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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Place	Description
Monday May 16 & May 30	11:30 am	Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services Metro Center 50 Vantage Way, Suite 250 Nashville 37228	LWVTN Action Committee Meeting The TN Legislature is in session and will be addressing issues of concern to the LWV. Join the Action Committee at Stewart Clifton's office. We meet every other Monday throughout the session (4/18, 5/2, 5/16 & so on). For more information contact Chair Barbara Devaney (bdevaney@comcast.net) or LWVTN President Margie Parsley (mparsley99@comcast.net).
Tuesday May 17	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	City Club 201 4th Avenue No. 20th floor Nashville 37219	LWVN Annual Meeting Join League members and friends for a fabulous evening celebrating an outstanding year, savoring good food, electing a new board (see April VOTER for proposed slate), passing the budget for 2011-2012, hearing from lobbyist Stewart Clifton, and enjoying the keynote by Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan.
Tuesday May 24	8:30 am	Center for Nonprofit Management 44 Vantage Way Suite 230 Nashville 37228	NECAT Network Focus Groups Metro Nashville government is seeking public input on Community Access Television and Cable Service through a series of Nashville Educational Community Access Television (NECAT) network focus groups. This session is aimed at nonprofit and civic groups; others will take place May 23–26 (see article below). RSVP www.nashville.gov/cabletv .
Tuesday May 24	11:00 am	337 28 th Avenue N.	Community Celebration Join Mayor Karl Dean and Department of Public Works in celebrating the ground breaking for the 28 th /31 st Avenue Connector. A light lunch and entertainment will be part of the event.
Saturday June 4	9:30 am to 3:00 pm	Vickie Ziegler's 223 Craighead Ave. Nashville 37205	LWV Nashville Board Retreat New and returning board members mingle, roll up their sleeves, and plan for the upcoming year and League activities. Contact Jo Singer (GJoSinger@aol.com) or Vickie Ziegler (Vziegler@comcast.net).
Monday June 6	10:00 am	Public Square Park Metro Courthouse 1 Public Square	Metro Nashville Arts Commission Dedication of "Exploration & Discovery"—three new public art works by Ken Rowe that celebrate the innovative and curious spirit of Nashville.
Tuesday June 7	5:30 to 7:00	Marjorie Feltus 5114 Annesway Dr. Nashville 37205	Women in Numbers WINs Spring Membership Reception. Visit www.wintennessee.com for reservations or contact Hattie DeWalt at 615-662-7525.
Monday August 22	5:15 pm	E/Spaces, Inc. 4322 Harding Pike, Suite 417 Nashville 37205	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.

From Nashville's President

With our annual meeting just around the corner, it's a time to reflect on the past year and celebrate our most important asset—our members. The League of Women Voters is a 91-year-old grassroots organization that grew out of the suffrage movement. We have a long tradition of seeking fairness for our local, state, and national communities. Ensuring the right to vote regardless of gender was only fair, but it took over 70 years of vision and hard work to pass the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The next step was to educate newly enfranchised voters about the political process.

LWVN members are actively seeking fairness as well. The Observer Corps led by 2nd VP **Barbie Gay** is expanding. Members are providing the community with first hand information by establishing a League presence and recording the actions of Metro Government committee and board meetings. These observations supply an objective point of view that is accessible by members and the community at large on our website.

In addition, LWVN poll watchers under the leadership of **Lynn Williams**, voter service chair, are interested in a fair process that allows all registered voters unencumbered access to the ballot; reporting discrepancies if this is not the case.

And the LWVTN Action Committee, chaired by **Barbara Devaney**, seeks fairness in the legislative process by closely monitoring the Tennessee Legislative session through meetings with lobbyist Stewart Clifton twice monthly and weekly legislative reports to members across the state. League legislative priorities for the year are written and disseminated, legislators are visited on the Hill, and Action Alerts issued, which result in constituent contact to their senators and representatives. LWVN continues legislative coffees with local senators and representatives to keep the lines of communication open and members apprised of their legislators' opinions as well as their rationale for legislation.

