

# The Voter

## *The Co-Presidents' Report*

Well, here we are - the beginning of a League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge New Year, with good things to come.

Lunch with the League will kick off on September 15. Oak Ridge Mayor **Tom Beehan** will speak on current issues in Oak Ridge. Nature's Marketplace will continue as our food vendor, offering their tasty sandwiches for our Lunches.

**Emily Jernigan** is our new Voter Editor, and after an informative huddle with the Co-Presidents and the previous Voter editor, **Al Denny**, she is off and running. You are now reading her first edition! Al Denny continues to chair the Voting Technology Committee and has decided to do it off Board, so he won't be completing the second year of his two-year term. **Mary Uziel** and **Emily Jernigan** are our appointed Board members.

Our big project this year is to study the Charter Commission's recommendations before a possible vote next year. **Karleen Richter** chairs this committee. She needs YOU as a member so that this study will go smoothly and well. Please contact Karleen (483-0022, richter0022@bellsouth.net) to sign up. And 'thanks' to everyone who helped register voters at the Secret City Festival.

The State LWV Fall Conference is now on the calendar for October 24-25, noon to noon, at the Comfort Suites in Johnson City, TN. Attendees are most welcome.

If you have checked our Web site, lwvor.com, recently, you guessed right - it is out of date. We are working on a NEW web site. Stay tuned for updates.

Welcome, everyone, to the new League year. See you in September.

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*Norman Mulvenon & Marty Adler-Jasney*



Sal Smith (L) received her 50-year membership certificate at the LWV Annual Meeting in May from Karleen Richter, retiring co-president

### News from National

Do you miss the National LWV (printed) *Voter*? The League has gone electronic - the LeagueE-Voice Newsletter is designed to keep you up-to-date on the latest League news, activities and other important information. It comes out monthly. The national LWV also has many specialized lists you can sign up for on topics such as Climate Change, Health Care, etc. If you're a Facebook aficionado, you can become a LWV fan. LWV also makes unsubscribing from lists easy, if you find you're not interested. Go to the National League Web site, [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) and sign up for any, or all. In the upper right corner of the home page you can 'Stay Informed' and, just below, 'Become a Fan.'

### LWVTN Fall Conference

October 24-25, noon to noon, Johnson City  
Everyone is invited to attend Fall Conference. Meet Leaguers from around the state and hear interesting talks. See full details in the LWVTN *Voter*, which will be out soon.



### Editor's Note

I am delighted to be the new *Voter* editor and hope you will contact me, [emily@jernigans.net](mailto:emily@jernigans.net), 482-4836, with comments, suggestions, and corrections. If you have an article or information to share with our members, please email it to me. If you send photos, and I hope you do, please send them as attachments to your email, and do not embed them in the document. **Barbara and Larry Landau** have signed on as our mailing maestros, orchestrating the process of getting *The Voter* into your mailbox. **Al Denny**, the previous editor, has been extremely helpful in getting me started in the job, as has the Board. **Marty Adler-Jasney** and **Mary Uziel** provided invaluable editorial help. Thanks!

Emily Jernigan

### Email Copies of The Voter - A New Option

The League is exploring some options for communicating with our members. Everyone will receive a printed copy of *The Voter* and, if we have your email address, an electronic copy. The email version will look like the printed copy, except it will be in color and will have links embedded in it. We can save money, time, and trees with your help. However, we also understand that many members prefer to receive a printed copy. If you would like to receive ONLY an electronic copy, or do not wish to receive an electronic copy at all, please email Marty Adler at [adlerjasnym@bellsouth.net](mailto:adlerjasnym@bellsouth.net) and notify her of your preferences. The League will never share your email address with anyone else.





### **LWVOR Program for 2009-2010**

*The League adopted the following program at its Annual Meeting in May. Members who chair the various committees welcome participants - give them a call and volunteer. See page 4 for Board and committee chairs.*

#### **Local Program - July 2009 to June 2010**

The Oak Ridge League provides, as part of its local program, voter education and registration; candidates' forums; other forums on public issues; and programs such as Breakfast with Our Legislators, and Lunch with the League. We also take action, when appropriate, on our local, state, and national positions; study local issues; and, after consensus, take action.

The local study/action program for 2009-2010 is:

#### **Charter Issues**

Study proposed Oak Ridge charter changes, with the possibility of consensus.

