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Save the date!

Tuesday, September 19
Membership Meeting & Luncheon
at Pine Crest Inn

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Thursday, September 21  
Ruth Pauley Lecture at SCC

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CANDIDATE FORUMS
**October 17 - Pinehurst Village
Council**
**October 22 – Southern Pines Town
Council**

**League of Women Voters of Moore County
Monthly Meeting and Luncheon
First Meeting of the Year!**

Tuesday September 19, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Pine Crest Inn, 50 Dogwood Rd, Pinehurst, NC



**Speaker: Gino Nuzzolillo
Campaign Manager for Common Cause NC**

***Election 2023: Voter Regulations, Common Cause Youth Leadership Program,
Building Trust in Government***

We hope you can come!

[Register here on League Website](#)





Title	Name
President	Peggy Crawford
First VP for Membership	Agnes Gioconda
Second VP for Event Planning and Fundraising	Mary Rocca
Treasurer	CeCe Hanacek
Secretary	Lee Foreman
Director	Ashley Bartels
Director for Club Express, Luncheon Programs	Jay Emery
Director for Luncheon Logistics	Terry Heller
Director	Marian Johnson
Director	Dianne Reid
Director	Ann Torok
Director	Alexa Roberts
Director	Anne Baird Wells

We welcome our incoming board members and will provide selected bios in each issue of The Voter. Introducing Marian Johnson:



Marian Johnson, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, lived in Kansas and upstate New York before moving to North Carolina in 1987. Marian finished her education at North Carolina State University with a masters in history education. She retired from teaching at Enloe Magnet High School in Raleigh in 2015. She moved that year to Whispering Pines where two of her four children live with six of her ten grandchildren. She and her husband, Evan, opened an antique store that year in Aberdeen.

Marian found the League soon after moving to the area and joined because of the importance of the vote and because it is a nonpartisan organization that works for the rights of a democracy.

Cocktails, Conversation, and Canapés



On September 6, the League of Women Voters of Moore County hosted Cocktails, Conversation, and Canapés at the Southern Pines Civic Club. Fifty members plus their guests attended and enjoyed wine, a special cocktail, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and conversations.

Tables displayed activities of the League. Thirty-seven attendees signed up for various action teams including Voter Registration and Education, Public Education, Reducing Gun Violence, the Observer Corps, Reproductive Rights, Candidate Forums, to help with the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series, and to develop a flyer about Moore County's municipal governments.

(If you have interest in any of these issues, please go to our website, log in to Club Express, and find your interest group!).

Several guests have already joined the League. Thanks to all who planned and participated in this special event to launch the 2023-24 year!



In Case You Missed It . . .

View last year's activities and preview the coming year in photos!

[See Our Year In Review](#)



Candidate Forums
Find your locality and plan to participate!
Spread the word and bring a friend!

October 17 - Pinehurst Village Council

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Village Hall, Pinehurst
Co-sponsored by

- League of Women Voters of Moore County
- Pinehurst Civic Group

October 22 – Southern Pines Town Council

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **E. S. Douglass Community Center** on Pennsylvania Avenue
Co-sponsored by

- League of Women Voters of Moore County
- Southern Pines Civic Club
- West Southern Pines Civic Club