Involved in the broader community, LWVN members strive to stay informed and make sure others have the opportunity to educate themselves on vital issues. By engaging in these activities, we are the League. Around the country, National President **Elizabeth MacNamara** reports there are many Leagues like ours that are not afraid to “get in the way.” She continues: “The League was created, in the words of Carrie Chapman Catt, to make democracy safe for the nation.”

Following in the footsteps of those early Leaguers, on April 29, in Massachusetts and Missouri, the League began running television ads pointing out recent votes of Senators Scott Brown and Claire McCaskill to delay or eliminate the ability of the EPA to enforce the Clean Air Act. These ads are hard hitting and factual. They can be viewed at the LWVUS website (http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Clean_Air_Defense). “These ads were made possible through the support of trusted partners in the environmental and public health community and were not paid for by membership dues,” MacNamara says. “Because the ads are powerful, they have provoked a response, including accusations of partisanship.

“But democracy cannot be safe if the voices of citizens, telling the truth to elected officials, can be silenced by mere accusations or by creating the mirage of a never-ending election campaign. If votes in Congress on issues as important to the American public as clean air can only be addressed on television by members of a political party, then democracy is not safe. If the only time our representatives can be held accountable is every two, four or six years, democracy is not safe. If we accede to the media fixation on the horse race, then we abandon all hope of ever engaging each other on the facts.”

MacNamara adds: “As we urge mainstream America to assume the responsibilities of citizenship by continually holding elected officials accountable, it may be necessary from time to time, on issues as important to the country and as cherished by our members as this one is, to use the biggest megaphone we can find to reach those we have elected to govern our affairs. If we don't get in the way on clean air, what good is the power of the vote?”

I look forward to the coming year working with other smart, active Leaguers to create lasting change in Nashville and beyond. Our focus is on promoting civil discourse so all perspectives can be heard and assessed objectively; keeping our children safe, healthy, and well educated; insuring our air and water are clean; and providing all citizens access to accurate information. We need all of you to *join together and be* the League with us.

In League, *Jo Singer*

Join LWVN in Making Democracy Work

Joining the League is one of the best ways to make democracy work. Established in 1920, the League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Each League member is part of a local, state, and national network making our communities fair, vibrant, and strong. Leaguers share a passion for creating positive change and as a result help shape the issues important to government policy and action. The League is nonpartisan—we do not support or oppose candidates—but we do explore issues from many points of view; research those issues and come to national consensus, and then formulate positions from which to take action at all levels of government. The League’s experience and best practices model offer support for women and men who want to add their voices to the work of the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country.

Truly, the easiest way to join the League or renew your membership is to hand **Freda Player**, membership chair, or Treasurer **Lee Fairbend** your application and check at the annual meeting. That way you’ve made your commitment and are on target to support League activities for the rest of the year. “Of course,” as Treasurer Fairbend points out, “you can also send your application and check to the office or pay online. But I do want to encourage everyone to get their membership dues in as early as possible.”

“The LWVN membership drive begins at the annual meeting and we’ll be contacting current members throughout the month of June,” says Player. “We’ll also be encouraging lapsed members to renew during this time.” President **Jo Singer** adds: “We need and value each one of our members, knowing that many voices make a much more interesting conversation.” A robust membership makes it easier to: **Advocate, Educate, Reform, and Empower.**

Because each member belongs to the national and state Leagues too, member dollars are split three ways. That means we have experienced representation in Washington in the form of professional staff lobbyists, superior web-based resources, and a strong, articulate national Board of Directors. It also means that as LWVTN members, we are well represented on the Tennessee Hill during legislative sessions and kept up to date on action points each week by Stewart Clifton and Anne Ross. “The down side,” President Singer points out, “is that the LWVN retains only \$12 of each \$60 membership—not really enough to cover our operating expenses. Dual members provide slightly higher return for the local chapter because their national and state share is only half that of the first household member. So it helps enormously when members include their spouse or another family member (dual memberships are \$90).”

