



# The Voter

## *Update on Voter Suppression*

We have written about voter suppression in the Voter previously and we would like to provide an update. Leagues across the country have been in overdrive in protecting the right to vote in multiple states. Several Leagues are bringing law suits or submitting amicus briefs along with other litigants.

Although the current administration was forced to disband its newly created "Commission on Election Integrity," the work to stop voter suppression has only begun.

Numerous studies show that illegal voting is extremely rare and voter impersonation practically non-existent (0.00004 percent to 0.00009 percent to our mathematical readers – based on the Brennan Center for Justice). The real problem is not voter fraud; it is voter suppression. It is virtually impossible for the same person to go to the same poll several times on election day and claim to be someone else. And undocumented immigrants will not go near a polling place.

Deliberate voter disenfranchisement (citizens legally able to vote are prevented from doing so) is part of America's long legacy of voter suppression. It consists of three basic waves: the Jim Crow era with its literacy tests and poll taxes specifically aimed at the poor and African Americans; the era following the 1965 Voting Right Act, in which some states continue to attempt to dilute minority voting power through gerrymandering; and the last few years when manufactured statistics are being used to falsely accuse the American voting system as rigged and rife with fraud and illegal votes.

When the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) virtually gutted the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) in 2013, it took less than one year for 10 of the 15 covered states to enact new restrictive voting laws. It took Texas less than two hours.

Racism is shown to be a clear factor in voting suppression, as these new laws disproportionately target minorities, many of whom vote with Democrats. It should be noted that over the years both parties were guilty of back room gerrymandering for partisan reasons. However, one reason for the new emphasis on racism is because minority populations are growing faster than whites and they are voting at higher rates.

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### *Update on Voter Suppression, continued*

As a notable example, the North Carolina black population had achieved near parity with the white population in both registration and voting. This caused North Carolina to emerge as an electoral swing state with black voters acting as a major electoral force. One day after the SCOTUS gutted the VRA, the North Carolina legislature and its contractors requested and used racial data to determine voting practices of black citizens. With this data, the North Carolina law was changed to enact more stringent voter I.D. laws and other voter suppression concepts specifically aimed at the voting practices of its black citizens.

Does this matter? According to the Brennan Center more than 21 million Americans do not have a government-issued voter I.D. Fewer than 10% of whites lack this type of I.D. while up to 25% of blacks lack this type of I.D.. It is clear who the targeted voters are. Hence the preponderance of voter restrictions that affect blacks and the poor of all races across many states.

The League of Women Voters of North Carolina was a co plaintiff in the Supreme Court case which, indeed, ruled that the new laws were based on both racial profiling and political partisanship.

See more in the League Update article in this *Voter*.

References: LWVUS, Brennan Center for Justice, and a judicial update from the ACLU.

~Mary Ann Reeves,, LWVOR

### *Summary of the LWVOR Year*

We held Lunch with the League twice most months from September to June, featuring a variety of speakers on issues of current interest. Breakfast with the Legislators was held once a month from January through April, offering an opportunity to meet our local state legislators. The League assisted the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority with refreshments and knowledgeable people at their program to encourage running for office. League members served as moderators at 2 AKA evenings of Pearls and Politics.

Voter registration was priority this year. League members registered students several times at Roane State Community College, Anderson County, Oak Ridge, and Clinton high schools. We also registered voters at the Free Medical Clinic and Scarboro Home Coming.

With financial assistance from a National League Education Fund grant, voter registration was offered to new citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies in Oak Ridge and at Big South Fork, with more planned in Chattanooga and in Knoxville. Individual board members worked with the Knoxville League on immigration.

League members observed at a number of area government meetings and offered monthly summaries that were published in the *Voter* and online. This was a busy year for the Oak Ridge League!

~Betsy Smith, acting President, LWVOR

### *LWVOR Candidate Forums July 10 & 12*

To promote informed and active participation in government the Oak Ridge League will hold two forums for candidates on Oak Ridge ballots in the August 2 Anderson County and Roane County General Elections. Gene Patterson will moderate the forums.

The **Anderson County Forum** will be held on Tuesday, July 10, at the Oak Ridge High School Amphitheater beginning at 7:00 p.m. Candidates for County Offices; County Commission Districts 6, 7, and 8; and County School Board District 6 and 7 have been invited.

