

# The Voter

## The Co-Presidents' Report



Happy Birthday! Come Celebrate  
National League's 90<sup>th</sup>/Oak Ridge League's 64<sup>th</sup>  
**Join your friends - renew, recruit, reconnect**  
**Learn about current League programs**  
**Enjoy wine, iced tea, and light hors d'oeuvres**

5:00 – 6:30 pm Monday, April 12, 2010  
**Hearth Room, Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**Oak Ridge Turnpike at Robertsville Road**  
[www.lwvoakridge.org](http://www.lwvoakridge.org)

**Membership/New Member Party April 12** – Do come, enjoy, and *bring a friend* who might like to join the League.

**Dues** – Your League statement was mailed and it is now time to send in your payment. While you are making out your check for your dues, please consider a donation to LWVOR and/or a tax deductible donation to the Education Fund, LWVTNEF. We'd also like to know what your interests are. Thanks.

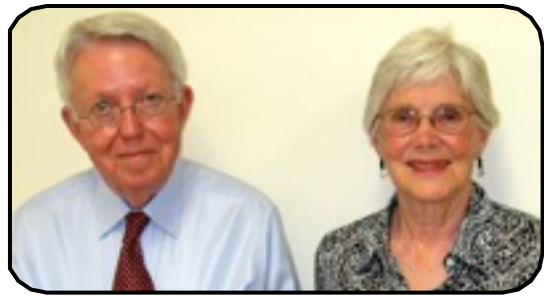
**Breakfast with the Legislators** – We had four legislators at the last BWL and it was very informative with lots of good information. The next Breakfasts with the Legislators are on Monday, March 29th and April 26 at 7:30 am in the Social Room of the Oak Ridge Civic Center.

**Calendar** – Save the evening of **May 25** for our Annual Meeting. Razzleberry's will again cater the dinner. Check the calendar so you don't miss even one event.

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*Norman Mulvenon & Marty Adler-Jasny*

## *League Committees:*

### **Education Committee**

On Monday, April 12, at 2 pm the Education Committee will hold a joint meeting with the OR Retired Teachers at the Senior Center on Emory Valley Road. Ken Green, Asst. Superintendent of Oak Ridge Schools, will present updated information on changes in state and federal education laws, and their impact. Please contact **Ann McNeas** at 483-9663 if you are interested in joining the committee, or if you wish to be placed on the Ed Committee email list to receive education related articles and information.

**Also:** The League is cosponsoring the *Week of the Young Child* Celebration on Thursday, April 8, 6:30-7:30 pm, ORS Preschool, 304 New York Avenue, Oak Ridge.

To kick off this celebration, **Dr. Miriam Weinstein**, Knoxville Pediatric Physiatrist, will present her findings and research relating to early literacy in a presentation, "Simple Sensory Integration Techniques and Strategies for Young Children: Ways to Improve Reading Readiness."

### **Voting Technology Committee**

The Voting Technology Committee had a relaxed and informative conversation with Roane County Administrator Charles Holiway at its February meeting. A former member of the Roane County Election Commission, he took office about a year ago. He needed to rely on his veteran staff to successfully conduct the four city elections that were held shortly after he took office, and for which very little preparation had been done.

Holiway spoke candidly about the partisan change in election commissions in the state's 95 counties from Democrat to Republican, precipitated by Republicans gaining a majority in the Tennessee General Assembly after the November 2008



elections. Holiway answered all the committee's many questions with patience and grace. It appears that the Roane County election office is in good hands.

The next meeting is at 3:15 pm, Thursday, April 15, 2010, Local Oversight Committee Office, small conference room, Midtown Center. Topics for discussion will include bills of concern currently before the legislature; prioritizing areas of study for the coming year; and study subcommittees. All members are welcome. Contact **JoAnn Garrett**, 483-4466, garrett.joann@comcast.net.

### *Talks on Topics of LWV Interest*

The **Baker Center for Public Policy** at the University of Tennessee has many programs on topics of interest to League members. A recent seminar, "Election Reform and Voting Rights," was attended by several League members, including **Betty Davis**. A session on Election Reform in America and Tennessee included highlights of "Making Voting Work," a project funded by a grant from the Pew Charitable Trust Center in collaboration with the Baker Center. Finished in August 2008, the final Project Report is now online: [http://media.timesfreepress.com/docs/2009/06/Baker\\_Center\\_study\\_0611.pdf](http://media.timesfreepress.com/docs/2009/06/Baker_Center_study_0611.pdf).

Election Day Voting Centers (EDVC) are centralized voting places, open through the election period, with no lapse in vote time between early voting and election day. Voting Centers, connected to Election Commission records, allow citizens to vote at any precinct within their district because their registrations can be updated easily and checked, resulting in less waiting time and a significant reduction in operating expenses.



