



League of Women Voters
of Nashville

Annual Meeting 2004



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Spring 2003

- **Educational Program: Renaissance School - A Model for Addressing the needs of students at Academic Risk**
Key Leaders: Dikkie Schoggen & Jane Norris
- **Week of the Young Child Voter Registration and Support Activities** *Key Leaders: Luvenia Butler, Mary Patterson, and Judy Francis*
- **Voter Registration Booth at Dickerson Road Street Festival** *Key Leaders: Berdelle Campbell, Dikkie & Phil Schoggen*



LWV and the Environment: Cumberland River Compact introduces the “Catfish out of Water”



Summer 2003

- **Training for Nashville Neighborhood Alliance on Conducting Neighborhood Candidate Forums** *Key Leaders: Berdelle Campbell & Deana Claiborne*
- **Voter Registration Activities at Tennessee Disability MegaConference** *Key Leaders: Lucy Du and Deana Claiborne*
- **LWV Co-Sponsors At-Large Metro Council Candidate forum on East Bank issues with Rediscover East!** *Key Leaders: Deana Claiborne, Berdelle Campbell*
- **LWV Co-Sponsors At-Large Metro Council Candidate general forum with Women's Political Caucus. Videotaped Forum airs multiple times on Public Access Television** *Key Leaders: Deana Claiborne, Marion Ott*



Honoring the Ratification of the 19th Amendment



Summer 2003 cont.

- **Four Public Service announcements about Citizen Participation in Voting are produced by the LWV and aired on Comcast media** *Key Leaders: Deana Claiborne, Pamela Roller*
- **New Nashville LWV Website unveiled** *Key Leaders: Pamela Roller*
- **LWV recognizes Anniversary of Ratification of the 19th Amendment by sponsoring "Respect . . . The Musical Journey of Women"** *Key Leaders: Silvine Hudson, Bettye Daugherty, Deana Claiborne, Pat Pierce*
- **LWV table at "All About Women Conference" registers new voters** *Key Leaders: LWV members*



**LWV co-sponsors at-large Metro Council
Candidate Forum with Rediscover East!**



Fall 2003

- **LWV Co-sponsors public forum on Waste Management along with Department of Public Works presentation of annual report to the Metro Council**
Key Leaders: Berdelle Campbell
- **LWV co-sponsors presentation by Jane Roberts, co-founder of 34 Million Friends, world-wide crusade for Women's Health** *Key Leaders: Berdelle Campbell*
- **LWV co-hosts United Nations Foundation Marquee Event: The People Speak: *America Debates its Role in the World*** *Key Leaders: Deana Claiborne, Berdelle Campbell*

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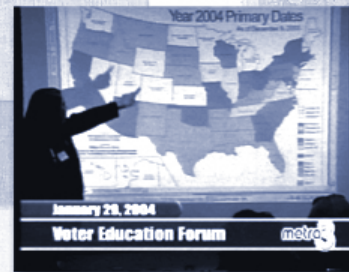
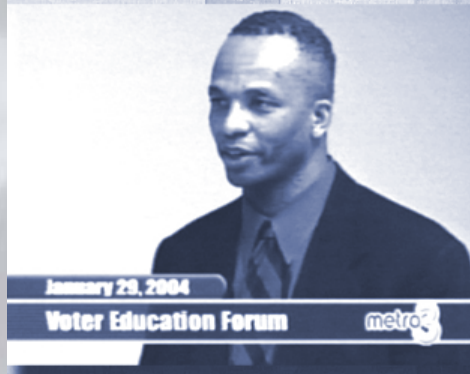






Winter 2003-04

- **LWV Holiday Gathering** *Key Leaders: Karen Edwards*
- **LWV and Metro Election Commission host Educational Forum about Feb. 10 Metro Elections, Presidential Primaries, Nashville Gas Referendum, and the Help America Vote Act.** Videotaped Forum airs multiple times on Metro Access Channel 3 *Key Leaders: Deana Claiborne, Pamela Roller, Adelaide Coyle, Luvenia Butler, Metro Election Commission Staff*





Year Round Activities

- **LWV monitors and supports Environmental Activities with Cumberland River Compact** *Key Leaders: Berdelle Campbell*
- **LWV participates on Metro Ethics Board** *Key Leader: Megan Barry*
- **LWV provides training for New Citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies** *Key Leaders: Mary Anne Queen, Pat Pierce*
- **LWV provides Voter Registration services** *All members*
- **LWV provides voter Education and Information Services** *All members*



Year Round Activities cont.

