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League of Women Voters - Clemson Area Records Mss.0346 A Register, 1967-2009

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository

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Title

**League of Women Voters - Clemson Area
Records**

ID

Mss.0346

Date

1967-2009

Extent

4.8 cubic feet in 16 boxes consisting of 142 folders, 44 photographs, 19 negatives, and 2 VHS cassettes

Language

English

Abstract

This manuscript collection contains the archives of the League of Women Voters - Clemson Area [LWVCA]. Since 1968, the LWVCA, has served the people of Clemson, Central, Easley, Six Mile, Pickens, Liberty, Dacusville, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, Salem, Mountain Rest, Anderson, and Pendleton by encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government through education and advocacy.

Preferred Citation

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area (LWVCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan volunteer organization that was formed in 1968. It serves the people of Clemson, Central, Easley, Six Mile, Pickens, Liberty, Dacusville, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, Salem, Mountain Rest, Anderson, and Pendleton. The League aims to promote political responsibility through informed participation of citizens in government. The organization is commonly active within issues such as education, fiscal policy, voting rights, health care, and local/county/state governmental affairs. LWVCA members have also provided leadership to the League of Women Voters of South Carolina (LWVSC) by organizing and leading statewide meetings, serving in various capacities on the state board, and researching and preparing materials on selected topics for use by other local Leagues in the state. The group neither supports nor opposes candidates for office at any level of government. Rather, they seek influence on policy by striving to increase understanding through education, advocacy, and political lobbying.

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains annual meeting reports, 1968-2006; biennial convention workbooks, 1981-1994; board minutes, 1968-2006; bylaws, 1968-1990s; candidates fair documentation, 1970-2006; directories, 1970-2008; news clippings, 1971-2009; correspondence, 1967-2009; as well as various newsletters, reports, photographs, and VHS cassettes.

The annual meeting files contain reports, proposals, budgets, honor/awards recognitions, and updates on local/state governmental issues of importance. Biennial convention workbooks document agendas during these events. The board minutes commonly include location, date, treasurers reports, announcements, publications (national and local news), recreational and voter services, state/local issues, and membership reports. The bylaw files document regulations of the LWVCA concerning the operation and manner of procedure in which the organization was run. Also included are files that chronicle the LWVCA's organization of local candidate's fairs. These files contain correspondence, names and biographical details pertaining to each candidate, and questionnaires

that feature each office seekers individual positions on issues. Directories of local public officials were published every year by the organization and thirty eight are included within this collection. News clippings document the LWVCA's activities with local, state, and national government. Correspondence within this collection detail internal, community, and state/local interactions. Newsletters such as "Facts," "SC Voter," and "The Voter" are included within this collection. Reports that were prepared by the LWVCA have been archived; topics included are: Hartwell Lake, immigration, federal deficit, property taxes, alcohol sales, state lottery, car taxes, solid waste, and the Kenya Project. The latter was an internship program entitled "Woman Power in Politics: Building Grassroots Democracy in Africa." There are 44 photographs within this collection that depict League members at various meetings and also performing voter service. There are two VHS cassettes. One contains two separate 1994 PBS broadcasts in which panels discuss the pros and cons of health care reform. The other VHS cassette depicts a local LWVCA town meeting that occurred in 1999.

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ARRANGEMENT NOTE

The folders have been arranged in alphabetical order except for the Kenya Project, which has been arranged chronologically.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Acquired from Della Barker, Frances Plotnick, and Holly Ulbrich in accessions 03-115, 03-177, 05-105, and 09-121.

Processing Information note

This collection was processed by Carl Redd, Project Archivist, with assistance from student worker Steven Maclin in 2011.

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RELATED MATERIALS

Separated Materials note

Photographs and VHS cassettes have been separated due to nature of the items.

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- Local government--South Carolina--Pickens County.
- South Carolina--Politics and government.

Subject(s)

- Elections--South Carolina--Clemson--Periodicals.
- League of Women Voters of the Clemson Area.
- Voter registration--South Carolina--Clemson--Periodicals.

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