

## **LWVOR Local Program (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)**

As part of its ongoing local program, the Oak Ridge LWV provides voter education and registration, candidates' forums, other forums on public issues, and programs such as Breakfast with our Legislators and Lunch with the League. In addition, the League takes action when appropriate based on current local, state, and national positions and, after study and consensus, on newly identified local study items.

The local study and action program for 2016-2017 is:

### **Education**

Study and monitor the quality of the Oak Ridge Public Schools, especially as impacted by local, state, and federal mandates and community factors; emphasis should include State and Federal standards, alternatives to public education, school security, and Oak Ridge Preschool.

Continue the Partner in Education program with the Oak Ridge High School Social Studies Department.

Monitor the potential changes in the Basic Education Program and the effect on Oak Ridge Schools.

Monitor issues associated with in-state tuition rates for advanced training and education for Tennessee high school and GED graduates regardless of their immigration status.

### **Voting/Election Issues**

Track election law legislation.

Continue to monitor various methods of voting.

Cooperate with the Voter Services Committee.

### **Action Groups**

Survey membership for areas of interest and develop corresponding action groups to educate the public and take action, as appropriate, on League positions. This survey will include Climate Change, Education, Insure Tennessee, Immigration, Mental Health, Community Organizing, and other positions depending on member interests. These action groups will enter into partnerships with other organizations with like interests to share information and decide on action. The survey will also include areas of local interest where there are no League positions (e.g., review of small modular reactor programs and monitor implementation of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park).

### **Observer/Monitoring Corps**

Continue the Observer/Monitoring group, following the City Council, County

Commissions, School Board, Planning Commission, Environmental Quality Advisory Board, Industrial Development Board, Senior Advisory Board, Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Charter Commission, Anderson County Charter Commission (If established), Healthy Families of Tennessee, and State funding resources for Roane State Community College. Educate the membership and the public as appropriate.