



League of Women Voters  
of Nashville

*Annual Meeting 2005*



Thanks to hardworking  
LWV leaders!



# LWV Leadership

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**Lynn Williams (off board)**

### *The Voter*

**Margie Parsley, Editor**

**Lynn Green, Layout**

### Office Administrator

**Pamela Roller**



# Spring 2004

- **Educational Forum on Tax Reform in Tennessee:** educational activities conducted by Tennesseans for Fair Taxation – April 2004
- Dessert & Coffee with members of the **LWV State Board of Directors** at the home of Karen Edwards – April 2004
- **State Council at Scarritt Bennett** – Guest speakers included LWVUS President, Kay Maxwell; Viola Miller, Director of the TN Dept of Child Welfare; and Meredith McGehee, Executive Director of the Alliance for Better Campaigns.



The League of Women Voters  
of Nashville presents the

# 2004 METRO Blue Book

A Citizen's Guide to  
Metropolitan Government  
in Nashville and Davidson County

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# Summer 2004

- **Clean Air Forums:** The League of Women Voters, Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Tennessee Conservation Voters sponsored citizen education sessions at Vanderbilt University and the Adventure Science Center – June 2004
- **The Impact of Brown vs. Topeka, Kansas, Board of Education on Nashville Social and Political Life.** Panelists included the Hon. Richard Dinkins, Rev. Bruce Maxwell, Hon. William Koch, and Rev. William Barnes. Nashville Public Library – August 2004
- Voter Education and registration of over 180 citizens from across Tennessee at the **All about Women Conference** - August 2004



## **Commemorating Brown v. Board of Education**





**Conduct a Voter  
Registration Forum  
in Your Community**

**Contact the  
League of Women Voters**

**for a  
Voter Registration Kit  
and Display**

**[info@LWVNashville.org](mailto:info@LWVNashville.org)**



## Fall 2004

- **TennCare Forum**, September 14, 2004. Adventure Science Center. Featuring representatives of citizen action groups working to protect TennCare recipients and representatives of the Bredezen Administration seeking to curtail costs through elimination of beneficiaries. Forum aired multiple times on Channel 50+
- **Women's Early Vote Reception** (with Nashville Women's Political Caucus and other sponsoring organizations), October 14, 2004
- Young voter education at the **Mayor's First Day of School Festival**







# **Voter Education Activities**

## ***for November Election***

- **Voter Registration: Whites Creek Fall Festival, Berry Hill Fall Festival, Green Hills Library, YWCA**
- **Distribution of 5 Things You Need to Know on Election Day voter palm cards – Jewish Federation election forum, community events, public libraries and post offices, etc.**
- **Distribution of VOTE brochures (from national LWV) to encourage voter registration and turnout**
- **Volunteers assisted in answering phones at Davidson County Election Commission office on Election Day**
- **Advised students at Hillsboro High School interested in conducting mock election debates**



# **Voter Education Activities**

## ***for November Election cont.***

- **Everyone Votes Campaign – contacted 30 Nashville women’s organizations to encourage 100% of their membership to vote**
- **Voter registration services at multiple community gatherings**
- **Voter education and information services through a LWVN Speaker’s Bureau**
- **Answered numerous calls to LWV office regarding voter registration, absentee ballots, provisional ballots, and early voting**
- **Website updates to inform voters of how to register, where to vote, and dates and times of early voting**
- **Voter registration displays and materials to interested community and faith-based groups**



*League of Women Voters  
Holiday Gathering*

Monday, December 6, 2004  
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Home of  
Colleen Conway-Welch  
109 Lynnwood Terrace  
Nashville, TN 37205

*You  
are  
invited*

Silent Auction  Business Attire

Directions & Parking information:  
[www.LWVnashville.org](http://www.LWVnashville.org)

RSVP by December 2 to 615-297-7134 [info@LWVnashville.org](mailto:info@LWVnashville.org)



# Winter –Spring 2005

- **LWV Holiday Gathering** at the home of Colleen Conway Welsh – December 2004
- LWV co-President **Karen Edwards** is named nominee to the 2005 **Nashville ATHENA Awards** – March 2005
- LWV participates with Women’s Political Caucus on “**Day at the Hill**” activities on behalf of women and children
- **LWVN Annual Membership Meeting** – April 2005



# Year Round Activities

- **LWV monitors and supports Environmental Activities with Cumberland River Compact** *Key Leaders: Berdelle Campbell*
- **LWV participates on Metro Ethics Board** *Key Leader: Megan Barry*
- **LWV provides training for New Citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies** *Key Leaders: Mary Anne Queen, Pat Pierce*
- **LWV provides Voter Registration services** *All members*
- **LWV provides voter Education and Information Services** *All members*



