Carolina. He is responsible for the investment, cash management, and safekeeping of the State's general and restricted funds and the assets of the South Carolina Retirement Systems.

In 2000, after retiring from managing his business, Loftis founded The Saluda Charitable Foundation. As the sole benefactor of the foundation, Saluda Charitable focuses its giving on the education, nutrition and medical care of children, especially those with disabilities. The Foundation has served nearly 300,000 meals, built a church, renovated schools and hospitals, and sponsored medical missions and food pantries. Loftis was born in Columbia and graduated from the University of South Carolina.

Eleanor Hare, Ph.D
LWVSC Board Director, Web Technology

Eleanor Hare holds degrees in chemistry, mathematics and computer science and is retired from teaching in the Department of Computer Science at Clemson University.

She joined the League of Women Voters in 1968 and is a charter member of the League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area, where she serves on the Board and is currently

webmaster. She joined the state Board in 2007 to participate in the study of SC voting machines that was adopted that year. She and Duncan Buell are co-chairing the Task Force on Alternative Voting Technologies.

The Honorable Joseph H. Neal
SC House of Representative, District 70

Representative Joseph H. Neal is the son of Mrs. Laverne Kohn Neal and the late Rev. C. R. Neal of Hopkins, S.C. He is the third of four children, having two brothers; Dr. Green B. Neal and Mr. C.R. Neal Jr., and one sister, Ms. Wilma Neal Garren.

He attended the public schools of Lower Richland and Beaufort Counties. Rev. Neal is a graduate of Benedict College. He studied at the Colgate School of Divinity, Rochester, NY, and continued his studies at the Pittsburgh Theology School, Pittsburgh, PA. He has done further studies at the University of South Carolina. Rev. Neal is the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Benedict College in Columbia, S.C.

Rep. Neal is in his tenth term as the Representative from District 70 in the South Carolina House of Representatives. He currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee, The Education Over Sight Committee and Rules Committee. Rep. Neal is a past chairman of The Legislative Black Caucus. He currently serves as the assistant Democratic Leader for the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Rep. Neal is a "preacher of the gospel", serving as Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Chester, S.C. He leads his Church by example, guided by the Holy Spirit, in love and holiness.

Duncan Buell, Ph.D.
LWVSC Election Technology Advisor

Duncan Buell earned a Ph.D. in mathematics in 1976 from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is presently a professor in and chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of South Carolina. Prior to his move to USC in 2000, he spent fifteen years with the Institute for Defense Analyses in Bowie, Maryland, a research laboratory conducting mathematics and computing research for the National Security Agency. He is a member of LWV of the Columbia Area.

Frank Heindel
Citizen Election Activist

Frank Heindel lives in Mt. Pleasant, SC, with his wife, Renee, and three sons. He has managed a grain merchandising business in downtown Charleston for the past 15 years. Over the last 10 years, he has been described as an independent watchdog, a citizen activist, and an expert dealing with the SC Freedom of Information Act. He has made over 40 Freedom of Information Act requests regarding our state's voting system since June 2010 and started a website at www.scvotinginfo.com to document and track problems.

Mary Klenz
LWVUS Director and Former LWV of North Carolina President

Mary Klenz has served on the LWVSC Board of Directors since 2006. Prior to that she served on the LWVUS Nominating Committee, 2004-06, 2002-04; was LWVNC co-president 2001-

2005; chaired the Volunteer Lobby Corps. She was LWV Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC, president, 1997-2001; director, chair of Mixed Income Housing Coalition, 2006-present; one of the founders of the LWV Charlotte-Mecklenburg Civics 101 program. She chaired a statewide campaign to repeal the state food tax and served in other capacities since joining the LWV in 1991.

Janie Shipley
LWVSC Membership Vice President

Janie Shipley is a recent President of the LWV of the Clemson Area. She is a native North Carolinian who did undergraduate studies at UNC Greensboro, and has a Master's degree from NC State University. She is currently the Quality Improvement Manager at the student health center at Clemson University. She recently completed a term as board member of Planned Parenthood Health Systems, which includes PP of SC. She and her family lived in Jakarta, Indonesia for 2 years. They now live on a small farm in Seneca where they grow blueberries commercially.