While LWVN accepts donations to the Education and Lobbyist Funds, it is the Operating Fund that is the heavy lifter because it allows the League to host annual meetings, run fundraising activities, provide member services, maintain office infrastructure (copier, phone, website, PO box), pay postage, and contribute 2/3 of the administrative assistant’s salary. “So when you add an extra donation to the Operating Fund, it is really appreciated,” adds Singer.

The League always wants to recruit dynamic and thoughtful women *and* men. As the League evolves, it continues to be relevant to people who believe in a civil exchange of ideas and the nourishment and growth of policy issues into successfully functioning communities.

“A good way for Leagues to grow is for each member to recruit one new person into the League every year,” says Freda Player. “Think about people that are interested in the way government and communities function. Let them know the League is the place where people can get real information about their communities from credible sources.

“From a personal perspective, the League has not been what I expected. While I truly respected the women who recruited me and was honored they wanted me to join the League, I was afraid I was joining a group that was looking for young members to do the work. I quickly realized I was wrong.

“My network of women who care about the quality of our government in a nonpartisan way has expanded. And I absolutely love the League for its energy and real teamwork spirit. It’s nice to belong to a diverse, thoughtful, and dynamic group of women. I have never been a part of an organization that embraced its new members so warmly.

“While you can join the League at any time, we are intensifying new member recruitment between now and the first of September. So, if you know someone who would be a great asset to LWVN or someone who would benefit from the League experience, invite them to join. We want to embrace people that are and will be community leaders and train them in the League way! Contact me at 473-6971 or fredaplayer@hotmail.com if you have questions or need more information about membership recruitment. It takes all of us to continue growing the League and keeping it a great organization.”

New LWVN Members

Over the past 18 months the League has welcomed a number of new members. We continue to feature their profiles in the *Voter*. This month, we are pleased to introduce Lynda Burman, Diane Neighbors, Bev Leiser, Charlie Tygard, and Ethel Detch.



Lynda Burman is a native born Tennessean who spent 16 years in Delaware working with DuPont as a senior buyer. In retirement, she has been deeply involved with The Fund for Women across Delaware, an organization that shares a common vision with The Community Foundation Women’s Fund, a board member of SOAR (Survivors of Sexual Abuse in Recovery), a member of the Delaware League of Women Voters, and an ally for and board member of DuPont’s Gay/Straight Alliance. Having returned to her Tennessee roots, Burman currently volunteers with the Mental Health Association and Safe Haven Family Shelter. Burman is most interested in basic human rights, the protection of all citizens, and certainly the environment.

The director of the Vanderbilt Child and Family Center, **Diane Neighbors** has been an advocate for quality early childhood education and families throughout her career. Neighbors had worked with the League of Women Voters for many years on various projects and legislative issues before she decided to join the organization. She knew she wanted to increase voter participation by encouraging voter registration and participation in elections.



Neighbors continues her involvement with the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth and the Tennessee Alliance for Early Education. She has served as a Metro Council Member at Large and is currently Vice Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County.



Bev Leiser relocated to Nashville in 1994 as a specialist in commercial real estate and new store location for Food Lion. An outspoken advocate for women’s health, the environment, and government accountability, she recognizes a connection between her passion about the issues that impact our lives and the initiatives of the LWV.

Leiser advocates for women’s health as a board member (and twice board chair) of Planned Parenthood and contributes time to the Land Trust for Tennessee, Friends of Radnor Lake, and other environmentally conscious efforts. She is particularly focused on the importance of the League’s concentration on issue awareness and oversight of state and local governmental agencies.

A Nashville native, **Charlie Tygard** was first elected to the Metro Council in the 35th District in 1988 and has served parts of 5 terms in both the 35th District and currently as a Metro Council Member at Large. Tygard serves on the Budget & Finance, Health/Hospitals/Social Services, Transportation & Aviation, and Tourism & Convention committees. He prides himself as being a watchdog for government spending and efficiency in government. Tygard joined the LWV to promote transparent and honest elections. He also sponsored Nashville’s original legislation creating Greenways in Nashville.