## News from State and National

### State Council

The LWV State Council will meet in Nashville May 1-2. A highlight will be a Forum with the gubernatorial candidates on Sunday morning. These are always interesting meetings and all members are welcome. The room cost of the Club-Hotel will be \$59.95. Call 615-883-0500 by April 21 to reserve. Mention LWV Spring Council to get our special rate. Additional information will be available soon. Call **Marty Adler-Jasny** or **Norman Mulvenon** for more information.

### National Convention

A National League Convention is a wonderful experience. The 49<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be held this year in Atlanta, Georgia, June 11-15. The OR League will be sending delegates, and others who wish to go are encouraged to do so. Women and men from all over the country meet, deliberate, and work to fulfill the LWV mission. Registration deadline without a penalty is May 14. More information will be coming soon. Call **Marty Adler-Jasny** or **Norman Mulvenon** if you're interested in going.

### National Program Planning - Our Input

An interesting morning's discussion culminated in the Oak Ridge League's recommendation that the National LWV review its position on nuclear energy issues. The National Board will now consider this and if recommended, it would then be considered at National Convention in June. The recommendation is:

"NUCLEAR ISSUES: This section should be reviewed and updated. The current LWV position "...opposes 'increased reliance on nuclear fission.' " Since the position was adopted approximately 30 years ago, global climate change concerns, new technologies for nuclear-based electric power production, and increased world-wide energy

needs have emerged. The demands for electric power are increasing - to power vehicles and in developing nations. The LWV includes in the Global Climate Change position "... shift to cleaner technologies" and "... urges Federal action that reduces global warming pollutants on a national and global scale" - pollutants produced by using fossil and other plant-based fuels. Nuclear fission is now a major source of electric power in several developed countries. These countries are also addressing the problems of high and low level nuclear waste storage and nuclear terrorism. It is time for the League to reexamine its Nuclear Issues position taking into account current environmental, economic, and social issues, new technologies, and the expertise, successes, and problems of other nations."

### School Alternative Program

The ORAP staff of 7 teachers and 3 teacher assistants serves over 100 students in grades 5 – 12 each year. With smaller class sizes and individual learning plans, all students work to overcome cognitive, behavioral, and/or emotional challenges.

ORAP appreciates donations of

- \* Gift Certificates for student recognition
- \* Goods and services to support special events that promote parent involvement
- \* Cleaning and first aid supplies
- \* Student school supplies and books for our Library
- \* New and used clothing items to help support the ORAP dress code

ORAP welcomes your donation of time as a

- \* Guest speaker
- \* School volunteer
- \* Student mentor

Contact **Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes**, Administrator, 865-425-3151, to donate.

### ***Lunch with the League***

*Immigration in the South* will be Dr. **Stephanie Bohan's** topic on April 6 at Lunch with the League. Dr. Bohan is a professor at UT Knoxville.



On April 20, we'll catch up with current mental health issues in Tennessee and the US. **Ed Rogers**, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor, UTK Graduate School of Medicine, will speak.

### ***League Booth at Earth Day***

Oak Ridge will celebrate Earth Day on April 24 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Oak Ridge Civic Center and Bissell Park. Our LWV will have a booth and will register voters.

This free event will feature food, musicians, performers, educational presentations, a dedicated children's park that supports "No Child Left Inside," Xtreme outdoors, and more for all ages!

Contact Norman Mulvenon, 482-3153 or mulvenon@juno.com, if you would like to work a shift in the booth, make signs, or help with setup or take down.

### ***Return Your Census Form - Everyone Counts!***

Census forms are being mailed to all households. Your response is important. Results from the 2010 Census will be used to help each community get its fair share of government funds for highways, schools, health facilities and other programs. Fill it in and send it back as soon as you receive it.

### ***Breakfast with the Legislators***

The Breakfasts with Our Legislators series continues on Mondays, March 29, and April 26, at 7:30 am in the Social Room of the Civic Center. The League, with cosponsor **WSI Oak Ridge**, hosts the discussions with our area Tennessee legislators.

### ***Congratulations, Claudia Lever***

LWVOR member **Claudia Lever** has been appointed to a 3-year term as Planning Commission representative to the Highland View Development Board.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day / Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual annual dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$50

Household annual dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$75

\*Donation to Education Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*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

### ***Membership Notes***

New & Renewing Members - Welcome!

