



The League of Women Voters of Nashville

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CALENDAR

- Saturday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. (NOTE NEW TIME) LWV Monthly Breakfast Roundtable. "The Face of Poverty in Tennessee." Atlanta Bread Company, West End and 18th St. Contact Rose Rodriguez (roseandfernando@comcast.net or 383-6587).
- Thursday, December 8. LWV Holiday Gathering. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (NOTE NEW TIME) at the home of Colleen Conway Welch, 109 Lynwood Terrace. Co-hosted by the League membership committee. Questions, call Jennifer Gilligan Cole at 227-1585.
- January, 2006. LWV Legislative Preview Dinner. Date and place TBA.

HOLIDAY GATHERING—BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN THE FUN!

The League's annual holiday gathering will be Thursday, December 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Colleen Conway Welch. Please note that there has been a change in time from that previously announced. Members are encouraged to bring prospective League members to this lovely event. Festive attire, valet parking provided.

RIVER DEVELOPMENT PLAN WANTS YOUR INPUT

New efforts will focus on redevelopment of both banks of three miles of the Cumberland River as it winds through Nashville. The Cumberland River Waterfront Redevelopment Steering Committee will convene a series of meetings to seek public input during the first week in December. Look for dates, times and location on the web sites of the Nashville League or the Nashville Civic Design Center. League member Berdelle Campbell was been appointed to the new committee by Mayor Purcell, shortly after her cogent opinion piece on this topic appeared in the *Tennessean*. "The Cumberland belongs to all of us, regardless of where we live. It is truly one of Nashville's grandest assets. For decades it has been ignored or abused," notes Campbell. This is your opportunity to think with lots of other Nashvillians about what needs to be removed, what added, and what steps must be taken to assure sound environmental actions and quality results. For more information, call her at 244-5198.

LWV MONTHLY BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE—FACE OF POVERTY IN TENNESSEE

Invite a friend for breakfast and an engaging discussion! For the second monthly roundtable discussion, the League's very own Jennifer Williams, a social worker for MTSU, will introduce the topic, "The Face of Poverty in Tennessee." In 2000, 11.3 percent of individuals in the U.S. lived in poverty (which equates to earning less than \$17,603 for a family of four). In Tennessee, the rate was 13.3 percent—not as bad as Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, but not good when compared to our neighbors to the north—Missouri and Indiana. Statistics are powerful, but they cannot tell us what it means for a family. What does poverty look like? Come, listen,

eat, drink and debate the day's topic. The members were enthusiastic about the first session with Brenda Wynn and invite you to join them. The meetings are held at the Atlanta Bread Company on West End and 18th St. (parking is in the back of the building).

LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW DINNER

The League of Women Voters of Tennessee, in partnership with the Nashville League, will host the First Annual Preview Dinner in January 2006 at the beginning of the legislative session. Four political pundits from across the state will offer forecasts regarding key issues for the upcoming session. Proceeds from this gala fundraising event will help the League support its lobbyist. Nashville League members will be enlisted to help ensure the success of this event so that it will attract wide press attention and member interest. Watch for details in the December VOTER.

ATHENA NOMINEE, DEANA CLAIBORNE

The Nashville League has named Deana Claiborne, president of the Tennessee League and past-president of the Nashville League as its 2006 ATHENA Award nominee. Deana's expertise helped the League organize forums and debates educating the public about access to health care, candidates' positions on issues, and challenges confronting voters with disabilities. In her role as executive director of United Cerebral Palsy, Deana is a committed advocate for the Help America Vote Act. She will compete with nominees from 30 area women's organizations for the award. For more information on the ATHENA Awards reception on March 30, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. go to www.nashvillecable.org/athena.htm.

BOARD MEMBERS--OFFICERS: President, Karen Edwards; Past-President, Deana Claiborne; 1st VP, Lucy Du; 2nd VP, & Environmental Chair, Berdelle Campbell; Secretary, Mary McLennan; and Treasurer, Marian Ott. **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Voter Service, Carrie Hudson and Lynn Williams; Membership, Jennifer Cole and Rose Rodriguez; Education, Jan Bossing; Health Care, Joanne Rich; Metro Government & Interim Voter editor, Karen Weeks, (KarenHWeeks@comcast.net)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: Nov 14 and Jan 9: 5-6:30 p.m. United Cerebral Palsy, 1200 9th Ave. North, Nashville 37208. Members welcome. RSVP info@LWVnashville.org or 297-7134.

VOTER--The Nashville VOTER, published monthly, is sent by email to members who have email addresses and is mailed to those who do not. If you are currently receiving your copy by email and wish to have it mailed, please contact Melanie Gober Grand, the League's new office administrator, at 297-7134 or info@LWVnashville.org.

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