Tygard is active with the Bellevue Exchange Club, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, J.L. Turner YMCA/Fifty Forward Center, and Nashville Sports Council.



Ethel Detch worked for the State Comptroller’s Office for most of her 30-year career; the last 10 years as the director of Research and Education Accountability. During that time she oversaw a group of hard-working policy analysts who wrote reports for the General Assembly focused on education, transportation, health, and environmental issues. Since 2009, she has worked part-time for the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) doing similar work.

Detch joined the LWV at the urging of Karen Weeks and is looking forward to getting to know other women (and men) who want to understand and be informed about public policy issues in a nonpartisan environment. Her other volunteer efforts include delivering lunches for the Greater Charlotte Avenue Hot Lunch Program run by the Bethlehem Center, singing in her church choir, and occasionally leading horses at Saddle Up!. Detch also recently judged Project Citizen, a public policy competition for students. A native of Lewisburg, West Virginia, she currently resides with her husband in Franklin. Detch earned her BA in political science from West Virginia University and a master’s in public administration from UT Knoxville.

Observer Corps Update

In the fall of 2010, the LWVN revived their Observer Corps. VP **Barbie Gay** chairs the Nashville Corps and organized it after consultation with Barbara Nicodemus in Knoxville, where the League has a very active Observer Corps, and reference to the LWVUS online resources. At the October Third Thursday lunch, Gay presented the Observer Corps concept and guidelines to League member and friends. Fourteen LWV members attended that day and twelve signed up to participate as Observer Corps members. Both national and local LWV information regarding Observer Corps procedures and a report form to be

used by observers are on the LWVN website. Members' reports of their observations are also available on the website and are accessible by the public at large.

LWVN members who have participated in the program this year include: Pat Post, Riffi O'Brien, Carol McSwiney, Barbara Devaney, Judy Raines, Nancy Whitehouse, Sue Bredensteiner, and Barbie Gay. Observer Corps provides a valuable service that keeps LWV members informed and provides League presence, visibility, and influence both locally and at the state Legislature.

Members of the LWVN Corps have expressed varying positive reactions about their experiences. Carol McSwiney has attended most of the Tennessee Legislatures House and Senate Finance Committee meetings and says: "I'm pleased that regardless of party affiliation, legislators dig into the issues involved in monetary decisions, ask tough questions, and vote their conscience." Pat Post, a health care policy analyst for a number of years, says, "I've been delighted to attend the Metro Health Board meetings, have been welcomed, and am learning about many projects I didn't know were happening." And Sue Bredensteiner adds, "It's amazing the breadth of knowledge and experience that members of the Metro Planning Commission bring to their work, I had no idea how many areas of our lives the Planning Department and Commission touched and influenced."

LWVTN Action Committee

LWVN members who serve on the state Action Committee have been busy during the current legislative session. In coalition with numerous statewide environmental groups, strong advocacy around the issue of hydraulic fracturing was orchestrated by **Mary Headrick** (Knoxville), **Barbara Devaney**, **Judy Raines**, and **Jan Sobotka** (Nashville). And so far the outcome is positive. HR 98 sponsored by Rep. **Jeanne Richardson** (rep.jeanne.richardson@capitol.tn.gov) that urges TDEC, the oil and gas industry and citizen groups (including the League) to collaborate on proposed regulations for hydrological fracturing passed the House unanimously on May 9. **Stewart Clifton** says: "Thanks again to everyone who helped to move this issue forward this year and a special thank you is due to Rep. Richardson, as well as co-sponsors Rep. **Brenda Gilmore** (rep.brenda.gilmore@capitol.tn.gov) and Rep. **Gary Moore** (rep.gary.moore@capitol.tn.gov)."