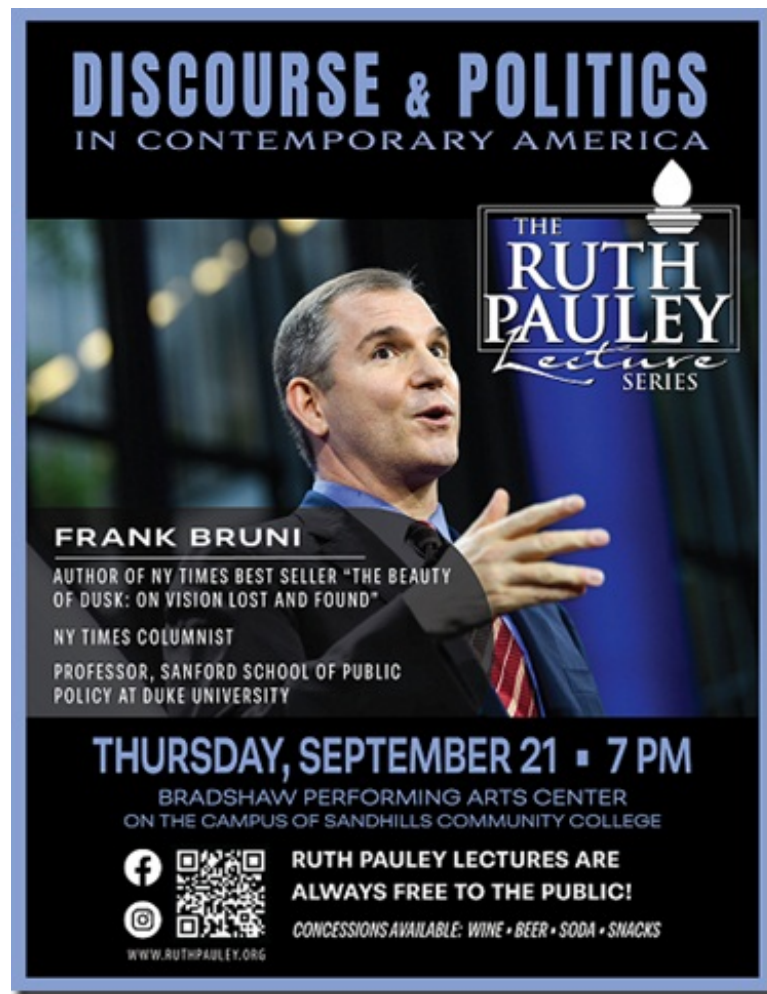
September 28 – Whispering Pines Village Council

Q & A Forum sponsored and conducted by The New Pitch
7 p.m. - Country Club of Whispering Pines Ballroom



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL ELECTIONS

Help distribute Voter Information at Sandhills and throughout Moore County.
Contact Peggy Crawford to volunteer: peggycrawford@nc.rr.com



Frank Bruni is a professor of the practice of Journalism and Public Policy in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. A Morehead Scholar at UNC Chapel Hill, he was a *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate, receiving his B.A. in English in 1986. He earned his M.S. from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in 1988 and was awarded a Pulitzer Traveling Fellowship.

Frank Bruni's lecture will give a snapshot of modern journalism combining the work he is doing on his new book with the difficult commentary path today's journalists must navigate in an extremely divided world focusing on the roles of both the media and every day citizens.



The LWVMC Environmental Team helped to sponsor this well-attended free movie at the Sunrise Theater on August 30, followed by a panel discussion. Special thanks to League members Pam Dodge, Sue Manly, and Tina Ganis for ALL their work.

Do your part – and encourage others – to reduce single-use plastics!

JOIN CLIMATE CRISIS WORKING GROUP, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MOORE COUNTY, MOORE COUNTY NAACP FOR A FREE SCREENING OF:

The Story of Plastic



**WEDNESDAY, AUG 30,
DOORS OPEN 6:00, MOVIE 6:30PM
SUNRISE THEATER. 250 NW BROAD ST.**

This documentary looks at the latest false solution to sustainability - "just recycle better!" A journey to the people and places around the globe, not only addressing the problems, but crafting solutions.

Come early to learn more from the 3 sponsoring organizations, stay later for the Q&A discussion with a panel of local experts.

Climate Crisis Working Group of Moore County - cwamoores@gmail.com
League of Women Voters Moore County - pddodge1228@gmail.com
NAACP Moore County - president@moorenaacp.org



Four members from the North Carolina League Education Team met with members of the Moore County League on September 7 to listen to local concerns about Public Education. The state team will also meet with other League education advocates across the state, in order to formulate an effective advocacy strategy niche for North

VOTE 411 Going Live Soon for 2023!

The League's signature one-stop voter information site:

- > Learn about Candidates in their own words
- > Check your voter registration
- > Find out where to vote
- And so much more!

Buy a VOTE 411 car magnet to spread the word.

Thanks to Laurie Kuzminski, Lee Williams, and Barbara Simpson for their VOTE 411 leadership!



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major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



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