The Honorable Ruth V. McGregor
Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice, retired

June 30, 2009. She was the Court's Chief Justice from June 2005 until her retirement. She was also a member of the Arizona Court of Appeals from 1989 until 1998, where she served as Chief Judge from 1995 to 1997. Before her appointment to the bench, Justice McGregor engaged in the private practice of law as a member of the Fennemore Craig law firm in Phoenix, Arizona. She served as law clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor during Justice O'Connor's first term on the United States Supreme Court.

Justice McGregor received a Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Iowa. She received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, summa cum laude, from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, and a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia.

Justice McGregor has participated extensively in professional activities and in organizations dedicated to assuring a fair and impartial judiciary. She speaks often about judicial selection and evaluation, as well as domestic violence, human trafficking, and women in leadership. Among other activities, she has served as an officer and a member of the Board of Trustees for the American Inns of Court Foundation, as an officer and Board member for the National Association of Women Judges, as a board member of the Conference of Chief Justices, and on the Legal Council of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, which is the accrediting body for American law schools.

Justice McGregor currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for the Future of Arizona and of Justice At Stake; as section delegate for the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar; and as Special Advisor to the O'Connor Judicial Selection Initiative of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System.

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JoAnne Day
LWVSC Issues and Action Vice President

JoAnne Day has been a Columbia, SC, resident for the past 20 years. She has been Senior Consultant with the IBM Corporation for the past 10 years. Past employment includes positions as Information Systems Analyst at Lexington Medical Center in Columbia and Systems Analyst at Unisys Corporation. She is a long-time member and supporter of the League of Women Voters.

Holley Ulbrich, Ph.D.
LWVSC Director, Taxation

Holley Ulbrich is a forty-two year member of the League and incoming president (for the fourth time) of the Clemson League who has served a number of times on state board and is currently an off-board specialist in state and local taxation and home rule. She is Alumni Distinguished Professor Emerita of Economics at Clemson University and a Senior Scholar at the Strom Thurmond Institute.

Robin Kimbrough-Melton, J.D.
LWVSC Director, Criminal Justice

Robin Kimbrough-Melton is a research professor at Clemson University's Institute on Family & Neighborhood Life and executive officer of the American Orthopsychiatric Association. She has long been active in service system reform related to juvenile justice, criminal justice, education, social services, substance abuse services, and the courts. She is currently directing programs to provide assistance to children with incarcerated parents, chairing state and national committees aimed at developing supportive services for families impacted by incarceration, and teaching courses on international human rights law. She was the recipient of the 2005 Award for Distinguished Professional Service from the South Carolina Professional Society on Abuse of Children and the Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Award in 2006 from the Division of Child, Youth, and Family Services of the American Psychological Association.

Carole Cato
LWVSC Director, Advocacy

Carole Cato has served on the LWVSC State Board for two terms. She also serves as the 1st VP LWV/Columbia Area, Advocacy/Publicity. Carole served as chair of a Local Study Committee on Changing the Date of the Municipal Elections to Increase Voter Participation; chaired the first annual Women's Equality Day at the Statehouse; and works to spread word of the League's mission, positions and advocacy throughout the state.

Peggy Brown
LWVSC Director, Natural Resources

Peggy Brown has served on the state Board of League of Women Voters for four years as co-director of Natural Resources, as well as the past State Chapter Conservation Chair for Sierra Club. At home in Florence she serves as Natural Resource Director for the LWV/Florence

Area and as Conservation Chair and Co-Chair for the Sierra Club, Pee Dee Group. Over the past few years Peggy has directed her environmental passion by reaching out the Lutheran faith community by writing educational Creation Care articles on environmental concerns that are published in two church congregational newsletters in Florence.

Peggy was born in Bloomington, Ill. and moved to Florence in 1975 with her husband Frank of 39 years. She was employed with McLeod Health as an Executive Secretary for 24 years in Administration until August of 2010 when she left to begin working on an entrepreneur business in a downtown revitalization plan. Prior to her work at McLeod she sold real estate in Florence area for ten years. Peggy and Frank have two married daughters and four grandchildren.