Candidates with opposition are invited to speak and answer questions from the audience. Candidates with no opposition will be introduced.

The **Roane County Candidate Forum** will be held on Thursday, July 12, at the Oak Ridge High School Amphitheater beginning at 7:00 p.m. Candidates for County Executive, Trustee, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and County Commission District 4 have been invited to speak and answer questions from the audience. Candidates for offices with no opposition will be introduced.

~Mary Uziel

### *Early Voting July 13 to 28*

**Early voting** begins Friday, July 13 and ends Saturday, July 28. Early Voting sites in **Anderson County** are the Midtown Community Center (Wildcat Den) in Oak Ridge, the Clinton Community Center (Clinton), and the Anderson Crossing Shopping Center (Norris/Andersonville). Hours are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Anderson County hours for voting **on election day, August 2**, at all precincts, are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Residents of **Roane County** can vote early at the First Christian Church, 100 Gum Hollow Road in Oak Ridge. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Roane County hours for voting **on election day, August 2**, are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You can **view and print your county ballot** at the Anderson County Election Commission website at [www.acelect.com](http://www.acelect.com); the Roane County Election Commission website [www.roaneelections.com](http://www.roaneelections.com); or the Knox County Election Commission website [www.knoxcounty.org/election](http://www.knoxcounty.org/election).

Remember! Your vote helps make democracy work.

*~Mary Uziel*

### **August 2 Election Information**

The August 2 election includes Federal and State Primaries in addition to County General Elections. **State Primary Elections** are for Governor, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, Tennessee Senate (odd numbered districts), Tennessee House of Representatives, and State Executive Committee. You will be asked to choose either the State Republican Primary or the State Democratic Primary.

In the County General Election, you may vote for candidates of either party, regardless of the ballot you select for the state primary elections.

**July 3** Last day to register to vote in person or by postmark if you are not already registered and wish to vote in the August 2nd election.

**July 10** LWVOR Anderson County Candidate Forum

**July 12** LWVOR Roane County Candidate Forum

**July 13** Early Voting begins

**July 26** Deadline for receiving an application for a by-mail ballot.

**July 28** Last day of early voting

**August 2** Election Day\*\*

\*\*Remember that on Election Day, unlike Early Voting, you must vote in your precinct.

**Any of the following IDs may be used, even if expired:**

- Tennessee driver license with your photo
- United States Passport
- Photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security

- Photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government
  - United States Military photo ID
  - Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo
- Note:** College student IDs and photo IDs not issued by the federal or Tennessee state government are NOT acceptable. This includes county or city issued photo IDs, such as library cards, and photo IDs issued by other states.

If you are a registered voter, have changed your address and still live in Anderson or Roane County, or if you have changed your name since you last voted, call 457-6238 (Anderson County) or 376-3184 (Roane County) for information.

To register to vote you must be at least 18 years old; a U.S. citizen; a resident of Anderson or Roane County. If you will be 18 before the next election, you may register to vote before your birthday. If you have been convicted of a felony and have had your rights restored according to law, you may register to vote.

**Register to vote online at GoVoteTN.com.** At this site you can also download a voter registration form to be submitted by mail or find the Restoration of Voting Rights form.

*~Mary Uziel*

### **Voter Registration Activities**

In addition to the 162 newly registered voters reported in the April and May Voters, League members registered 27 new citizens at Big South Fork National Recreation Area following a naturalization ceremony on April 26. Harriet McCurdy, Doris Sklad, Betsy Smith, Marti Salk, Claudia Lever, Mary Uziel, and a representative from the Scott County Election Commission conducted this voter registration. Our League members also served punch and cookies at a reception following the naturalization ceremony attended by more than 150 people.

League member Joan Cassens arranged an all-day voter registration at the Oak Ridge Free Medical Clinic on May 10 where one new voter was registered. We were thrilled to learn that patients at the Free Medical Clinic on May 10 were all regular voters except for three who said they had never voted and were not interested in voting. In addition to Joan, Betsy Smith, Marti Salk,

Charlie Hensley, Claudia Lever, and Mary Uziel assisted with this effort.

