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CALENDAR

Holiday Gathering, Thursday December 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of Colleen Conway Welch, 109 Lynwood Terrace. Members are encouraged to bring friend. Join the fun!

River Redevelopment Plan Public Meetings: December 3, 5 and 8.

LWV Board Meeting: December 12, 5:00 to 6:30 at the office of United Cerebral Palsy, 1200 9th Ave. North. RSVP at info@LWVnashville.org or 297-7134.

Legislative Agenda, Preview Conference and Dinner: Monday, January 16, 2006 from 7 to 9 at Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, 27th floor of the City Center Building, 511 Union Street.

River Redevelopment

You are invited to participate in the discussions leading to a master plan for a vital riverfront.

- **East Nashville: Saturday, December 3**, Martha O'Bryan Center, 711 South 7th Street
Registration: 9:30 a.m.; Meeting: 10:00 a.m. – Noon
- **North Nashville: Monday, December 5**, Randee Rogers Center, 1419 8th Avenue North
Registration: 6:30 p.m., Meeting: 7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Downtown: Thursday, December 8**, Downtown Public Library, 615 Church Street
Registration: 11:30 a.m., Meeting: Noon – 2:00 p.m.

For more information visit www.civicdesigncenter.org or call the Nashville Civic Design Center at 248-4280. The League contact for this Committee is Berdelle Campbell, 244-5198.

A Bottle Bill for Tennessee

A draft of legislation to promote beverage container recycling has been completed. Eleven states have functioning bottle bills. A coalition of Tennessee environmental groups and citizens hope to see one in place here. Led by Scenic Tennessee, the groups include: the Sierra Club, Tennessee Conservation Voters, The Tennessee Farm Bureau, and Tennessee Wilderness Federation. The LWVN Environment Chair, Berdelle Campbell has been active in this effort. Three sponsors have agreed to present the bill, *The Tennessee Deposit Beverage Container Recycling Act of 2006*, and more sponsors are being sought. A final draft of the bill, scheduled to be introduced in the upcoming General Assembly session, will be available on the LWV website. Look for it there.

Voter Services Activity a Success

Carrie Hudson and Lynn Williams, co-chairs of Voter Services, registered voters and informed workers about the League of Women Voters at the IRS office in Nashville on November 1. The Nashville LWV was invited to participate as part of Labor Recognition Week celebrated by NTEU a large union representing employees of a range of Federal agencies.

"We feel that it's important for employees to realize the connection between being Federal employees and voting," said Janis Romans, NTEU Secretary and local Chapter Steward. "Congress is our employer, so who is elected has a direct result on our conditions of employment." The LWV presence

made a difference: many registered during the time the Voter Services co-chairs were present, and requests continued after the activity concluded. Romans was pleased with the effort. "It has made me more aware of getting the word out that we have applications in the union office... There is no excuse for anyone not being registered to vote."

The goal of the Voter Services committee is to promote voting in upcoming local, state and federal elections by organizing activities to facilitate voter education and registration. For more information, or to get involved, contact Lynn Williams at 385-3859 or Carrie Hudson at 228-4996.

Legislative Preview Dinner

The LWV's first "Legislative Preview Dinner" will be held on **Monday January 16, 2006** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, in the large meeting room on the 27th floor of the City Center Building, 511 Union Street.

This is a joint state and local LWV activity that we hope will become an annual recognized event to promote the League of Women Voters and draw attention to our legislative priorities. The event will feature four recognized "Political Pundits" who will present their forecast for the 104th legislative Session. They will address the following:

- What are the key issues impacting this session?
- Who are the leaders to watch and upon what issues will they lead the charge?
- What are the potential divisive issues and why?
- What are the issues upon which consensus is a possibility?
- How will the Governor's priorities impact this session?
- How will federal priorities impact this session?

The event will raise non-restricted operating funds for the League of Women Voters of Tennessee and the League of Women Voters of Nashville.

Cost for the event is \$50 per person. *Seating is limited.* For reservations email: Tennlwv@aol.com

Or contact: League of Women Voters of Tennessee
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LWVN Board: Karen Edwards, President; Deana Claiborne, Past President; Lucy Du, 1st VP; Berdelle Campbell, 2nd VP and Environmental Chair; Mary McLennan, Sec'y; Marian Ott, Treasurer.

Committee Chairs: Carrie Hudson and Lynn Williams, Voter Services; Jennifer Cole and Rose Rodriguez, Membership; Jan Bossing, Education; Joanne Rich, Health Care; Karen Weeks, Metro Gov't; and Denise Carr, Voter editor. Office Administrator Melanie, Gober Grand: info@LWVnashville.org.

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