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## **THE VOTER**

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### **CALENDAR**

**LWV Board Meeting: January 9 at 5:00, UCP Building, 1200 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. North.**  
**RSVP at [info@LWVnashville.org](mailto:info@LWVnashville.org) or 297-7134**

**LWV Breakfast Roundtable: January 28 at 9:00 a.m., 1720 West End Ave.**

**Legislative Agenda Preview Dinner: Rescheduled**

### **LWV Breakfast Roundtable**

Candy Toler, registered lobbyist for the American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee and the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, will lead the January Breakfast Roundtable. Candy, an engaging, exciting speaker, will talk about one of two topics. If the legislature has made progress on ethics legislation she will open discussion of that issue. Alternatively, Candy will take us back to Tennessee's 1897 Centennial Exposition and the impact it had on women's suffrage. Invite a friend and join us for breakfast and an engaging discussion at the roundtable. Listen, eat, drink and debate the day's topic. Join the group at the Breakfast Roundtable, **Saturday, January 28 at 9 a.m. at the Atlanta Bread Company, 18<sup>th</sup> and West End Ave. (Parking is in the back).**

Previous topics in the Roundtable series have included Brenda Wynn talking about Women in Government (October) and Jennifer Williams on The Face of Poverty in Tennessee (November).

### **Legislative Preview Dinner Rescheduled**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Legislative Preview Dinner—announced in the December 2005 Voter—will be rescheduled. This joint state and local LWV activity to promote the League of Women Voters and draw attention to League legislative priorities will take place prior to the 2007 legislative session.

### **League Lobbying Strategies Take Shape—Attend the League's "Mornings on the Hill"**

The League's lobbying efforts will be led by the League's lobbyist, Stewart Clifton, and the action co-chairs, Margie Parsley and Mary Liz Knish. Legislative priorities include ethics, openness in government, health care, early childhood education, and adequate and equitable funding of needed services.

Twice a month the League will hold "Mornings on the Hill." In these mini-legislative sessions, members will meet with Stewart for briefings on pending legislation before spreading out to attend committee meetings and meet with legislators. Watch for the schedule for the meetings—typically on Tuesdays or Wednesdays—posted in the Voter and on the League's web site. We hope that every

League member will participate at least once during the legislative session. Last year we found that this strategy really does make a difference!

Stewart will provide League members with periodic updates and suggestions for action on key issues as the legislative session develops. To receive the League's legislative report regularly, simply submit your request by emailing [info@LWVnashville.org](mailto:info@LWVnashville.org). It's concise and analytical, and it's free. Please submit your request for the 2006 session, even if you have subscribed previously.

### **Riverfront Redevelopment Meetings Receive Strong Public Input**

The Cumberland River Waterfront Development Steering Committee, appointed by Mayor Bill Purcell, worked with The Nashville Civic Design Center to host three public charette type planning sessions in December. The meetings held in different parts of the city brought together about 300 citizens interested in our river to answer these questions: What kind of development do we want along our waterfront? What should be preserved or retained? What should be changed or added? A wealth of ideas was forthcoming and the groups prioritized their suggestions/preferences. The ultimate outcome from these efforts will be a Waterfront Redevelopment Master Plan, to be completed in early 2006.

The study area of the plan encompasses approximately six miles of waterfront: from Shelby Park to the Interstate 65 Bridge on the East Banks, and from Rolling Mill Hill to the I 65 Bridge on the West.

Beginning in January 2006, the 24-member steering committee will oversee the selection of a design team to develop the finalized Master Plan. Additional public meetings seeking further input and commentary will be held throughout the development phase of the master plan. Watch for times and dates. The League's Berdelle Campbell is a member of the Mayor's steering committee.

### **Holiday Gathering**

While the weather was frightful, the party was delightful. League members, their guests, and a number of elected officials enjoyed a splendid gathering on December 8. Warmest thanks to Colleen Conway Welch, who graciously hosted the event.

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