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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Place	Description
Friday July 15 through Saturday July 30	M, W, F, & Sat. 8–4:30; T & Th. 8–7	Check Davidson County Election Commission website http://www.nashville.gov/vote/early.asp	Davidson County General Election Early Voting On the ballot: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council Members-At-Large, and Council Members in Districts 1–35.
Monday July 18	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	McGavock High School 3150 McGavock Pk Nashville, TN	Public Meetings to Discuss Flood Preparedness Plan Nashville residents can receive information about the city’s “Unified Flood Preparedness Plan” being developed by Metro Water Services at a series of public meetings over the next 12 months. Community input including recommendations for projects to reduce damages from future floods will be gathered. July 18 is the first of a series of meetings in five geographical quadrants of the city; the meetings are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. Additional dates are July 19, 21, 28, & 30; time and locations are listed at http://www.lwvnashville.org/calendar.html or www.nashville.gov/water/floodprepare .
Friday July 29	Noon	NA	Deadline to Volunteer for Election Day Poll Watching Volunteers for the LWVN poll-watching project on August 4 (Election Day) are being sought by the Voter Service committee. No experience is necessary; participants will receive information about poll-watcher guidelines and polling place procedures. Each participant may choose the day, time period, and polling place most convenient for his or her schedule. The Committee also will observe precincts during the early voting period (July 15–July 30); the deadline for those workers was July 13. Send your request to participate to Lynn Williams: 289-6499 or lynn.wms@comcast.net .
Thursday August 4	7:00 am to 7:00 pm	Davidson County Election Commission polling sites www.nashville.gov/vote/docs/ads/pdf/110804_VotingLocations.pdf	Davidson County General Election On the ballot: Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council Members-At-Large, and Council Members in Districts 1–35.
Monday August 22	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	E/Spaces, Inc. 4322 Harding Pike, Suite 417 Nashville, TN	LWV Nashville Board Meeting Guests are welcome at the League’s monthly board meetings. NOTE: Location is upstairs of the Belle Meade Publix on Harding Pike near White Bridge Road. Covered parking is available. Use the elevator bank to the office building (not grocery), exit on the 4th floor, then left off the elevator, and left again to the conference room.

Thursday September 15	7:00 am to 7:00 pm	Davidson County Election Commission polling sites www.nashville.gov/vote/docs/ads/pdf/110804_VotingLocations.pdf	Davidson County Runoff Election On the ballot: To be determined after the results of the August 4 election. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council Members-At-Large Council Members, Districts 1–35.
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From Nashville’s President

Summer is certainly here as temperatures top the 90s and wilt us on impact but our League work goes on! I want to thank all the Nashville members who helped host the party for the LWVTN Board members at President Margie Parsley’s home on June 29. Seasoned and new members—among them LWVN folks **Berdelle** and **Ernest Campbell, Pat** and **John Post, Lee Fairbend, Libby Thurman, Judy Raines, Debby Gould, Lynn Williams, Barbara** and **Volney Gay, Deana Claiborne, Tish Womack, Diane DiIanni, Carol McSwiney, Jan Sobotka, Pat Dishman,** and **Lynda Burman**, to name a few—gathered and welcomed a few potential members at a pot luck supper on the spacious deck enhanced by cooling evening breezes. So many great conversations! And Parsley’s folks—**Bob** and **Joyce** (a 50 year member) **Manyik**—recently transplanted from West Virginia jumped right in and shared their perspectives. State board members from all corners of Tennessee enjoyed Nashville’s hospitality tucked half way through their quarterly meeting (see a full report of the meeting later in this issue).

The LWVN membership renewal drive is ongoing. You should have gotten your renewal materials in the mail several weeks ago. If you have not yet renewed, please do so before the end of August. Our new directory will be printed and distributed in September, and it can only include you if you have renewed. Our League now offers you the ability to renew or donate securely through our web site: www.lwvnashville.org. We need every one of you to help make the Nashville League viable and strong.

