



The League of Women Voters of Nashville

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All About Women Conference: September 22 and 23, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Nashville Convention Center, (voter registration).

Forum for Candidates for Governor: October 14, 7:00 pm, Tennessee State University. Televised by channel 5 and CBS affiliates.

Forum for Candidates for US Senate: October 28, 7:00 pm, Vanderbilt University. To be televised by channel 5 and CBS affiliates.

LWVN Fundraiser: Poll Reporting for Channel 2 News, November 7. Details will be on the website.

Volunteers will be needed for each of these events. Look for email updates, check the website, or call the League office for a list of Committee Chairs.

Voter Services Activity: Voter Services remains committed to getting all of our citizens registered to vote. At the Mayor's First Day of School Celebration we had five new registrations, one name change, and nine address changes, all of which were turned in to the Election Commission the following day.

Voter registration opportunities will be provided at the ACLU-TN Right to Vote Campaign (Ex-Felons) Forum on Thursday, August 31, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M., at Jefferson Street Baptist Church, 2708 Jefferson; and at the All About Women Conference at the Nashville Convention Center Friday and Saturday, September 22-23, 2006, 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. daily.

Volunteers are needed to staff the booth at the Women's conference. We are asking members to commit to a two-hour block of time or more, with two members in each time slot.

The time blocks for each day are: 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

If you are able to commit to helping with this very worthwhile project, contact Carrie Hudson, Voter Services Chair, at chudson2@bellsouth.net, or 228-4996. Let her know which day and time you will be available. Feel free to recruit friends of the League to help!

The League will have Booth #918 at the Conference. Free parking is available at LP Field, the Titans Football Stadium, in Lots G and M, Gaylord Opryland and Vanderbilt are providing free shuttle service from these parking areas to the Convention Center. Lots will open and shuttle service will begin at 8:30 each morning and run continuously throughout the day. The last shuttle will depart the Convention center at 7:30 p.m.

LWVUS Endorses Voter Verified Paper Ballots: At the 2006 LWVUS Convention, held June 9-13, the LWVUS adopted the following resolution requiring a voter-verified paper ballot or paper record with electronic voting systems:

The position on the Citizen's Right to Vote [will] be interpreted to affirm that LWVUS supports only voting systems that are designed so that:

1. They employ a voter-verifiable paper ballot or other paper record, said paper being the official record of the voter's intent; and
2. The voter can verify, either by eye or with the aid of suitable devices for those who have impaired vision, that the paper ball/record accurately reflects his or her intent; and
3. Such verification takes place while the voter is still in the process of voting; and
4. The paper ballot/record is used for audits and recounts; and
5. The vote totals can be verified by an independent hand count of the paper ballot/record; and
6. Routine audits of the paper ballot/record in randomly selected precincts can be conducted in every election, and the results published by the jurisdiction.

Leagues at all levels will be working this fall to identify the best ways to implement the new LWVUS resolution on paper ballots in their own states and communities. As part of that effort, the Nashville League has been conducting a Voting Integrity Study. In that study, the Nashville League will be looking at whether state standards or procedures include "best practices" as defined by LWVUS in its *Safeguarding the Vote* publication.

Poll Observers Needed: An important way to participate in the Voting Integrity Study is as a poll observer. Observers will be needed both at early voting sites and at precincts on Election Day to take note of and record observations about particular aspects of the voting process. Some training will be required to become familiar with the rules regarding poll observers as well as the voting procedures under review. To volunteer as an observer or to find out more about the study, please contact Carrie Hudson at 228-4996 or chudson2@bellsouth.net. Marian Ott at 356-1752 or marian.ott@comcast.net. Even if you have only a few hours to commit, we need you!

Thank You League Volunteers: Thank you to our credentialed volunteer observers of the State Primary and Davidson County General Election: Lynn Williams, Rhonda Usner, Judy Williams, Connie Harvey, Carrie Hudson, Mary Stone, Miriam Perry Mimms, Debra Narrigan and Marian Ott. Thank you to the Mayors First Day Volunteers for enduring an afternoon of karaoke to help us register voters. Among those helping were: Berdelle Campbell, Jane Norris, Carrie Hudson, Jan Bossing and Debby Gould.

LWVN Board: Karen Edwards and Margie Parsley, Co-Presidents; Lucy Du, 1st VP; Berdelle Campbell, 2nd VP and Environmental Chair; Mary McLennan, Sec'y; Marian Ott, Treasurer; Carrie Hudson, Voter Services; Rose Rodriguez, Membership; Barbara Mann and Debby Gould, Education; Joanne Rich, Health Care; Karen Weeks, Action; Lisa Pote, Metro Government, Luvenia Butler, Publicity; Denise Carr, Voter Editor. Office Administrator, Jennifer Williams.

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