On May 11 Mary Ann Reeves and Pat Bryan, assisted by four members of the League of Women Voters of Chattanooga, registered 44 new citizens following morning and afternoon naturalization ceremonies at the U.S. District Court in Chattanooga. Voter registration forms were delivered to the Hamilton County Election Commission.

On May 16, Willa Reister, assisted by Harriet McCurdy, Betsy Smith, and Rebecca Bowman registered 12 new voters at Anderson County High School during "Senior Signing Day" activities. After registering 25 new voters at Anderson County High on April 2, League members had been invited to return for this event.

To celebrate National Voter Registration Day on September 25, 2018, our League hopes to arrange voter registration events in all local high schools and at Roane State Community College. National Voter Registration Day has been celebrated annually on the fourth Tuesday in September since 2012.

*~Mary Uziel*

### ***Vote411 Voter Information***

Vote411.org is now available to Oak Ridgers. Vote411 is an online voter information guide that began in 2006 at the national League level, and now has nearly 300 local leagues participating. To use it, simply log on to [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org), and follow the instructions.

The site uses GIS data from the U.S. Census Bureau and State Comptroller's Office to identify your voting district from the address you enter. Therefore, you should see only the races pertaining to our district. Please know that the information you provide and selections you make while using the site aren't being collected or retained.

Invitations to participate went out to the candidates in mid-June. The invitations included a link for the candidate to attach a photo, update personal information, and respond to several questions, submitted by LWVOR members, pertaining to the office they are pursuing. By reading these responses, voters can see where each candidate stands on these pertinent issues.

Over the next few weeks, I will be following up with candidates who have not responded, perhaps because their email address is incorrect in our database. So, if

you know the email address of a candidate who has not responded, please send it to [patbryan2@att.net](mailto:patbryan2@att.net), and I'll be sure they receive an invitation.

Please try the site out for yourself.

*~Pat Bryan*

### ***Spring Council Report***

Michelle Brandenburg made all the arrangements for the meeting, which was held in Chattanooga. Members of LWV of Chattanooga, newly recognized as a local League, served as hosts, providing assistance to the speakers, electronic equipment, and materials for the delegates.

The only items of business were the adoption of a budget for 2018-2019 and the proposed Broadband Concurrence Position. Both items were introduced on Saturday and approved on Sunday. The Broadband Position is a concurrence with a position adopted by the LWV of Connecticut with sections promoting net neutrality, statewide access to high-speed internet, and public education and government access TV. The state League has had a successful year with growth in membership and income.

Deborah Fisher, Executive Director of Tennessee Coalition for Open Government discussed issues with the costs of getting copies of open records, and adequate notice and access to public meetings.

Amanda Wintersieck, Asst. Professor of Political Science, UT Chattanooga, spoke on "Research on Best Practices for Getting Out the Vote." She noted that socio-economic class determines voting patterns. She noted that younger voters have a lower percentage of voter registration and, even when registered, a lower percentage of voter turnout. It is important to find other ways to engage their interest.

Linda Phillips, Shelby County Election administrator, talked about, "Understanding Ranked Choice Voting." This would apply only in local elections in places such as Shelby County and Nashville. These cities would allow the selection of a winner in a race in which no candidate had attained a majority. If not, a runoff election is required. The ranked choice voting allows voters to indicate a second and third choice for each race to distribute these votes to determine the winner. Memphis wanted to try this method, but the General Assembly would not authorize it.



At the Saturday evening banquet, Linda Mines, the historian for Chattanooga and Hamilton County, portrayed Abby Crawford Milton, the Chattanooga suffrage leader who became the first president of the LWV of Tennessee. Her presentation was very entertaining and informative.

On Sunday, Stewart Clifton, LWVTN lobbyist, gave a review of LWVTN's priorities in the 2018 Tennessee General Assembly. His final report is on our website. He encouraged everyone to get acquainted with their legislators outside of the legislative session.

Also on Sunday, a representative from each local league summarized their successes and challenges. We were encouraged to state how we were able to make a project successful and how we managing to overcome challenges. We also had a panel with representative from each league discussing their voter registration experiences. Every local league has conducted several voter registration events.

~Claudia Lever

### National League Report

The LWVUS filed a Parker v. Reema Consulting Services amicus brief in the US Court of Appeals (4th District) challenging a gender-based hostile workplace under Title VII. This is part of the League's ongoing support for actions about laws regarding compliance with the intent of the Equal Rights Amendment.

