

# The Voter

## The Co-Presidents' Report

The November **Lunch with the League** continues on November 3 with **John Morgan**, Deputy to the Governor, on 'Federal Stimulus Money in Tennessee.' Then, on November 17, **Stewart Clifton**, LWVTN lobbyist, will speak at Lunch with the League on 'Communicating with Your State Legislators and Upcoming Legislative Issues of Interest to the League.' Preceding the lunch talk, **Stewart Clifton** will present a workshop at 9:30, cosponsored by the League and TCWP, in the Social Room at the Oak Ridge Civic Center on 'Communicating with State Legislators.' Be sure to mark your calendar for the entire morning of November 17.

The newly updated **Membership Directory** has been mailed. Please check your listing for errors. You can also expect a new **Directory of Government Officials in Anderson and Roane Counties, and Oak Ridge** in the mail, along with an invitation to the famous **LWVOR Holiday Lunch** that will be held this year on December 6.

**Help Wanted** - We still need a few good women and men to help with Lunch with the League. We need to set up and take down the chairs and a few other small tasks. We also need some people to help set up and take down the Stewart Clifton workshop on November 17. Call Marty or Norman to volunteer for either one of these jobs.

We'll report more on Fall Conference, held October 24 and 25 in Johnson City, next month. Our members met with League members from across the state, heard excellent talks on topics including health care and how to grow League membership. We gave a workshop on our local programs.

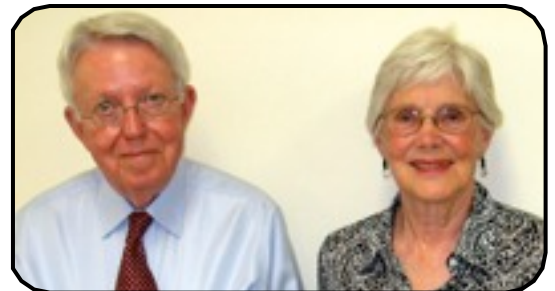
We encourage all members to participate in committees, Lunch with the League, and the workshop on November 17. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

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*Norman Mulvenon & Marty Adler-Jasny*

## *League Committees:*

### **Education Committee**

In October the Education Committee met with Joan Vicary, Oak Ridge Schools Language Arts (formerly Reading) coordinator. Mrs. Vicary presented information on her job responsibilities in a part time position; changes in terminology in the field of Language Arts and Reading; the impact of federal programs and new state curriculum mandates; teacher in-service programs; and textbook adoptions.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, 9 November at 2 pm at the MMC Secret City Café. Location and time are subject to change depending on the speaker and topic. 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.

### **Voting Technology Committee**

The Voting Technology Committee is reassessing its meeting times and structure. The committee will continue to focus on voting and voting technology issues, especially with potential bills in the upcoming legislative session dealing with a requirement for optical scan voting machines. Al Denny, chair, will e-mail current members. Others who are interested may contact **Al Denny**, 481-4826, atdenny@bellsouth.net.



### **Charter Commission Study Committee**

The Charter Commission continues its review of Articles II, III, and IV of the Oak Ridge City Charter. At this point, ideas and proposals are being discussed and the members deciding whether to put the ideas in an Idea Bank for future discussion/ action. No definite recommendations for changes to the charter have been made yet.

On Monday, October 26, the commission met to hear input from city staff on ideas the commission is discussing, and for a public hearing on Article V, City Manager and Administration.



A regularly scheduled meeting on November 13 at 1 pm in the training room of the municipal building will discuss Article V. There are no meetings in December.

League members and the public are encouraged to attend these meetings and become informed of the changes going into the Idea Bank. The League study committee follows the commission deliberations closely and will be ready to analyze any definite recommendations that they propose.

Up-to-date information about the Charter commission (meeting times, minutes, contact information, etc.) can be found on the Commission website, [www.oakridgecharter.com](http://www.oakridgecharter.com). **Karleen Richter**, 483-0022, richter0022@bellsouth.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. On November 5, they have 'Looking to the Future of our National Parks,' and on November 18-19 they discuss 'The Legacy of the Cold War.' Check the web site, [www.bakercenter.utk.edu](http://www.bakercenter.utk.edu), and click on the 'Events' tab on the left for more information.

