



The League of Women Voters of Nashville

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**LWV Board Meeting: February 13th at 5:00, UCP Building, 1200 9th Ave. North.
RSVP at info@LWVnashville.org or 297-7134**

LWV Breakfast Roundtable: Judicial Elections. February 25th at 9:00 a.m. at Atlanta Bread Company 1720 West End Ave.

Check the events calendar at www.lwvnashville.org

Welcome Jennifer Williams

The League of Women Voters of Nashville would like to welcome Jennifer Williams to the position of office administrator, replacing Melanie Gober Grand. Jennifer is an active League member with a social work background and experience working the National Association of Social Workers. She has BA and MA degrees in social work. Jennifer brings a personal commitment to the League as well as her professional social work skills to the position of office administrator. If you need to communicate with Jennifer you can reach her at info@LWVNashville.org or call the League office.

Volunteer Opportunities. Stay involved!

Health Care Safety Net Forum: Are you interested in the impact of the TennCare program reductions on health care safety net providers in Davidson County? If so, please join the Health Care Committee in planning an informational forum on this topic. Our preliminary plan is to co-sponsor this forum with the Health, Hospitals, and Social Services Committee of the Metro Council. If you are willing to work with the Health Care committee on this forum, please contact Joanne Rich, Chair, at joanne_r@tndisability.org or (615) 383-9442.

School Board Candidates Forum: The League is seeking volunteers to work with the Education committee to plan a school board candidates forum before the August 3rd county general election. Board members in districts 2, 4, 6, and 8--George Blue, Kathy Nevill, Dr. Mebenin Awipi, and Kathleen Harkey respectively, are up for re-election. Our goal is to host a forum at the Nashville Public Library in late spring or early summer. Current Board members and new candidates will be invited to share their views. If you can help with this forum, please contact Jan Bossing, Education Committee Chair at janbossing@aol.com or call her at 615. 254.3319 or 615.876.3378.

Publicity: The League is seeking someone who can help publicize upcoming forums and events. If you can help us inform the public about League happenings, please contact Karen Edwards, League President, at president@lwvnashville.org or 615.385.3555.

Human Needs Committee Chair: We are looking for a volunteer willing to chair the Human Needs committee. The chair coordinates volunteers who attend naturalization ceremonies, distributing information to new citizens about their voting rights and responsibilities. The chair also attends board meetings on the second Monday of the month. If you are interested in chairing the Human Needs committee, or would like more information, please contact Karen Edwards at president@lwvnashville.org or call her at 615.385.3555.

Judicial Candidates Forum: Are you interested in this year's judicial elections? The League is planning a candidate forum before the May 6th primary to educate the public about the judicial branch of government and the candidates running for office. We need a League member to manage forum planning in conjunction with Voter Services committee members. Our preliminary plan is to approach the Election Commission about co-sponsoring the forum, which would be held at Nashville's Public Library in late spring or early summer. If you are interested in the Judicial Candidates Forum, please contact Marian Ott at ottphilip@comcast.net or call her at 615.356.1752.

Mid State Security Drill: Four Mid-State counties will conduct a homeland security drill on April 7-8. Hands on Nashville is recruiting the volunteers needed to portray victims and manage scenes. If you are interested in helping with this valuable training please contact Jen Cole at: jen@hon.org.

Breakfast Roundtable for February

Get informed about judicial elections! Did you know that all judges in the state of Tennessee serve for 8-year terms? Did you know that 30 seats are up for a vote in May? On February 25th, we will have an informal discussion of what types of cases are tried at the different levels of the courts, about who fills the bench, and which judicial positions are contested races this year. **Saturday, February 25th at 9 a.m., Atlanta Bread Company, 18th and West End Ave. For more, check the LWV website.**

20th Annual Mary Catherine Strobel Awards Nominees

The **20th Annual Mary Catherine Strobel Awards** recognize individuals and groups who have given their time and talents to improve the lives of others in Middle Tennessee. Mary Catherine Strobel was a community volunteer known for her compassion and generosity. She helped start numerous charitable efforts in our community to improve the lives of those who struggled with homelessness, poverty and illness. These annual awards were created to honor her memory and celebrate her legacy of service. Any community member or staff person within a school, park, business, faith-based organization, government entity or 501(c)(3) designated agency may nominate a deserving volunteer. **Nominations must be received by March 1, 2006.** For more information, go to the Hands On Nashville (HON) website at www.hon.org, call 615-298-1108 or [Click here for more information and a nomination form.](#)

Save the date and be at the Cool Springs Marriott on Tuesday, April 18, 2006!

In Memoriam

Pearl Allen Bryant, a long time member of the League, suffered a stroke the day after Christmas and passed away on January 18 at the age of 97. In addition to League membership, Pearl, a retired teacher, was very active in numerous organizations throughout Nashville and beyond for many years. We ask that you please keep her family in your thoughts in the days ahead.

Emily Jorgensen, longtime member of the League of Women Voters of Nashville and of Memphis, died on December 29, 2005, at the age of 82, in Memphis, where she had been living for several years. Emily was an author, illustrator, sculptor, painter, photographer, and community activist. As a League member, she served on the Metro Government and Transportation Committees and provided illustrations for various League publications. She was a frequent writer of letters to the editor of the Tennessean.

Contributions

The League gratefully acknowledges the receipt of gifts in memory of Emily Jorgensen by Joe Shedlock and Senator Douglas Henry.

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