It’s also time to remind and encourage your friends and neighbors to cast their votes in the upcoming Davidson County General Election. Early voting runs from July 15 through July 30, with **Election Day on August 4**. Our website has a link to the sample ballot on its home page. And if folks are unsure of their voting district—and some did change after the Census—refer them to our “helpful links” that include the Davidson County Election Commission (<http://www.nashville.gov/Vote/>).

We are working with the state and national Leagues on a project called **Vote411.org** that will provide an online voter guide that is on target for the 2012 elections. While this guide will provide virtual information in response to your keystrokes, it also will have a print option for wider distribution to those without computer access or skill. This is a service the League has historically provided that was very labor intensive. The new version will harness the power of the internet to make compilation easier and more secure. Candidates will be able to input their demographics and query responses. The program has been designed to alleviate hacking in order to protect candidate content. The LWVUS road-tested the system in 22 Leagues across the country last year with good results. We are looking forward to offering this service to our community.

At its June retreat, the LWVN Board voted to consistently partner with Second Harvest for our monthly “Hot Topic” luncheons—now First Fridays—and because of Labor Day, we’ll kick off the year on September 9. I’ll look forward to seeing you then.

Have a wonderful, safe summer, y’all. In League, *Jo Singer*

What’s In It for You?

The League of Women Voters of Nashville offers you myriad opportunities. When you join the LWVN, you are immediately part of a strong national organization with 94 years of experience and grit. The LWVUS acts as our umbrella, leading Leagues in every state to struggle through comprehensive studies of policy issues and come to national consensus positions. It then leads this national grassroots organization in advocacy on the federal, state, and local levels. A local Leaguer can choose to be active on all levels of the LWV. And, of course, the more active a person is willing and able to be, the more opportunity they will have to learn about and impact government. The LWVUS website (<http://www.lwv.org/>) is a wonderful resource for history of the League, positions, advocacy, and educational materials. The national staff includes lobbyists with years of solid experience in Washington and the LWVUS Board represents all regions of the country with fierce dedication. On the state level, the LWVTN provides the leadership and support of lobbyist Stewart Clifton and his assistant Anne Ross during the legislative sessions. Their advice and legislative reports help the LWVTN Action Committee interact with Tennessee government in a constructive and successful manner. Here again the national League provides educational materials such as the biannual publication *LWVUS Impact on Issues 2010-2012: A Guide to Public Policy Positions*, which is available online at https://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/5950/t/7842/shop/index.jsp?storefront_KEY=177.

LWVN Summer Retreat

The LWVN Board of Directors met for their annual retreat on June 4 at 1st VP **Vickie Zieglers** lovely home with President **Jo Singer** presiding. The meeting began with personal introductions all around followed by Singer's general overview of the League, including a review of its mission statement and its organizational structure and relationship to the national LWV and LWVTN. She also reviewed the agenda and goals of the retreat, a discussion and development of consensus on the coming year's calendar and specific educational forums and advocacy to be undertaken by the 2011-2012 Board. To orient board members, everyone received print materials that included the LWVNs program of services and information regarding Tennessee and national LWV programs for the coming year, along with a general review of additional resources provided through the national organization such as the publication *Impact on Issues*, a compendium of the national League's policy positions available in print form or download from LWVUS website.

The process by which the LWVUS undertakes national studies in order to develop consensus positions was discussed, and a current study being conducted by the LWVUS on education in which LWVN will participate in Fall 2011 was introduced. In addition, there was a brief discussion of a recent broadcast by the LWVUS regarding two U.S. Senator's positions on the EPA, followed by discussion of the goals and techniques of nonpartisan activism.

Singer led a lengthy discussion of the current LWVN nonpartisan policy for board members, along with comparisons to the national and state nonpartisan policies. There was substantive, broad-based discussion about the policies, including the meaning and scope of certain terms (*e.g.*, elective office, partisan, political activity, and political office), and possible activities to which the policies might relate, including, among others, financial contributions, behind the scenes participation on behalf of a candidate for partisan and nonpartisan office; public support for such candidate; signing political petitions; attending candidate coffees and/or fund-raisers; hosting candidate coffees or fund raisers, running for and/or holding political or non-political office. Discussion then focused on two provisions of the current LWVN policy; the provision prohibiting directors from running for elected office in Davidson County and the requirement that directors planning political activity first seek board approval. The Board approved a revised document, but will consider further edits at its August meeting.