Clifton testified briefly on behalf of the League May 10 in the House Finance committee against the joint resolution to amend the constitution to forbid all income and payroll taxes at the state and local level. Also testifying was **Jean Harrington** on behalf of Tennesseans for Fair Taxation. To see the video of the House hearing on the bill (including Clifton's statement of the League's position), click on this link: http://tnga.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=196&clip_id=4244. As expected the measure passed with some recorded no votes.

This joint resolution also passed the Senate Finance Committee May 13. It was a party line vote. League member, **Carol McSwiney** was prepared to speak on the bill in Senate Finance, but did not have the opportunity. Clifton says, "Thanks to Carol for being willing to testify and for covering so many House and Senate Finance committee meetings this session. And for conferring with me about her comments this week so I could have something to say!" The Senate has passed SJR 221 that proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit any state or local tax upon payroll or earned personal income; as noted above HJR 231 that proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit an income tax passed in House Finance.

Relative to the Tennessee Voter Confidence Act, SB 1203 Yager/HB 386 Dunn passed the House and the Senate and has been sent to the Speakers for signatures. Clifton says: "While we would have preferred to see implementation of the Act take place in 2012, the amended bill still allows local election commissions the option to purchase optical scanners with HAVA funds. We believe this is the best resolution possible, given this legislature, election commissions, and the budget constraints of most counties. Allowing counties to opt in is certainly preferable to abolishing the act altogether."

Governor Haslam's adjusted budget amendment contains much good news for social services advocates by reinstating some of the cuts that were made in the original budget. Restorations are significant for TennCare, Mental Health, and the Department of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. In addition, the restored funds in these areas are being made with recurring hard dollars. Given the fact that the legislature is hoping to adjourn soon, League members will want to join the larger community of advocates to encourage passage of these adjustments restoring funds for social infrastructure services.

The LWVTN Action Committee meets every other Monday throughout the session at Stewart Clifton's office (see Calendar). For more information contact Chair Barbara Devaney (bdevaney@comcast.net) or LWVTN President Margie Parsley (mparsley99@comcast.net).



Pat Nolan Wraps Up the Final Spring Third Thursday with a Discussion of Redistricting in Metro Nashville

Senior vice president of Dye Van Mol & Lawrence, **Pat Nolan**, captivated a League audience with his review of Metro Nashville's redistricting plan that was approved by Metro Council on April 12. The new district lines for the 35 council seats had been fast-tracked to accommodate qualifying deadlines for the 2011 local elections. Every 10 years, the Metro Planning Commission is charged with developing a redistricting plan based on national census data. The 2010 Census reports showed a 10% population growth (56,790 people), mostly in the southeastern and southwestern quadrants of the county.

Nolan and League member and lobbyist **Stewart Clifton** traded remembrances of earlier redistricting processes and both agreed that Metro's progressive procedure allowing the planning commission to translate the data into new district lines, share the information with the broader community, receive comments, and produce a document for the council members to review, consider, and vote to approve or disapprove is good for our community.



LWVN 1st VP **Vickie Ziegler** provided an assortment of new venues for the Third Thursday program this year with an average attendance of 25. The topics have continued to spark the interest of members as well as others from groups throughout the community.

LWVTN Conference 2011

LWVN President Jo Singer reports on the LWVTN Conference April 30 through May 1 in Cookeville.

Delegates from local leagues across the state came to do League business, learn from experts, network with each other about what works for us, and have fun in the process. Our thoughts were with absent Memphis cohorts who were dealing with massive rains and rising water—reminding us of our Nashville meeting just one year before. We were hoping set a precedent was not being set!

Bylaws changes were presented Saturday, discussed, and voted on the following day. State Board term limits were approved only for the offices of president and vice-presidents. A recommendation that boards be able to conduct binding business via sequential email was defeated, citing *Roberts Rules of Order* which requires simultaneous input and discussion.

