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Calendar

April 7&8, Emergency preparedness team, disaster simulation.

April, date to be announced, Health Care Safety Net Forum

May 3rd, Annual Meeting LWV Nashville, 7:30am to 9:00am, Adventure Science Center

May 5th–7th, LWV Tennessee Spring Council, Gatlinburg, TN.

Up coming Candidates Forums: April, Judicial Candidates. **June**, School Board Candidates,

State League Spring Council May 5-7, 2006 in Gatlinburg

Planning for an exciting LWV Tennessee Spring Council will be finalized in the coming weeks; in the meantime, we will need to hear from you! Registration materials, including a schedule of speakers, will be sent via an all-member mailing soon so members can register in early March. Contact Judy Poulson at lwvjp@bellsouth.net or call her at (865) 694-9117 if you have questions about registration.

We will be sponsoring a bus to the event and will need to know numbers in advance. If you'd like reserve a seat, please contact Katherine McNeil at (865) 397-9778 or at paulandkat@earthlink.net as soon as possible, so we can assess interest. The bus will leave Memphis at 6 A.M. CST on May 5th, pick up Nashville passengers around 10 A.M. and arrive in Gatlinburg in time for a 2:30 hotel check-in and a pre-conference session on Healthcare. It should be fun, and much easier than driving! We estimate \$100.00 per person depending on the number traveling. Bus payment will be due April 5th.

Registration: \$55. This includes lunch and dinner Saturday.

Other meals, room and transportation within Gatlinburg are on your own.

Room: Glenstone Lodge (1-800-362-9522): \$94.99, inclusive, for a room with 2 queen beds. Reservations and payment for the first night's lodging must be made before April 15.

Remainder may be paid on arrival. Mention that you are with the League to get this discounted rate.

Volunteer!

Help create an informed electorate. Volunteers are needed for three upcoming forums:

- **Judicial Candidates Forum**, tentatively scheduled for April 19. Contact Marian Ott ottphilip@comcast.net or call her at 615.356.1752.
- **School Board Candidates Forum**, tentatively scheduled for June. Contact Jan Bossing janbossing@aol.com or call her at 254-3319.
- **Health Care Safety Net Forum**, tentatively scheduled for April. Contact Joanne Rich at joanne_r@tndisability.org or call her at 383-9442.

First Responder Readiness

Emergency preparedness is a partnership between first responders, volunteers and the community. On April 7 & 8, 2006, First Responders in the Metro area will undertake a disaster simulation. This exercise will simulate a series of man-made incidents and their impact on our community. Volunteer community members, both individuals and groups, are needed to help play injured and exposed adults and children. These roles provide realism to first responders by mimicking real injuries, crisis situations and responses that may unfold during a disaster. Some victims may be required to wear make-up that simulates injury or exposure. No prior experience or training is necessary; training will

be given onsite. Exercises will be held Friday and Saturday in Davidson, Williamson, Sumner and Wilson counties. For more information, or to register, go to www.hsd5exercise.org. Help us prepare!

Attend the League's "Mornings on the Hill"

The League will be active in the 2006 legislative session, focusing on the following issues:

- Expansion of the state-funded voluntary Pre-kindergarten program
- Election Issues, Openness in Government
- Health Care—both TennCare and the Safety Net
- Environmental Issues—especially the Bottle Bill
- Women's Choice issues

Twice a month the League will hold "Mornings on the Hill". In these sessions, League members will meet with League lobbyist Stewart Clifton for briefings on pending legislation before spreading out to attend committee meetings and meet with legislators. Watch for the schedule of the meetings posted in the Voter and on the League's web site. Join us! For additional information contact the State League action co-chair Margie Parsley at 352-7551 or mparsley99@comcast.net.

Legislative Alerts

Clifton provides League members with periodic updates and alerts for action on key issues as the legislative session develops. Nashville League members who receive the Voter by email receive the **Legislative Report** electronically. To find a bill, go to www.legislature.state.tn.us, click on Legislation and enter the bill number. To receive the report via U.S. mail for one year, mail a check for \$15 made payable to "League of Women Voters of Tennessee" to the League Office (Box 158369, Nashville TN 37215-8369). Non-League members' subscription rates are \$15/year for email and \$25 for U.S. mail.

In addition to the bills covered in the Legislative Report, here is a brief summary of bills with an environmental focus. For a complete listing, check the report prepared for the Tennessee Conservation Voters by Clifton, which is attached to the League's February 27 Legislative Report.

HB3347, SB3629: Deposit Beverage Container Recycling. HB2535, SB2602: Solar water heating & wind generating equip. HB2623, SB2932: Hybrid and alternate fuel vehicles. HB0138, SB0167: Environ. Impact study for clear cutting. HB2485, SB2887: Cumberland Plateau timberland, "Bowater". HB2863, SB2695: Minimizing solid waste in landfills. HB0139, SB0413: Native grasses to cover landfills. HB0168, SB1689: Fertilizer containing toxic materials. HB2613, SB3429: Engineer licensing for sub-surface sewage disposal systems. SB2643: Court jurisdiction, Solid Waste Disposal Act, Hazardous Waste Management Act and Water Quality Control Act.

LWVN Board: Karen Edwards, President; Deana Claiborne, Past President; Lucy Du 1st VP; Berdelle Campbell, 2nd VP and Environmental Chair; Mary McLennan, Sec'y; Marian Ott, Treasurer. Committee chairs: Carrie Hudson, Voter Services; Jennifer Cole and Rose Rodriguez, Membership; Jan Bossing, Education; Joanne Rich, Health Care; Karen Weeks Metro Government, and Denise Carr, Voter Editor. Office Administrator Jennifer Williams.

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