



## The League of Women Voters of Nashville

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# The Voter

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## CALENDAR

- October 11 LWV Public Forum, Plan of Nashville. 5:30 p.m. Metro Parks Board Room. Oman Street, near Centennial Park. Contact Berdelle Campbell, [btccampbell@comcast.net](mailto:btccampbell@comcast.net) or 248-8149.
- October 12 CABLE Super Marketplace and Luncheon. 11:00 – 2:00. Gaylord Entertainment Center. [www.nashvillecable.org](http://www.nashvillecable.org) or 255-9119.
- October 17 Economic Summit for Women. 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Marriott Airport Hotel, (information [www.tnwomensummit.com](http://www.tnwomensummit.com), or [ycwood@aol.com](mailto:ycwood@aol.com), or 615-253-4266).
- October 22 LWV Monthly Breakfast Club Meeting. 10:00 a.m. Brenda Wynn “The Role of Women in Government.” Atlanta Bread Company, West End and 18<sup>th</sup> St. Contact Rose Rodriguez ([roseandfernando@comcast.net](mailto:roseandfernando@comcast.net) or 383-6587).
- December 8 LWV Holiday Gathering. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Home of Colleen Conway Welch, 109 Lynwood Terrace. Co-hosted by League membership committee. Like to help? Contact Jennifer Cole ([jenerikcole@comcast.net](mailto:jenerikcole@comcast.net) or 227-2585) or Rose Rodriguez .
- January 24, 2006 LWV Public Forum on the Health Care Safety Net. Time & place TBA.

## PLAN OF NASHVILLE—BRING A FRIEND!

The League will sponsor a forum on **Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30 pm** on the Plan of Nashville in the Metro Parks Board Room. The forum will explore the new the Plan of Nashville, including its significance for the future development of downtown, greenways, the Gulch, and Rolling Mills Hills. Particular emphasis will be given to progress in greenways development. Extensive plans and maps of all greenways in Metro will be displayed in the Parks meeting room. Representatives from the Nashville Civic Design Center and Metro Nashville Greenways will present. Members of the public are welcome.

Directions: Come to the Metro Parks recreation building at Oman Street. From West End Ave, travel north on 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue S until it dead ends into Park Plaza (near the HCA building). Turn left on Park Plaza and then bear right on Oman St. to reach the Recreation Building.

## LWV MONTHLY BREAKFAST—ROLE OF WOMEN IN POLITICS

The League will launch a new monthly breakfast meeting series on **Saturday, October 22 at**

**10:00 a.m.** at the Atlanta Bread Company on West End and 18<sup>th</sup> St. (parking is in the back of the building). Brenda Wynn, aide to Rep. Jim Cooper, will talk about the role of women in government. She will speak for 10 to 15 minutes and then facilitate a round table discussion. League members are encouraged to bring a friend. The monthly meetings will alternate between a Saturday morning and a weekday morning, to encourage widest possible participation.

Women comprise 51% of the adult population in this country, but their representation in the highest levels of government is shockingly low. Currently only 14% of US Congress members are women. Approximately 22% of state legislators are women. Twenty percent of Metro Council members are women. We have never had a woman president. Yet a large number of the 21 million government employees are women. What roles do these women play in government?

### **LOCAL CHILD CARE BILL DEFERRED INDEFINITELY**

League president Karen Edwards and Berdelle Campbell attended the September 6 meeting of Metro Council to present the League's opposition to BL2005-726 which would require that all early childhood centers located in residential areas be approved by Metro Council. Edwards testified that since measures already exist to review requests for child care, no additional steps are needed. LWV member and Council member Lynn Williams, distributed the League position paper. As a result of opposition by the LWV and other groups, Council voted to defer action on the bill indefinitely. Thanks to League members who contacted their Council members!

### **MAYOR'S FIRST DAY CELEBRATION**

The LWV sponsored the KIDS VOTE booth at the Mayor's First Day Festival on August 14. In a mock election, PreK-4 students selected math as their favorite subject and middle school student chose video games as their favorite out-of-school activity. Among high school students, their favorite class is math, 87% said they intended to go to college after graduating, and 78% said Supreme Court justices should be elected. Jan Bossing headed up this great event, supported by volunteers Carrie Hudson, Jane Norris, Karen Edwards and Berdelle Campbell.

### **WELCOME MELANIE GOBER GRAND**

Melanie began her duties as the League's office administrator October 1. Formerly a paralegal, she also provides administrative services to other groups including the Lawyer's Association for Women. To reach her, call the League office at 297-7134 or email [info@lwvnashville.org](mailto:info@lwvnashville.org).

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

OFFICERS: President, Karen Edwards; Past-President, Deana Claiborne; 1st VP, Lucy Du; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, & Environmental Chair, Berdelle Campbell; Secretary, Mary McLennan; and Treasurer, Marian Ott. COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Voter Service, Carrie Hudson and Lynn Williams; Membership, Jennifer Cole and Rose Rodriguez; Education, Jan Bossing; Health Care, Joanne Rich; Metro Government & Interim Voter editor, Karen Weeks, ([KarenHWeeks@comcast.net](mailto:KarenHWeeks@comcast.net))

Upcoming Board meetings: Oct 10 and Nov 14. 5-6:30 p.m. United Cerebral Palsy, 1200 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, Nashville 37208. Members welcome. RSVP [info@LWVnashville.org](mailto:info@LWVnashville.org) or 297-7134.

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