Elaine and William Culbert (new)

106 Deerfield Lane

Oak Ridge, TN 37830 482-3757

Dr. Barbara Guinn (new)

157 Whippoorwill Dr.

Oak Ridge, TN 37830 483-9220

Please contact **Janis Williams**, keeper of our membership records, 483-1219, or shri@prodigy.net, with membership corrections and updates.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OAK RIDGE  
Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 09-10</b>	<b>Budget 10-11</b>
A. Dues	7,750	7,425
B. Contributions		
B1 Member	2,450	2,450
B2 Non-Member	150	150
B3 Corp.-undesig	350	450
a. WSI -desig.	500	650
b. ORNLFCU-desig.	800	800
c. Y-12FCU-desig		750
Total contributions	4,250	5,250
C. Publication Sales		
C1 Anderson Co. Bk		
D. Interest	300	100
E. Meals		
E1 Lunch with the League	2,400	2,400
E2 Holiday Party*	1,850	1,850
E3 Annual Meeting*	600	600
Total Meals	4,850	4,850
F. Ed Fund Reimbursement	990	990
G. Great Decisions	350	350
H. Misc. Income		
I. From Reserves		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,490</b>	<b>18,965</b>

\* Denotes items that are offset by expenses of a nearly equivalent amount.

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 09-10</b>	<b>Budget 10-11</b>
I. Operating Expenses		
I1 Equipment		
I2 Postage	25	25
I3 Internet	175	240
Total Operating Exp.	200	265
J. Administrative Exp		
J1 President	100	150
J2 Board Fees & Supplies	300	500
J3 Finance Drive	100	100

<b>Expenses (cont.)</b>	<b>Budget 09-10</b>	<b>Budget 10-11</b>
J4 Membership	350	350
J5 Leadership Development	600	600
J6 Directory	300	250
J7 Holiday Party*	1,900	2,000
J9 Public Relations	300	300
J10 Sitter		
Total Administrative	3,950	4,250
K. Meetings/Travel		
K1 State Coun/Conv	100	100
K2 Legislative Days		
K3 Fall Conference	100	100
K4 National Meetings	1,000	1,000
K5 Annual Meeting*	700	800
K6 Workshops	50	50
K7 Affiliations	200	200
K8 Program Planning	50	50
Total Meetings/Travel	2,200	2,300
L. LWV Support		
L1 State PMP	2,790	2,700
L2 National PMP	4,525	4,500
Total LWV Support	7,315	7,200
M. VOTER		
M1 VOTER Postage	500	400
M2 VOTER Printing	**	**
Total VOTER	500	400
N. Education		
N1 Publication		
N2 Resource Committees	125	50
N3 Lunch w/League	2,900	2,900
N4 Voters Service	200	400
N5 Breakfast w/Legisl.	500	600
N6 Workshops	50	50
N7 Great Decisions*	350	350
Total Education	4,125	4,350
O. Position Support		
O1 Action	100	100
O2 Tax Reform	100	100
Total Position Support	200	200
P. Misc. Expenses		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>18,490</b>	<b>18,965</b>

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## Calendar

### March – Women’s History Month

- 22 Great Decisions,** 10:30 am-12:30 pm, OR Civic Center Craft Room,
- 23 Local Program Planning** 11 am - 1:30 pm, Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church
- 29 Breakfast with Our Legislators** 7:30 am, Social Room of Oak Ridge Civic Center
- 29 Charter Commission** 6 pm, Municipal Courtroom, Public Hearing

### April

- 6 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: Dr. Stephanie Bohon, “Immigration in the South”
- 9 Charter Commission** 1 pm, Training Room, Municipal Building
- 12 Education Committee** 2 pm, Oak Ridge Senior Center, Emory Valley Rd, Joint Meeting with Retired Teachers
- 12 Membership & LWV 90th Birthday Party** 5-6:30 pm, Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church Hearth Room
- 13 Board Meeting\*** 11 am - 1 pm
- 15 Voting Technology Committee** 3:15 pm, Local Oversight Committee Office, Midtown Center
- 19 Charter Commission** 6 pm, Municipal Courtroom, Public Hearing
- 20 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: Dr. Ed Rogers, “Status of Mental Health in the US”
- 24 Earth Day Celebration, Oak Ridge** 11 am to 3 pm, Oak Ridge Civic Center and Bissell Park
- 26 Breakfast with Our Legislators** 7:30 am, Social Room of Oak Ridge Civic Center

### May

- 1-2 LWVTN Spring Council Meeting,** Nashville
- 4 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: Gerald Boyd, Manager of Oak Ridge Operations
- 11 Board Meeting\*** 11 am - 1 pm

\* Unless otherwise specified, Lunch with the League is in the Social Hall, Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Ridge Turnpike at Robertsville Road. Board Meetings are in the Board Room, Second Floor, TN Bank, Rutgers Ave at Illinois Ave