The **Sisterhood of the Jewish Congregation** in Oak Ridge is sponsoring a timely program, 'Health Care Around the World: Information about Universal Health Care in Israel and Other Countries' on November 1 at 2 pm in the social hall at the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge, 101 West Madison Lane. The public is invited. For more information, call League member Dr. Penny Lukin, 671-0780.

## Behind the Scenes at LWVOR

The LWV gets great newspaper publicity for many of its programs. Some of our committees, however, get only a brief notice in the *Voter* as they quietly do their very important work.

We're grateful that these people have agreed to serve, keeping the organization on a steady course:

**Edith Halbert** has joined **Mary Uziel**, chair, **Janis Williams**, and **Mary Ann Reeves** on the Policies and By-laws Review Committee. The group will report to the board in January.

Instead of seeing Mary and Edith pouring over By-laws, you most often see them at the kitchen counter at LWV, pouring coffee and tea. Other invaluable helpers at the Lunches are **Al Denny** and **Norman Mulvenon**, and **Janis Williams**, who keeps track of the lunch money.

**Robin Toth** is doing a terrific job with publicity, helping us get the word out about our many activities. Thanks to all!



## Holiday Lunch - Sunday, December 6

**12:30 pm Flatwater Grill Event room**

**Matt Shafer Powell**, WUOT's award-winning News Director and Oak Ridge resident, will speak about his feature story, *My Life, My Vote*. Lunch begins with social time (cash bar or soft drinks) followed by lunch at 1 pm. The cost is \$25.

The menu includes vegetable soup, Salmon Niçoise (grilled salmon over fresh greens with tomatoes, chopped egg, Kalamata olives, pepperoncini and artichoke hearts served with basil vinaigrette) or a vegetarian alternative, rolls and butter, Red Velvet or Chocolate Cake, tea, coffee, soft drinks.

Your invitation will arrive in the mail soon. Reservations are due by Wednesday, December 2. Please make your reservation with Maryann Mulvenon, mulvenon@juno.com, 482-3153.

## Membership Notes

New & Renewing Members - Thanks!

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865-482-2800

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Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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Oak Ridge, TN 37830

865-483-6055

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

## Help Wanted

**Greeters for Lunch with the League:** Welcome attendees, especially newcomers and visitors.

**Set up/take down for Lunch with the League:**

Several good people to help set up and take down the room, mostly chairs. Heavy lifting not required. It only takes a few minutes, especially with your help. Training (but no free lunch!) is included. Can't make it every time? We're flexible and will work with your schedule.

Contact Marty Adler-Jasny, 483-9455, adlerjasneym@bellsouth.net, or Norman Mulvenon, 482-3153, mulvenon@juno.com.

### Lunch with the League



On November 3, **John Morgan**, Deputy to the Governor and former Tennessee State Comptroller, will talk about how Tennessee is using its Federal stimulus money

Following his 'Communicating with Your Legislators' workshop at the Oak Ridge Civic Center on the morning of November 17, League lobbyist **Stewart Clifton** will join us for Lunch with the League. He will continue his discussion of working with State legislators and upcoming legislative issues of interest to the League.

Box lunches from Nature's Marketplace are available on a first-come basis for \$6, or you may bring your own lunch. Beverages are provided.

Meetings are free and open to the public, with no reservations needed.

### Scott Gillenwaters - Anderson County Grins and Groans



Anderson County District 6 (Oak Ridge) Commissioner Scott Gillenwaters shared his *Grins and Groans*, from his perspective as a Commissioner, at a recent Lunch with the League.

One of his groans was the difficulty the Commission, and commissioners, sometimes have seeing the county as a whole, and dealing with issues beyond their own districts that directly or indirectly affect everyone in the county.

Grins included the consolidation of the North Anderson County Utility District and the Anderson County Utility Board into the Anderson County Water Authority; the new pipe bringing water to New River; and new industry in the county. Although there has been loss of jobs, some other industries are slowly expanding and the economic downturn has not been quite as serious here as in other areas.