The LWVUS filed an amicus brief in the Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights commission. The League argued that allowing the bakery to refuse service violates public accommodations laws. After the SCOTUS ruled in favor of the Masterpiece Cakeshop, the LWVUS issued a press release expressing disappointment that the court did not provide clarity around when the free exercise of religion rises to the level of discrimination. More litigation is expected.

The LWVUS is awaiting decisions in several key voting rights cases which have not yet been announced, including cases in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The LWVUS, the LWV of Ohio, along with the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, had filed an amicus brief in the case of Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute, arguing that Ohio's purge process which could be triggered after a voter missed a single federal election, violated the National Voter Registration Act.

After the SCOTUS ruled in favor of Ohio, the LWVUS issued a statement stating that "the right to vote is not a use it or lose it" proposition. It had been estimated that a hundred thousand voters had been disenfranchised in 2016 due to this purge policy, including those in the military who were serving overseas.

In Justice Sotomayor's dissent she notes, "Congress enacted the NVRA against the backdrop of substantial efforts by States to disenfranchise low-income and minority voters, including programs that purged eligible voters from registration lists because they failed to vote in prior elections. The Court errs in ignoring this history and distorting the statutory text to arrive at a conclusion that not only is contrary to the plain language of the NVRA but also contradicts the essential purposes of the statute, ultimately sanctioning the very purging that Congress expressly sought to protect against."

The LWVUS Convention will be June 27 through July 1 in Chicago. The response for attendance was so great that the LWVUS had to limit registration due to limitations on hotel convention capacity. Interest in the League and our work is growing!

~Mary Ann Reeves

### Observer Corps

*LWVOR members attend meetings and report their observations of the meeting they attend. These notes are not official minutes. Contact the specific committee for official information. Longer versions of some of these reports may be posted on our website.*

### Anderson County Commission

*Regular meeting, May 21, 2018*

Chair Tim Isbel called the meeting to order. All 16 commissioners were present.

Anderson County Director of Schools Tim Parrott was very proud of the end of year achievements, with 580 students graduating from high school and 17 of them already earning AA degrees from Roane State. They had the highest ACT scores ever, and Connect Academy for special needs students had a 100% graduation rate. Commissioners congratulated the schools.

Dr Parrott announced that the U.S. Dept of Education has awarded another 6-year, \$850,000 grant for the GEAR UP program. "Hoppy" Merryman has been directing this program for the last seven years. She promotes a "college-going culture" by helping with applications, college visits, financial aid counseling,

and more. Commission voted to send a letter of commendation to her and the School Board.

Anderson County Emergency Medical Service (ACEMS) head Nathan Sweet requested funds to hire a lawyer specializing in Medicare law. There is a conflict between ACEMS and Methodist Medical Center over a \$120,000 bill for transporting patients. Commission voted to hire the lawyer.

Kathy Edwards was appointed to the Board of Equalization.

Finance Director Natalie Erb announced that there will be a public meeting on next year's budget on June 7.

The plan to use the building at 205 Main St. as a senior center has failed. The County will sell it as surplus property. Commission voted to spend up to \$1,400 for an appraisal and to refer the details of the sale to the Operations Committee.

TDOT has okayed the plan for highway access for the new Glen Alpine transfer station on Norris Freeway. This clears the way for a closing on the property on May 22. Commission voted unanimously to complete the sale and solve a problem that has plagued the County for 20 years.

Commissioner Vowell asked for help in getting roads damaged by a gas company repaired. The Law Director said there was no bond posted and that the 6-year statute of limitations had passed. Commissioner Alderson, chair of the Highway Committee, said the case is a losing battle. Commissioner Wandell said that this was evidence of the need to raise the severance tax. He is disappointed that the State has not acted on this and will raise the issue at the Tennessee County Commissioners Association meeting.

*~Willa Reister, Observer*

## **EQAB**

*Regular meeting, May 3, 2018*

Board Members Present: Rebecca Bowman, William Dean, Wendy Doolittle, Darcie Holcomb, Robert Kennedy (Chair), Kaela O'Dell, Kelly Smith, Tripp Chinn

### **Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF)**

The meeting began with a presentation by David Adler, DOE Office of Environmental Management. He spoke about the proposed new EMDF. The tentative location is on central Bear Creek Valley. A public hearing on the facility is planned for this summer.