## Year Round Activities cont.

- **LWV monitors Metro Transportation Issues** *Key Leader: Marian Ott*
- **LWV monitors Help America Vote Activities in Davidson County** *Key Leaders: Phil Schoggen, Deana Claiborne, Wanda Willis, Lucy Du, Carol Westlake*
- **LWV Supports and Participates in regular activities of Tennessee Disability Voters** *Key Leaders: Phil Schoggen, Deana Claiborne, Pat Pierce, Wanda Willis, Lucy Du*
- **LWV participates in Cumberland Region Tomorrow summits and activities** *Key Leaders: Marion Ott, Berdelle Campbell, Mary McLennan*



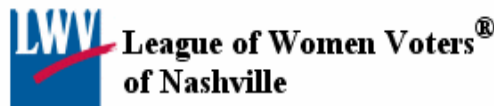
# Publications

- **The VOTER** *Editing and Publishing: Margie Parsley and Lynn Green*
- **Know your Government Officials** *Editing and Publishing: Marion Ott and Susan Gutow*
- **LWV-Nashville Informational Brochure** *Editing and Publishing: Mandy Stribling*
- **LWV Nashville Membership Directory** *Editing and Publishing: Pamela Roller*
- **2004 Metro Blue Book** *Marion Ott, Jo Ann Bennett, and Deana Claiborne*
- **Conducting Neighborhood Candidate Forums** *Berdelle Campbell, Deana Claiborne and Nashville Neighborhood Alliance*



# Presentations

- *History of TennCare* – Powerpoint Presentation delivered at TennCare Forum and posted on NewsChannel 5 Website
- *A Brief History of Women's Suffrage and the League of Women Voters in Nashville* – Powerpoint Presentation encouraging women to recognize the powerful historical forces upon which our voting rights are founded.



*Serving the citizens of Nashville, Tennessee*

## *Encouraging Informed and Active Participation of Citizens in Government*

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.



### [VOTE Shirts Available Now](#)

Be a walking billboard for democracy - order your VOTE shirt or sweatshirt today and support the League!

### [Calendar of Events](#)

The League sponsors meetings and events for the public as well as League members.

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Register To Vote. Where to Vote. Absentee Voting. Research Candidate Positions.

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Who are my elected officials? How can I contact them?

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A variety of links including local, state and national representatives.

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# Upcoming Activities

<p><b>Thursday, April 28, 2005</b>  <b>Preview Forum - The News We Need: Finding Balance in an Age of Spin.</b></p>	<p><b>Fondren Hall</b>  <b>Scarritt-Bennett Center 5:00 - 8:00pm</b></p>	<p>The Nashville League partners with Scarritt-Bennett to produce a forum designed to increase discussion between journalists and the communities they cover about important social issues. The Preview Forum, "The News We Need: Finding Balance in an Age of Spin," will focus on how the birth of 24-hour news stations, internet bloggers and changes in FCC regulations have launched us into a new era. Reception at 5pm. Forum begins at 6pm. Free and open to the public.</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 09, 2005</b>  <b>Board Meeting - LWV of Nashville.</b></p>	<p><b>United Cerebral Palsy of Mid TN Office</b>  <b>1200 9th Avenue, North Nashville, TN 37208</b>  <b>5:00-6:30pm</b></p>	<p>Board of Directors meeting. Members are welcome to attend and are asked to RSVP to <a href="mailto:info@LWVnashville.org">info@LWVnashville.org</a> or by calling the League office (615) 297-7134.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, May 21, 2005-Sunday, May 22, 2005</b>  <b>LWV-Tennessee Spring Conference.</b></p>	<p><b>Holiday Inn-Holidome 2227 Old Fort Parkway Murfreesboro 37129</b>  <b>Phone: (615) 896-2420 Fax: (615) 896-8738</b>    <b>10am Sat - noon Sun</b></p>	<p>Registration begins at 9am, welcome to delegates at 9:30am and business meeting begins at 10am. We will have a luncheon panel discussion. The business of the Convention will be to elect a new Board, pass a Budget for 2005-2006, and to consider whether to change or retain the state program of service items (listed in the '04-'05 Yearbook.) View Meeting Agenda</p> <p>Registration &amp; Luncheon total cost = \$30. Please make your reservation by May 4, 2005. Mail your check for thirty dollars (\$30.00) payable to LWVTN to Judy Poulson 10038 Dayflower Way Knoxville, TN 37932. View Registration Details</p>