### 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 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

### Congratulations!

We're a little tardy, but enthusiastic best wishes go to **Liane Russell**, recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Knoxville YWCA for her many scientific and community activities, especially in the field of conservation.

Anderson County is a better place because of the work LWV member **Ruby Miller** and her co-chair **Linda Kimmel** have done as co-chairs of Keep Anderson County Beautiful. KACB recently received official certification as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Tennessee Beautiful. The group works to educate and engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving the environment.

## *Communicating with State Legislators: A Workshop - November 17*

The Oak Ridge and Knoxville Leagues are cosponsoring a legislative lobbying how-to workshop with Tennessee Citizens For Wilderness Planning and several other environmental groups. This workshop will cover basic aspects of working with state legislators. Designed for Knoxville and Oak Ridge area not-for-profit organizations and their members who are interested in state legislative topics, there will be two identical sessions:

Monday, November 16, 5:30 pm at Church of the Good Samaritan, Knoxville

Tuesday, November 17, 9:30 am in Social Room at Oak Ridge Civic Center

The main speaker is **Stewart Clifton**, longtime lobbyist whose only clients are not-for-profit organizations. The workshop will benefit anyone interested in working with their representatives through the legislative process during the upcoming 2010 session.

The sessions are open to the public and there is no admission charge. Each session will last no longer than 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Sponsors to date are the Tennessee, Knoxville/ Knox County and Oak Ridge Leagues of Women Voters, Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, Tennessee Environmental Council, and Tennessee Conservation Voters.

## *New Election Administrator*

**Mark Stephens** recently was appointed the Administrator of Elections for Anderson County. He has attended several Lunches with the League, and we've had an opportunity to meet and visit with him. Mark stated clearly that the Election Commission office will continue its excellent relationship with the League. He is particularly

interested in our high school registration efforts. He has retained the very experienced staff of the office, and in response to a concerned question following Commissioner Scott Gillenwaters' talk, he affirmed that, 'Early voting will, of course, continue to be held in Oak Ridge.'

Good poll workers are necessary for every election. Anyone who is interested in working at the polls should call the Election Commission office, 457-6238, and request an application. The state is asking all poll workers to reapply since **poll workers** from each party must be represented at every voting place. The pay is \$90/ day, plus \$10 for attending the training session. Besides performing a civic duty, workers get a chance to see friends and neighbors when they come in to vote. Many League members have worked at the polls, and additional poll workers are needed now.

## *Leadership Oak Ridge Class of 2009*

**Pat Petrie** was the League's representative in the Leadership Oak Ridge class of 2009. The 36 member group, about a third of which were Oak Ridgers, met for nine months under the new format adopted by the Chamber of Commerce this year. The program is designed 'To inform current, potential, and emerging leaders about Oak Ridge and its issues, and provide them with leadership skills development in order to empower them to identify and implement solutions to those community issues.' Pat reported to the board about her experiences with the class, noting the class discussion topics and commenting that much emphasis was placed on the qualities of leadership.



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## Calendar

### November

- 3 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: John Morgan, Deputy to the Governor and former Tennessee State Comptroller, 'Federal Stimulus Money in Tennessee'
- 9 Education Committee** 2 pm, Secret City Café, Methodist Medical Center
- 10 Board Meeting\*** 11 am - 1 pm
- 13 Charter Commission** 1 pm, Training Room, Municipal Building
- 17 Workshop** (sponsored with TCWP): 9:30 am, Social Room, Oak Ridge Civic Center: Stewart Clifton, LWV lobbyist, 'Communicating with State Legislators'
- 17 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: Stewart Clifton, LWVTN State lobbyist, 'Communicating with Your State Legislators and Upcoming Legislative Issues of Interest to the League'
- 30 Charter Commission** 6 pm, Municipal Courtroom

### December

- 1 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: Andy Page, ORAU President
- 6 Holiday Lunch** Flatwater Event Center: 12:30, Social Time; Lunch, 1: Matt Shafer Powell, WUOT News Director
- 8 No Board Meeting**
- 15 Bill of Rights Day**

\* 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