After discussion, the Board voted to approve a leave of absence for Environment Chair Burkley Allen during the pendency of her campaign for Metro Council.

Board consensus was reached to hold board meetings monthly on the fourth Monday during the 2011-2012 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm with the first meeting on Monday, August 22. The location of these meetings continues at ESpaces, Inc., 4322 Harding Pike in Nashville until further notice.

Committees Reports Followed

Directors generally acknowledge the need to attract members outside of the board to work with them on projects. This is helpful to members because they make connections within the League and community and it also shares the need for heavy lifting to accomplish LWVN goals.

Action: Singer reviewed the manner in which local action issues will be handled with Judy Raines, acting as the Nashville Leagues liaison to the LWVTN State Action Committee and keeping the local board informed of both state and local action items.

Education: Debby Gould discussed the upcoming participation by LWVN in the national League's education study, and the related programming of the Education Committee that is being planned for the Fall 2011. A candidate forum also is being considered (possibly in June or July 2012), to be held in connection with the next school board election in August 2012.

Finance: Carol McSwiney discussed the upcoming fundraising campaign to augment operating costs of the League. A fundraising letter to be sent by October 2011 will be part of the campaign. Broad ranging discussion of other fundraising events ensued.

Membership: Freda Player reviewed the current membership drive timeline, noting that the membership renewal drive currently in place would run through July, and that the membership recruitment drive would run through September 2011. The renewal drive includes lapsed members back to about 2005, and letters to these members will go out during the third week of June (a signing party was scheduled on June 27 giving board members an opportunity to add personal notes as appropriate on those letters). The new membership directory will be published by October 1, 2011. In addition, a party for new members (similar to last year's event at Rumors East) is planned for the fall.

Observer Corp: Barbara Gay noted her appreciation of the large number of public meetings, including local and state legislative hearings, which LWVN members have been attending. She then led a discussion of how best to ensure that League observers complete the observation reports for posting on the LWVN website and emphasized the importance of such postings not only for purposes of educating existing members interested in the topics, but for attracting new members to the League.

Human Needs: Reba Holmes reported on areas of interest of the committee for the coming year, including conducting one or possibly two voter registration drives. She also stated that she had visited a human trafficking seminar and noted that it might be an interesting topic for a First Friday lunch generating a broad based interest among members. Holmes also suggested the LWVN might seek key alliances, such as with the Nashville's homeless mission, for purposes of partnering in programming in this area. Debby Gould suggested that the healthy school lunch program in response to childhood obesity concerns, and related

funding issues, might be another possible topic for the human needs committee,, and Freda Player noted that LWVN might be able to partner with nonprofit, nonpartisan community-based food advocates on the issue.

Metro Government: Mary Beth Ikard and others discussed the upcoming metro council race scheduled for August 2012. Noting the unusually large number of At-large Council candidates, a number of board members were interested in working on a forum featuring run-off candidates to be held between the August and September elections. Mary Beth Ikard, Debby Gould, Lynn Williams, and Stacy Nunnally agreed to co-chair the event with help from Reba Holmes, Sue Bredensteiner, Jo Singer, Freda Player, and Libby Thurman, and to request advice about development of questions for the candidates from Karen Weeks. Additional participation will be solicited from the membership.

Voter Service: Lynn Williams reviewed VS committee goals for the year, which include two voter registration drive events and poll watching. She also discussed an interest in conducting voter registration in schools based upon materials from the LWVUS. Debby Gould added that the recent legislative changes to the voter photo id law would increase the need for voter training and information.

Publicity: Stacy Nunnally will contact each of the portfolio chairs to get additional information regarding their PR needs in the coming months, while she puts together a media plan for LWVN. She noted the need to enhance LWVN social media presence (on Facebook, twitter, blogs and so forth), and will work with September Landers to redesign the LWVN website to give it a more up-to-date look and feel.