- **LWV monitors Metro Transportation Issues** *Key Leader: Marian Ott*
- **LWV monitors Help America Vote Activities in Davidson County** *Key Leaders: Phil Schoggen, Deana Claiborne, Wanda Willis, Lucy Du, Carol Westlake*
- **LWV Supports and Participates in regular activities of Tennessee Disability Voters** *Key Leaders: Phil Schoggen, Deana Claiborne, Pat Pierce, Wanda Willis, Lucy Du*
- **LWV participates in Cumberland Region Tomorrow summits and activities** *Key Leaders: Marion Ott, Berdelle Campbell, Mary McLennan*



Publications

- **The VOTER** *Editing and Publishing: Margie Parsley and Lynn Green*
- **Know your Government Officials** *Editing and Publishing: Marion Ott and Susan Gutow*
- **LWV-Nashville Informational Brochure** *Editing and Publishing: Mandy Stribling*
- **LWV Nashville Membership Directory** *Editing and Publishing: Pamela Roller*
- **2004 Metro Blue Book** *Marion Ott, Jo Ann Bennett, and Deana Claiborne*
- **Conducting Neighborhood Candidate Forums** *Berdelle Campbell, Deana Claiborne and Nashville Neighborhood Alliance*



NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE TO ORGANIZING A CANDIDATE FORUM

provided by

League of Women Voters of Nashville & Nashville Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.

Why should we host a Candidates Forum?

The votes that we cast in the election booth are important decisions that, in most cases, we live with for 2, 4, or 6 years to come. These decisions almost always have an impact on the livability of our neighborhood, the health and safety of our family, and quite possibly our own individual future.

It is important that we work to ensure that all of our neighbors are encouraged to participate in elections in an educated and thereby meaningful way. It is not good enough to just go out there and push the button of the candidate whose name we recognize, or who shook our hand at the 4th of July Celebration – we must make decisions based upon the candidates qualifications, record of community and/or public service, and their stated and written responses to questions and issues that we in the neighborhoods find important.



Make informed choices



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*Encouraging Informed and Active Participation of Citizens in
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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.



[Calendar of Events](#)

The League sponsors meetings and events for the public as well as League members. **LWVN Annual Meeting- March 29th, 2004.**

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A variety of links including local, state and national representatives.

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Read our newsletter, The VOTER, online. Learn about other LWV publications.

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What is our mission? What is our history? Who is on our Board of Directors?



Strengths and Challenges

- Membership is Growing
- We continue to register new voters (At the “All about Women Conference,” we registered over 100 new voters.)
- We have strong alliances with groups such as the Nashville Neighborhood Association and the Women’s Political Caucus
- Voter Education Activities are reaching more citizens than ever in our history as a result of broadcast opportunities, publications and collaboration with the Metro Election Commission
- We have a strong voice in Metro Council through our members and on the Hill through our lobbyist and statewide members.
- We need to raise much more money to pay for costs associated with all of our endeavors, especially the lobbyist fund and basic operations
- We need more active involvement of the membership in our committee structure
- We must impress upon our young people the essential value of voting in every election.



Upcoming Activities

Educational Forum - Tax Reform in Tennessee. Thursday, April 15

5:30 - 7:30pm. Green Hills Library After you swing by the post office to mail your taxes, join the LWV for a facilitated discussion and Q&A session on tax reform. Our guest will be Susan McKay of Tennesseans for Fair Taxation. The public is invited to this free event.

Dessert and Coffee with LWV-US National President Kay Maxwell Friday, April 30 7:30pm 219 Mockingbird Road Nashville, TN 37205.

League members are invited to share dessert and coffee, network with other members, and meet the newly elected LWVN Board of Directors. Other invited guests include members of the LWVTN Board of Directors, the keynote speakers for Spring Council (May 1-2) and LWVTN lobbyist, Stewart Clifton. Please bring a dessert to share.

LWV-TN Spring Council Saturday, May 01-Sunday, May 02

Noon Saturday to 10am Sunday - Scarritt Bennett Center

Guest speakers will include LWVUS President, Kay Maxwell; Viola Miller, Director of the TN Dept of Child Welfare; and Meredith McGehee, Executive Director of the Alliance for Better Campaigns.

Registration Saturday from noon to 12:45.

Sunday - Council Business: Presentation of the budget committee's LWVTN Budget for fiscal year 2004-2005.

League members may request a detailed agenda by emailing info@nashville.tn.lwvnet.org.