Peggy Huchet
LWV of the Charleston Area Director, Education

Peggy Huchet was born and raised in Baltimore. She earned a B.A. degree from Connecticut College, New London, CT, and a Masters of Education degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She taught first and sixth grades in Newton, MA, and left to start a family.

For 35 years she lived in Lawrence Township, NJ, where she was an active member of the League of Women Voters and served on the Boards of several nonprofit organizations. She had a 20-year career with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. For many of those years she administered the State of New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund and several other housing production programs using state and federal funds to construct and rehabilitate affordable housing for low-income households. As Assistant Bureau Chief, she managed a staff of 10 people and an annual budget of \$30 million.

In 2002 she moved to Charleston to live close to her two daughters. She promptly joined the LWV of the Charleston Area and took a position on the board managing the education portfolio. In her "retirement" she keeps busy with family and friends, volunteer activities, gardening, and, most fun of all, spending time with her two granddaughters, ages 6 and 3.

Constance A. Anastopoulo, Esq.
Co-Coordinator, LWVSC Judicial Initiative

Constance Anastopoulo is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a B.A. in Economics and a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor. She joined the Charleston School of Law Faculty in 2007 teaching Evidence and Insurance Law. In 2011, she was chosen "Professor of the Year" for 2010-2011 year.

Prior to coming to the Charleston School of Law, Professor Anastopoulo served as a senior litigator in the civil litigation division of the Charleston law firm, Anastopoulo & Clore, LLC where she managed the appellate practice for the firm. She was the lead counsel in the seminal case *Gaskins v. Southern Farm Bureau*, 345 S.C. 416, 2003 which was chosen one of the ten most important decisions in S.C. by Lawyer's Weekly in 2003.

Professor Anastopoulo has served on the Board of Directors of My Sister's House, Inc., serves as Vice President of the League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area, and is past president of Daughters of Penelope Philanthropy.

Professor Anastopoulo is a member of S.C. Bar, Charleston Bar Association, and the S.C. Women Lawyers Assoc., and admitted to the S.C. Supreme Court, the S.C. Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. District Court, 4th Circuit.

**The Honorable W. Jeffrey Young
Circuit Court Judge at-large**

Judge Jeff Young was born in Sumter, South Carolina on August 2, 1955, to Kenneth R. Young (deceased) and Marion K. Young.

He grew up in Sumter and graduated from Wilson Hall in 1973. He graduated from The Citadel in 1977 with a B.S. in Business Administration. He received his Juris Doctorate in December 1984 from the University of South Carolina. He began his law practice with his brother at Young and Young, P.A. In 1998 he became a sole practitioner until he was elected to the bench in the Third Judicial Circuit in Family Court. He served as a Family Court Judge from 2004 until 2009.

Judge Young served in the United States Air Force (active and reserve) from 1977 to 2007 and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He completed four missions to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and earned the Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Medal.

He was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives and served from 1994 to 1998. During this time he received the Order of the Palmetto in 1998 and was also named SC Victim's Assistance Network Legislator of the Year and the NRA Defender of Freedom Award. He was elected again to serve in the House from 2000 to 2002.

He was elected on February 11, 2009, as Circuit Court Judge at-large to fill the unexpired term of Judge John M. Milling.

He is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Sumter where he has previously served as a Deacon, Elder and Clerk of Session. He married Sharon Steele of Sumter on December 5, 1992. He has one daughter, Betsy, and three sons, Will, Robert and Greyson who are all a blessing to be around.

**The Honorable J. David Weeks, Esq.
SC House of Representatives, District 51**

Representative J. David Weeks is a native of Sumter, South Carolina. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morris College, Sumter, SC; Master of Education degree from Howard University, Washington D.C.; the Juris Doctor of Law degree from the University Of South Carolina School Of law, and the bachelor of Divinity degree from the Morris College School of Religion.

A member of numerous civic and community organizations, Rep. Weeks is a member of the Board of Directors of the Sumter County Community Development Corporation, and the Four Bridges Community Development Association; past chairman of the Sumter City County Planning Commission, and former chairman of the Sumter County Voter Registration Board. He is a life member of the NAACP. He previously served as County State Executive

Committeemen for the Democratic Party. Representative is a thirty-second degree mason, Shriner, and life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He is a former Vice Chairman of the Morris College Board of Trustees. He also serves as on the Policy Committee of the Sumter Urban Area Transportation Survey (SUATS). In addition, he is a member of the Audit Committee of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and is a member of the Board of Directors of South Carolina Community Bank.