### **Recycling at Blankenship Field**

Outgoing high school representatives Adithyan Sujihkumar and Tripp Chinn were thanked for their service. Tripp reported on the recycling program that they instituted at Blankenship Field. The program is a component of the City's Climate Action Plan.

### **City Compensation for trees removed from Pine Ridge**

EQAB presented a draft letter to City Council at the April work session seeking redress for the City from the National Nuclear Security Administration for the Pine Ridge tree clearing. The EQAB will estimate the tree value and cost of the view loss and resubmit the letter to Council. Council has not yet addressed the letter. The DOE has no legal requirement to compensate the City.

### **EQAB and the Planning Commission**

A motion was made and carried to communicate to City staff that EQAB would like to reestablish a relationship with the Planning Commission.

*~Kathy Olsen, Observer*

## **Roane County Commission**

*Regular meeting, May 14, 2018*

**Hearing of Delegation:** Of 12 people speaking, three spoke in favor of the proposed consolidation of Roane County High School, citing better resources and the progression of education in general. They made the central point about the children being the most valuable asset of the community. Two voiced concerns about how this consolidation would affect the county over time and misconceptions about whether the school would be zoned in Harriman or Rockwood.

Six urged a voter referendum on the issue of the Wheel Tax and expressed general cost concerns.

**County Attorney:** A lawsuit was settled in the Tony Clough Estate. Chancery Court ruled that Roane County would be responsible for returning \$8,234 in taxes paid by tenants.

**County Executive:** Among a number of issues discussed was the annual jail report. The jail has 170 certified beds; currently 255 inmates are housed there.

**New Business:** Ten resolutions were passed.

*Regular meeting, June 11, 2018*

**Hearing of Delegation:** Jerry White, President of the Oliver Springs Historical Society, announced their event on July 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited.



Roberta Dennis talked about an informative program on addiction on the History Channel. She then proceeded to say that she would not recommend Charles Elmore as a new board member of the Regional Library Board. She said that person needs to be experienced and trustworthy.

John Dennis talked about the Constitution and lauded Presidents Kennedy and Trump.

Charles Elmore responded to Roberta Dennis' negative comments. He does not know her, he has never met her and she has never contacted him about any issues. He has 15 years of library experience, five degrees with two of them in library science, and one in accounting..

**Special Orders:** Charles Elmore was unanimously appointed to the Regional Library Board. The new term will expire June 30, 2021. Several Commissioners spoke up and praised his community service and a number of citizens later congratulated him. Jinx Watson was also appointed to that board with a term ending in 2019.

Larry Clark was confirmed to the County Board of Public Utilities due to the expiration of George Yarboroug's term. He did not want to continue. His term will expire June 30, 2021.

**New Business:** a resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute a five year agreement with Fleanor Security Systems for the installation and monitoring of the Panic Button and Burglary system in the Courthouse was deferred with a 12 to 3 vote. No explanation was given. Commissioner David Bell tried to address the issue, stating that the system was needed and he did not want it deferred. He was told by Chairman Berry that he was out of order.

Eight additional resolutions were passed.

*~Hella Peterson, Observer*

### Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

*Regular Meeting, June 14*

The meeting included a staff presentation by Linda McGhee, Director of the Oak Ridge Senior Center; reports on the Secret City Festival; and discussions of ongoing projects.

**Senior Center** (Linda McGhee): The Senior Center has been located at 728 Emory Valley Road for 16 years. The Center, with a budget of \$286,233, including salaries and rent, addresses social, physical and cognitive needs of senior citizens. Some of the more

popular of the 39 activities offered are guitar classes, day trips, holiday parties and pickle ball. Attendees are from Oak Ridge (80%), Anderson County (11%), and out-of-county (9%); attendance averages 69 per day and 412 per week. The Center tries to meet the challenges that are typical for seniors, such as nutrition and transportation. Challenges for the Center include engaging new seniors in the programs (baby boomers and gen X) and finding a new location for the Senior Center. So far, the best prospect for a new location seems to be the Oak Ridge Civic Center. The Senior Center needs a dedicated space, primarily for equipment and furniture that can't be easily moved. This will probably require building additional space at the Civic Center; a professional evaluation will be conducted to determine the best way to proceed.