#### **Education**

Study and monitor the quality of the Oak Ridge public schools, especially as impacted by local, state, and federal funding, state and federal mandates, and community factors.

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

#### **Voting Technology**

Continue to study the rapidly changing field of voting technology and advocate for technology that incorporates a voter-verified paper audit trail.

Work with the LWVOR Voter Service Committee to help register voters, familiarize people with voting machines, and find younger poll workers.

#### **Observer/Monitoring Corps**

Develop an Observer/Monitoring group to follow City Council, School Board, Planning Commission, Industrial Development Board, Healthy Start, housing, and environmental programs. Educate the membership and the public as appropriate.

### **League Committees:**

#### **Voting Technology Committee**

The Voting Technology Committee will meet on Monday, September 28, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the Soup Kitchen in Oak Ridge. Meetings are open to League members and the general public. Meetings are normally held on the last Monday of the month. Currently, our focus is on the establishment of a retrievable paper ballot as a backup to the corresponding electronic ballot. Contact **Al Denny**, 481-4826, atdenny@bellsouth.net

#### **Education Committee**

The Education Committee will meet on Monday, September 14 at 2 p.m. in the Atomic City Café at Methodist Medical Center. We will determine the focus of the committee at this meeting. Contact **Ann McNeese**, 483-9663

#### **Charter Commission Study Committee**

This committee will follow the deliberations of the commission and then decide which changes to study and respond to. I hope this very important issue will interest anyone who is willing to research, learn, and look at all sides of proposed charter changes. We hope the League will be able to arrive at consensus on the proposed changes that appear on a referendum in the fall of 2010.

The process will continue for the remainder of 2009 and into 2010. The committee needs to follow the discussions and actions of the charter commission as they deliberate each Article of the City Charter. Attending charter committee meetings and public hearings will be part of the committee work. Contact **Karleen Richter**, 483-0022, richter0022@bellsouth.net



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***Our Supporters - Thanks!***

Many individuals and groups financially support the League. We give most sincere thanks to our major donors:

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The **Atomic Trades and Labor Council** provides valuable storage space for our records

**TN Bank** hosts the LWV Board for their meetings

We also thank the many **members** of the League who gave generously above and beyond their dues.

These contributions and the hundreds of volunteer hours from our members make our programs possible.



### *Lunch with the League*

**Tom Beehan**, Mayor of Oak Ridge, will be the first speaker at Lunch with the League on September 15. He will bring us up to date on current and future issues in the city.

LWL, cosponsored by ORNL Federal Credit Union, is held in the OR Unitarian Universalist Church Social Hall, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike, usually on the first and third Tuesdays from September through May. Lunch begins at 11:45, followed by the program from noon to 1 p.m.

**Kathy Edwards** chairs the program committee.

Box lunches from Nature's Marketplace are available on a first-come basis for \$ 6.00, or you may bring your own lunch. Beverages are provided.

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

### *Membership Notes*

#### **New & Renewing Members - Thanks!**

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#### **Contact Information Changes**

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#### *~ We Remember ~*

The League lost a longtime, active member in June with the death of **Bettie Levy**. Despite serious physical challenges, Betty attended Lunch with the League and participated in other activities until very shortly before her death. We send our condolences to her family.

Our hearts are with **Michele Brandenburg** and her family. Her stepson Erik, 38, who had many serious illnesses during his adult life, died in Chicago in early August.

#### *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

### *Women's Equality Day*

August 26 marked the 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. Tennessee's legislature provided the ratifying vote that enabled the amendment to become law. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters—founded the same year women achieved this right—honors this historic achievement and looks forward to greater civic participation and healthy debate on the issues that matter most to our communities.

### *LWV Mission Statement*

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



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## Calendar

### September

- 8 Board Meeting\*** 11 am - 1 pm
- 14 Education Committee** 2 pm, Secret City Café, Methodist Medical Center
- 15 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: Oak Ridge Mayor Tom Beehan: Current Issues
- 17 Constitution Day/Citizenship Day**
- 28 Voting Technology** 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Soup Kitchen

### October

- 6 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: Anderson County Commissioner Scott Gillenwaters
- 13 Board Meeting\*** 11 am - 1 pm
- 20 Lunch with the League\*** 11:45, lunch; 12-1: TN Senator Jamie Woodson, "Education"
- 24 United Nations Day**
- 24-25 Fall Conference, Johnson City, Comfort Suites** noon to noon

\* 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