Rep. Weeks is a member of the Board of Directors of Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments. He was appointed by the South Carolina Speaker of the house to a special committee to develop strategies to prevent base closings in the State of South Carolina. In 2006, he was appointed by the Chief justice of South Carolina Supreme Court to serve on a special task force to develop public records policies. In 2009 he was appointed by the South Carolina Speaker of the House to the Legislative Oversight Committee for the South Carolina Ports authority.

Rep. Weeks is active with the local, state and American Bar Associations and the South Carolina Association of Justice. He operates the Weeks Law Office, LLC of Sumter.

He was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives on November 7, 1996, representing District 51 of Sumter County. He serves as chief minority whip for the house Democratic Caucus. He is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, unanimously elected Chairman of the 39-member South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, a position he held until December 2010.

Rep. Weeks is the recipient of many honors and awards. He received citations from the city and county of Sumter, the South Carolina State Senate, the Sumter martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee and many others. In 2008 he was recognized by the Greater Sumter Chamber of commerce for outstanding community service. In 2009, he received the African American Male Image award from the Columbia alumni Chapter of Phi beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. In 2009, he was awarded the merit Award for Politics from the South Carolina State organization of the National Council of Negro Women.

He is married, has two daughters and three grandchildren. His personal motto is **“Never be afraid to step out on a blessing.”**

<p style="text-align: center;">Janet Richardson Lynam Pee Dee Citizens Committee On Judicial Qualifications</p>

Janet Richardson Lynam is a wife, mother of two, grandmother of four, businesswoman and active citizen in the Sumter community.

Ms. Lynam was educated at Asheboro High School and Hardbarger Business College. Currently, she is Vice President of Lynam Construction Company, Inc., and has served as campaign manager for state Senator Phil Leventis.

Ms. Lynam has been a member of the Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications since its inception in 1997. (South Carolina is divided geographically into five districts: Lowcountry, Pee Dee, Midlands, Upstate and Piedmont.) In addition, she is President of Citizens Asking for a Safe Environment (CASE), Chairman of the Department of Social Services Board, and a Sumter Soil and Water Conservation Committee member.

Ms. Lynam's community involvement also includes membership in the Sumter Forum, Sumter County Literacy Council, League of Women Voters of Sumter County, and American Business Women's Association, which honored her with its Woman of the Year Award

<p style="text-align: center;">Victoria L. Eslinger, Esq. South Carolina Women Lawyers Association</p>
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Victoria L. Eslinger practices in the area of general and business litigation, labor and employment as well as in the firm's international practice.

Ms. Eslinger has extensive experience with discrimination, harassment, retaliation, whistleblower, wage and hour, payment of wages, and employment contract claims, as well as claims based on non-competition and non-disclosure agreements. She also has extensive experience drafting executive employment and severance agreements.

Ms. Eslinger has served for a number of years as a member of the faculty of the Harvard University Law School Intensive Trial Advocacy Course. She formerly practiced law with O'Melveny & Myers in Paris, France, and is fluent in French, Spanish and Italian.

A frequent lecturer at South Carolina Bar seminars, Ms. Eslinger has also served on numerous boards of directors of local civic organizations.

Ms. Eslinger was named the 2009 Advocate of the Year by the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center. In 2004, the University of South Carolina School of Law honored her with the Compleat Lawyer Platinum Award. Ms. Eslinger received the honor in recognition of her professional and civic accomplishments over 30 years of practice. It is given to USC law graduates who have made "a significant contribution to the legal profession" and exemplify "the highest standard of professional competence, ethics, and integrity."

Career Highlights: Certified Specialist in Labor and Employment Law; Best Lawyers in America - Labor & Employment Law and Family Law since 2001; Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers - Labor and Employment Law; Listed in South Carolina Super Lawyers (2008-2010); USC Compleat Lawyer Platinum Award; YWCA - TWIN (Tribute to Women and Industry) Award