**Secret City Festival** (Doug Colclasure): Doug expressed appreciation to Jon Hetrick and his staff for the excellent organization and implementation of the Secret City Festival. In spite of the hot weather, attendance was good with 2600 attending the Friday concert and about 2300 attending the Saturday concert.

**The International Friendship Bell** (Alan Tatum): The festival booth for the Friendship Bell project attracted interest, along with a few donations. The actual kickoff for fundraising is scheduled for the fall, perhaps October. The Bell Committee met with the local National Park Superintendent, Niki Nicholas, who is very enthusiastic about having the Friendship Bell incorporated into the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. The location of park headquarters is still undetermined, as is the final location of the bell.

**Trail Development** (Ken Rueter, Jon Hetrick): The Legacy Parks Foundation has requested that the Department of Energy allow a trail-use easement on the Gallaher Bend/Bull Bluff Park and greenway area. Because these multi-use trails should enhance the beauty and value of the surrounding property and further help position East Tennessee and the City of Oak Ridge as an outdoor recreation destination, the Parks Board has written a letter to David Buhaly, Reservation Management, DOE. The letter states: "...on behalf of the Oak Ridge Recreation and Parks Board, we fully endorse and encourage the Department of Energy to grant the Gallaher Bend land parcel use agreement to the Legacy Park Foundation, enabling a

multi-use network project." The rails to trails project is on TDOT's 2040 Mobility Plan, a possible funding source.

**Director's Report** (Jon Hetrick): City staff has been busy with the Secret City Festival, graduation celebration (80% of the senior class attended), and the start of summer camp. The festival went exceptionally well, with 100 staff members involved. Jon noted that working with staff and personnel on this event was a great experience.

~Mary Lou Daugherty, Observer

### Breakfast with the Legislators

Lt. Gov. Randy McNally and Rep. John Ragan (Anderson County), and Sen. Ken Yager and Rep. Kent Calfee (Roane County) participated in the Breakfasts for the Legislators that we held this year. They shared their insights into issues and their positions, followed by spirited questions and discussion by members of the audience. Baked goods and coffee from Panera's were provided by the League. Attendance ranged from 40 to 60 at each of the four sessions.

~Dan Robbins

### Annual Meeting and Dinner

At our Annual Meeting and Dinner on May 22 at the [DoubleTree Hotel](#) we enjoyed social time and a buffet dinner followed by the meeting. We voted to approve the budget, the nominated board members and officers, and our local program and position statements.

We honored new 50-year LWVOR members **Lou Dunlap** and **Margaret Dory**.

Thanks go to dinner organizer **Janis Williams**. She also took reservations and the payments.

**Betsy Smith** chaired the meeting and deserves a big thank you for all her work this year while acting in the capacity as our president while we did not have an official person in that office.

### Membership Notes

#### New Members

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201-638-9863

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### Advocates For Democracy

The League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge would like to recognize and thank the following people for their contributions to the Oak Ridge League and are delighted to include them in our Advocates for Democracy.

Marti Adler-Jasny	Denise Lay
Charles & Marion Burger	Thelma & Joe McGrory
Mary Lou Daugherty	Joye Montgomery
Al Denny	Barbara Moon
Margaret Dory	Lester & Pat Petrie
Sue Ekkebus	Mimi Rosenthal
Norbert Grant	Bob & Carol Smallridge
Edith Halbert	Betsy Smith
Emily & Charlie Jernigan	Ellen Smith
Mary Ellen & Eph Klots	Barbara Walker
Barbara Landau	Pat Worsham

Advocates for Democracy is a new program that recognizes donors of \$50 or more to LWVOR. The listing will be published in the *Voter* and on our website.



Pat Bryan & Mary Ann Reeves join others in Chattanooga on May 11 to help brand new citizens register to vote.

## Suffrage Coalition Honors Febb & Harry Burn

The Leagues of Women Voters of Oak Ridge and Knoxville/Knox County, the Oak Ridge AAUW, and other sponsoring organizations in the Suffrage Coalition of Knoxville honored Harry Burn and his mother Febb Burn in June. Harry Burn, a freshman legislator, broke the tie in the Tennessee Legislature that gave all women in the U.S. the right to vote by the approval of the 19th amendment. His change of heart was due to the advice of his mother, delivered in a letter the day before the vote, encouraging him to “be a good boy” and vote for women. The festivities on June 8 and 9 in downtown Knoxville included a reception at the History Center.