A new slate of officers was presented and then elected: President, Margie Parsley of Nashville; 1st VP, Kathy Edwards of Oak Ridge; 2nd VP, Jo Singer of Nashville; Secretary, Judy Poulson of Knoxville; Treasurer, Marian Ott of Nashville; Directors: Barbara Devaney of Nashville, Faith Tapp of Knoxville, Alan Karp of Johnson City, Gail Claypool of Chattanooga, Laurel Karp of Johnson City, Mary Headrick of Knoxville, Denise Ganuchau of Memphis, Danielle Schonbaum of Memphis; and the Nominating Committee: Nancy Stewart of Knoxville, Barbie Gay of Nashville, and Kelley Thomas of Memphis. And the budget was presented and passed.

Attendees heard from our LWVUS liaison, **Mary Klenz**, about developing leadership within the League. We were reminded that League is many things to many people, and there are many levels of involvement. She explained different zones of activity—easy, comfort, learning and discomfort—and added that people develop skills best when in a learning zone. Klenz presented a second workshop about the 2012 election season and the importance of the League's nonpartisan policy. Leagues need to keep to their policy 100% in order to be effective educators of the public and not have their motives questioned. The

While the League neither supports nor opposes any candidate or political party, we must differentiate partisan candidate support from the well-studied positions the League takes on issues. Issues are not partisan.

We also heard from **Neil McBride**, TVA Board member, law professor, and environmental lawyer, about the state of the TVA today and its plans for energy in the future. He described TVA's view of the Kingston event as a wake-up call, which has allowed the utility to institute changes in the handling of ash storage from wet to dry. Their vision is to lead in improving air quality, nuclear production, and energy efficiency. The integrated resource plan is to decrease coal production, increase efficiency of use and delivery of power, and decrease peak demand so that electricity delivery is smooth and consistent. Mr. McBride continued saying, "The TVA board is committed to changing the culture of the TVA toward its original intent when, as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal, it was to be a government entity built for the people of the United States."

The meeting wrapped up with a report from **Stewart Clifton**, our League lobbyist, who updated us on progress and challenges of this legislative session. Clifton reminded us that the personal touch is still the best way to get anyone to hear what you're saying, and thanked all the local Leagues for their participation in the Action Committee meetings whether in person or via conference call as well as hosting their legislators at breakfasts or coffees. "The League voice has been heard at the Tennessee Legislature as never before," he said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NECAT NETWORK FOCUS GROUPS—As the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County proceeds with the Comcast cable franchise renewal process, it will examine the past performance of Comcast and future services that citizens, schools, community groups, businesses, and local government would like to include in a new cable franchise agreement.

Through the current agreement, Metro Nashville operates four cable television channels to serve the needs of the community: government access channel 3 (known as Metro 3), channel 9 dedicated to arts, channel 10 dedicated to education, and community access channel 19. The agreement provides limited funding for those channels and also provides free access to cable television in public schools, libraries, and other Metro government facilities.

A series of focus groups conducted by Sue Buske of The Buske Group will provide information about (1) how the cable system works today and what it could be like in the future; (2) public, educational, and government access; and (3) the ways that community groups and organizations, schools, businesses, citizens, and government agencies could use a cable communication system. The focus groups are scheduled for Monday, May 23, 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the PEG Studios (on the Nashville State Community College Campus), 120 White Bridge Road; Tuesday, May 24, 8:30 am at the Center for Nonprofit Management, 44 Vantage Way, Suite 230, and 1:00 pm at Howard Office Building, Conference Rooms A & B, 700 2nd Avenue S; Wednesday, May 25, 10:00 am at Cross Point Church, 7675 Highway 70 South, and 5:30 pm at Hermitage Library, 3700 James Kay Lane; and Thursday, May 26, 10:00 am at School Board Meeting Room, 2601 Bransford Avenue, and 2:30 pm at the same location. *Community input from interested citizens is sought for all of the focus groups.* For more information contact Micheal O'Rear at michael.orear@nashville.gov or RSVP at www.nashville.gov/cabletv.

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