Voter Editor: Sue Bredensteiner emphasized that the deadline for the *Voter* is the 1st of the month, and that e-mails to members on the 15th of the month. She requested that portfolio chairs provide her with a write-up each month of at least half a page. Her suggestion that LWVN consider changing the format of the *Voter* by using a subscription service that professionally formats and embeds the newsletter within the body of the email, rather than as an attached document achieved Board consensus and she will pursue this new direction during the year with Nunnally's help and expertise.

ByLaws, Nominating and Financial Review Committees.

Sue Bredensteiner, Lee Fairbend, and Diane DiIanni volunteered to participate in the review of the current LWVN bylaws, and to propose updates, changes, and amendments, as appropriate, to the Board no later than the November board meeting. Reba Holmes and Freda Player volunteered to serve on the LWVN nominating committee. Sue Bredensteiner and Carol McSwiney volunteered to assist Lee Fairbend on financial review at the end of the fiscal year.

LWVTN Quarterly Board Meeting

The LWVTN Board met for the first time since elections at Conference in Nashville at President **Margie Parsley**'s home on June 29 and 30. Because the Board meets quarterly, there was a lot on the agenda, including a review of the directions from the Conference. Decisions were made to make sure that all TN League members with valid e-mail addresses receive the Legislative Report generated by Stewart Clifton weekly during session, and to post the State Board agenda on the LWVTN website two weeks prior to the meetings so that members might add requests.

The **Fall Conference** was scheduled for October 22-23 in Chattanooga (place to be determined). Potential topics for workshops were discussed and input from the local League presidents will be sought. One topic certain to be on the list is the new voter ID law—what it entails, who it affects, and how to deal with it. Nationally, the League has been fighting to prevent this sort of voter disenfranchisement, but it has recently become law in several states and ways to assist voters in their compliance is paramount on League education activities.

The addition to the informational League website www.Vote411.org will provide a national and local voter guide vehicle. Leagues will be able to have their local races' candidate and proposition information accessible, and the viewer will also be able to access their state and national information as well. A fee is involved, and the LWVTN Board voted to pay the 2012 fee for any local league that wishes to participate and has an identified a local committee chairperson. The candidates will be able to post their information and responses to questions posed in to a website questionnaire via a private, coded link. Similar to previous paper "Voter Guides" facilitated by Leagues, content will not be edited. Neither will attacks on fellow candidates will be published. This virtual tool will allow citizens to access unbiased information critical to the voting process and personal decision making. We understand that there will be a way to print copies from the web software for people who do not have computer access or skills.

In addition, there was discussion of the ongoing studies currently in process through LWVUS and LWVTN. Materials are available on the LWVUS website about the national study on the **Federal Role in Education**, mandated at LWVUS Convention last year, to be studied by members before consensus voting in November (LWVN is planning discussions on the topic in the early fall). The second study is being headed up by Leslie Collum, of the Murfreesboro League, about **Open versus Closed Primaries**, which also will be coming up for consensus in the near future.

Director Barbara Devaney was tasked with raising and additional \$3 thousand by the end of the fiscal year to increase compensation of the LWVTN lobbyist. Full minutes of the meeting will appear in LWVTN *Voter*, arriving later this month.

Observer Corps

Calling all old and new Members! The Observer Corps can use your help. We need members to attend Metro Government and School Board meetings. Your reports may be as long or as brief as you see fit. We are posting reports on our website to share information we gather with our membership and the community at large. We also need members to observe sessions of our state legislature during its session, which begins again in January 2012. Please check out the information under Observer Corps on our website. For more information call or email Barbara Gay at 297-4145 or barbara.b.gay@gmail.com.

Finance

Among her first actions, Finance Director **Carol McSwiney** has a challenge for League members. “I am meeting with my estate attorney, Linda Koon,” McSwiney says, “to make some changes to my will, including the naming of the League of Women Voters of Nashville as a beneficiary. I would like to encourage other members to think about naming the Nashville League as a beneficiary as well. The amount can be small or substantial—whatever amount suits you. In next month's *Voter*, I will include a form that will make this process easy. Please feel free to contact me at camcsw@yahoo.com if you have questions. I hope that many of us will be moved to support our League in this way.”