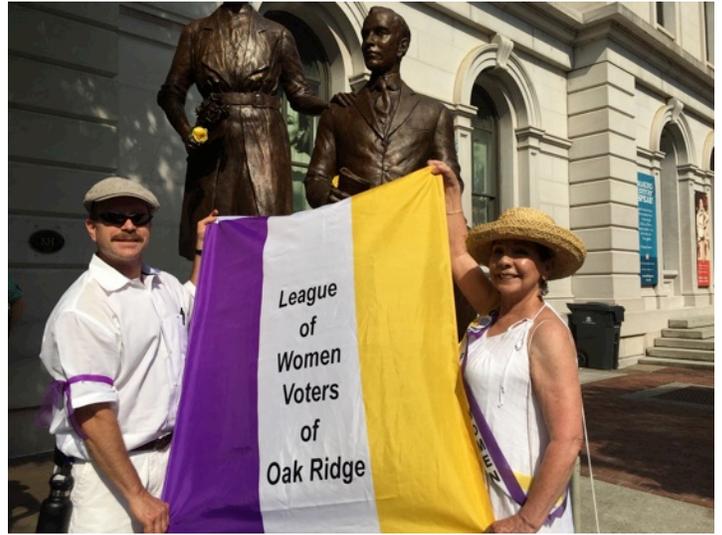
The reenactment parade in downtown Knoxville on Saturday, June 9 consisted of men and women in period dress and participants carrying the flags of their organizations in the same style as in the late 1890s. The honor guard was Girl Scouts, all dressed in period scouting uniforms. At a brief presentation in Market Square Mayor Madeline Rogero was the guest speaker. The Febb and Harry Burn bronze statue was unveiled. The statue is at the corner of Clinch Avenue and Market Square and was created by Nashville sculptor Alan LeQuire.

Earlier in the year, Sen. Becky Duncan Massey, R-Knoxville, and Rep. Rick Staples, D-Knoxville, co-sponsored a bill asking the state to set aside August 18, the day of the vote in 1920, every year as Febb Burn Day. The bill passed the House 97-0 Monday and was recommended for passage by a Senate committee.

~Mary Ann Reeves



Ceremony in Knoxville honoring Febb & Harry Burn for their pivotal role in women’s suffrage. Photo Pat Bryan



Pat Bryan and Mary Ann Reeves at the unveiling of the Febb and Harry Burn statue in Knoxville. *Photo: Pat Bryan*

### *I want to join the League of Women Voters*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (Day / Work) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual annual dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$60

Household annual dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$90

\*Donation to Education Foundation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make a separate, tax deductible check payable to LWVEF

Please send this form and your dues, payable to:

LWV of Oak Ridge  
 P.O. Box 4073  
 Oak Ridge, TN 37831



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Suffrage Coalition of Knoxville  
Reenactment Parade. Several members of  
the Oak Ridge LWV participated.

*Photo by Pat Bryan*

## Calendar

### July

- 10 Anderson County Candidate Forum 7 p.m. Oak Ridge High School Amphitheater**  
Candidates on the Oak Ridge ballot in the Anderson County General Election
- 12 Roane County Candidate Forum 7 p.m. Oak Ridge High School Amphitheater**  
Candidates on the Oak Ridge ballot in the Roane County General Election
- 13 Anderson County Early Voting Begins.** Early Voting: Midtown Community Center (Wildcat Den) in Oak Ridge; Community Center in Clinton; and Anderson Crossing Shopping Center (Norris/Andersonville). Hours: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.
- 13 Roane County Early Voting Begins.** Early Voting: First Christian Church, 100 Gum Hollow Road, Oak Ridge. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.
- 27 Anderson and Roane County Early Voting Ends**

### August

- 2 Election Day** Polls open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Anderson County); 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Roane County)
- 14 Board Meeting\*** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\* Unless otherwise specified, Lunch with the League is at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike at Laboratory Road. Board Meetings are in the Main Conference Room, UT Resource Center, Rutgers Ave. at the Turnpike.