PEG Television

LWVN Board members Lynn Williams and Debby Gould have been following the issue of **Public, Educational & Government Access—PEG Television** for the League and report herein about recent meetings in Nashville.

Debby Gould reports: “In preparation for contract negotiations with Comcast, the city conducted a series of focus groups to get public input from various stakeholders and interested community members. I attended the session which focused on the educational potential for PEG stations. The purpose of these meetings was to learn the range of services and programs that community members had on their wish list so that these could, potentially, be part of the franchise package that the city negotiated with Comcast.

“I was more familiar with the current franchise agreements than other focus group participants since I was an appointed member of the PEG Oversight Committee from 1999-2010. Basically, the current agreement requires Comcast to pay \$100,000 a year to the city in return for right-of-way access to lay and maintain cable. It became clear in the discussion that this amount is a pittance compared to the agreements that other cities have negotiated with cable companies. It also became clear that these long term franchise agreements need to allow for expansion of technologies in ways that we may not fully imagine. Current funds are used to provide the barest possible coverage needed to keep the PEG television studio open. Other cities are using their franchise fees to provide state of the art broadcasting equipment, multi-media sites that will allow the public to create their own television shows, burn their own CDs and create You-tube videos. Mobile units bring broadcasting production to a variety of sites and various technologies have been incorporated to increase interactivity with audiences. It was clear from the focus group that we wanted those opportunities for Nashville as well.

“While there will never be a time when PEG channels reach the technical proficiency of WDCN or network channels, they obviously bring value by creating a grassroots opportunity for a wide range of citizens and amateur producers to develop unique programming in our community.

“In addition, there was a great deal of interest in:

- Creating more programming opportunities for immigrant populations (e.g., non-English speaking populations such as the Somalis and Bhutanese) that would serve the goals of providing educational support and access to community services
- Opportunities to showcase students' work
- Opportunities to bring more locally created work (e.g. plays, musicals) to a wider audience
- Increased programming to address current civic issues and elections”

On her blog—**Confessions of a Grassroots Advocate**—**Lynn Williams** adds: “In our country free speech and media access are integral parts of our perfect union. So valued, they are protected in our Constitution—the highest statute of the land. It makes sense for a strong community like ours to have high-quality PEG television stations on the air, available and accountable to the public, because Nashville is a well-run city and well-run cities maximize resources and talent.

“This week I helped promote ours: Government access/Metro 3 and the NECAT network/combined arts, education and community access channels. Metro 3 operates within Metro government's IT department. The other three are directed by an appointed board. Metro's Cable Access Television (CATV) special committee held a public hearing to assess the city's need

and desire for operating a PEG studio and Comcast channels 3, 9, 10 & 19 since they come to us by way of our joint franchise agreement.

“Since Comcast uses our public right of way to conduct business, it provides consideration of several types: broadband width, connectivity, cash and channels. That deal is renewed every decade or so. The CATV special committee negotiates that deal at public's interest's charge. They are mayoral appointees, too. The city supports PEG TV operating costs that it's sponsors do not. Comcast contributes to capital expenses like technological upgrade currently with \$100,000 annually absorbed into the city's coffers and left for admin to direct and fund competing budgets.

“I joined local producers, PEG staff (all two of them) and other viewers to give testimony to our love for PEG. No lobbyists, government affairs VPs or concerned columnists were evident. Metro IT & Law were. I hope it helped.

“PEG provides a place to build a public soapbox, distribute information, or fill an unmet community educational or entertainment need. Local journalists have a handle on its value. I'm not so sure Nashville's stellar medical, non-profit, political or academic institutions do. If they did they'd be grabbing up the \$75 hour prime time placement, airing outreach messages, promoting local learning, B2B training, best practices and original programming to give visitors a glimpse of what we have to offer and citizens a place where learning is free.

“Sure you can argue nothing's free. And I will stand firm behind the value of public access television. In an age when media pundits are also candidates, paid by corporations regulated by government, it is only fair that Comcast give the community access to four channels as part of the price of laying cable, managing a business that runs through our front yards.

“Years ago, I was a production volunteer at WDCN-Channel 8. I ran camera for Action Auction and membership drives. I only quit as my family grew. Then, I created Parent Talk, a local weekly radio show and interviewed experts on family-related issues and took call-ins. I kept that sponsored and aired for four years. Now I plan to become a producer, promote civic engagement and examine issues on NECAT. With such a grassroots tool at hand (and an undergrad degree in radio-tv-film) I am itching to take up a new opportunity. Programs are already in development. Stay tuned.”

In addition Executive Director of NECAT Kim Hayes has shared the following link to a comprehensive article published in *The Scene* on June 20 (<http://www.nashvillescene.com/nashville/nashville-has-the-chance-to-make-its-peg-tv-channels-a-civic-boon-anddash-if-comcast-will-pitch-in-more-pennies/Content?oid=2540595>).

Human Needs

Human Needs Co-chair **Reba Holmes** attended the “Hidden in Plain Sight—Human Trafficking in Our Community” seminar held at the Metro Police East Precinct on May 20. The event was sponsored by the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare (TCSW). Holmes shares the following report to increase Leaguers’ awareness.

TCSW is a multi-issue statewide organization with six regional volunteer networks and over 150 agency members dedicated to “**improve and empower the lives of all Tennesseans** .” TCSW works collaboratively with a wide variety of public and private social service providers and advocates to support best practices and public awareness of important state, local, and federal policies that affect all Tennesseans, particularly those most vulnerable.

What is Human Trafficking? Trafficking in people is associated with exploitation of that individual and is evidenced in the recruitment, transportation, transfer, or harbouring or receipt of a person, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person. Such exploitation can include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude, or the removal of a person’s body organs. The most common reason for human trafficking is to provide human labor, whether bonded labor, forced labor (working against their will), child labor. Of the 27 million slaves, about half are children; most under the age of 18. Two children are exploited every minute and every year the victims get younger and younger. Perpetrators pose as 16-to-18-year-old men in order to lure victims into human trafficking. They prey primarily on vulnerable youngsters (e.g., runaways and children on the fringe).

Human Trafficking is Growing. This is truly scary stuff and it’s everywhere and rapidly expanding. Many people are not aware slavery in United States is vast and large. This illegal activity is only second to the illegal distribution of drugs. It also is a global problem that is expanding due to demand, greed, and profit. Compared to drugs, human trafficking can be involve less risk and be more lucrative. Drugs can only be sold once, while a human being can be sold 20 to 25 times in a day. Individuals who do not speak English are more easily brutalized than others because of their language barrier. Human trafficking allows a promoter to hide behind a computer screen and assume many aliases.

Modern Day Slavery. Laws exist but often are not enforced because of corruption or money. Today’s human slaves are

disposable and valued at only \$70.00. Slavery is everywhere, in any small towns or suburbs as well as large cities such as Nashville. Victims are contained in houses often referred to as trafficking houses. Atlanta is the number one trafficking hub in the United States and Nashville has all the characteristics for growth: a large immigrant population, travelers, conferences, truck drivers, and cross roads to many places around the nation. In addition, law enforcement is behind in training.

Indicators of the Problem. A person may be a victim of human trafficking if they:

- Appear to be under someone else’s control; are under surveillance at all times; or all or most contacts with family, friends, and professionals are controlled and monitored
- Do not manage their own money or money is largely controlled by someone else
- Are not in control of their own identification or travel documents
- Work excessive hours
- Are unpaid for their work or paid very little
- Live with multiple people in a very cramped space
- Live with employer
- Have little or no language skills or knowledge of the local community
- Appear to have little privacy or are rarely alone

A national hotline has been established to report suspected cases of human trafficking or slavery: 888-373-7888. For additional information visit the www.endslaverytn.org.

LWVN Stars



On June 20, LWVN Board Liaison to the state Action Committee **Judy Raines** attended a statewide forum—“ Electric Vehicles in Tennessee”—hosted by the Pew Charitable Trust and Nissan North America at Nissan’s headquarters in Franklin. The event featured former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm (pictured here with Raines), Senator Lamar Alexander, and TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau among others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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