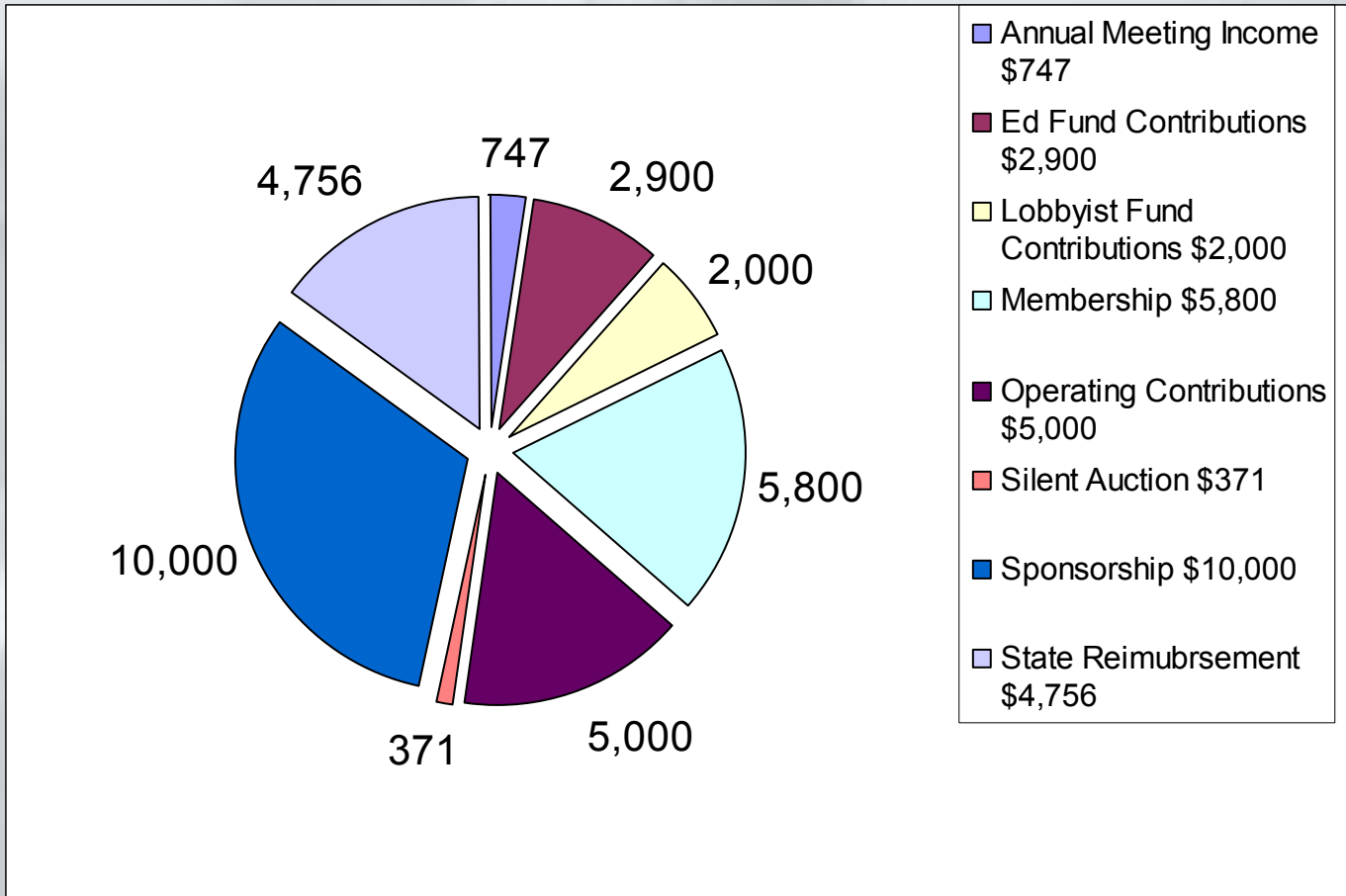


# Strengths and Challenges

- Membership is Growing
- We continue to register new voters (At the “All about Women Conference,” we registered nearly 200 new voters.)
- We have strong alliances with groups such as the Nashville Neighborhood Association and the Women’s Political Caucus
- Voter Education Activities are reaching more citizens than ever in our history as a result of broadcast opportunities, publications and collaboration with the Metro Election Commission
- We have a strong voice in Metro Council through our members and on the Hill through our lobbyist and statewide members.
- We need to raise much more money to pay for costs associated with all of our endeavors, especially the lobbyist fund and basic operations
- We need more active involvement of the membership in our committee structure
- We must impress upon our young people the essential value of voting in every election.



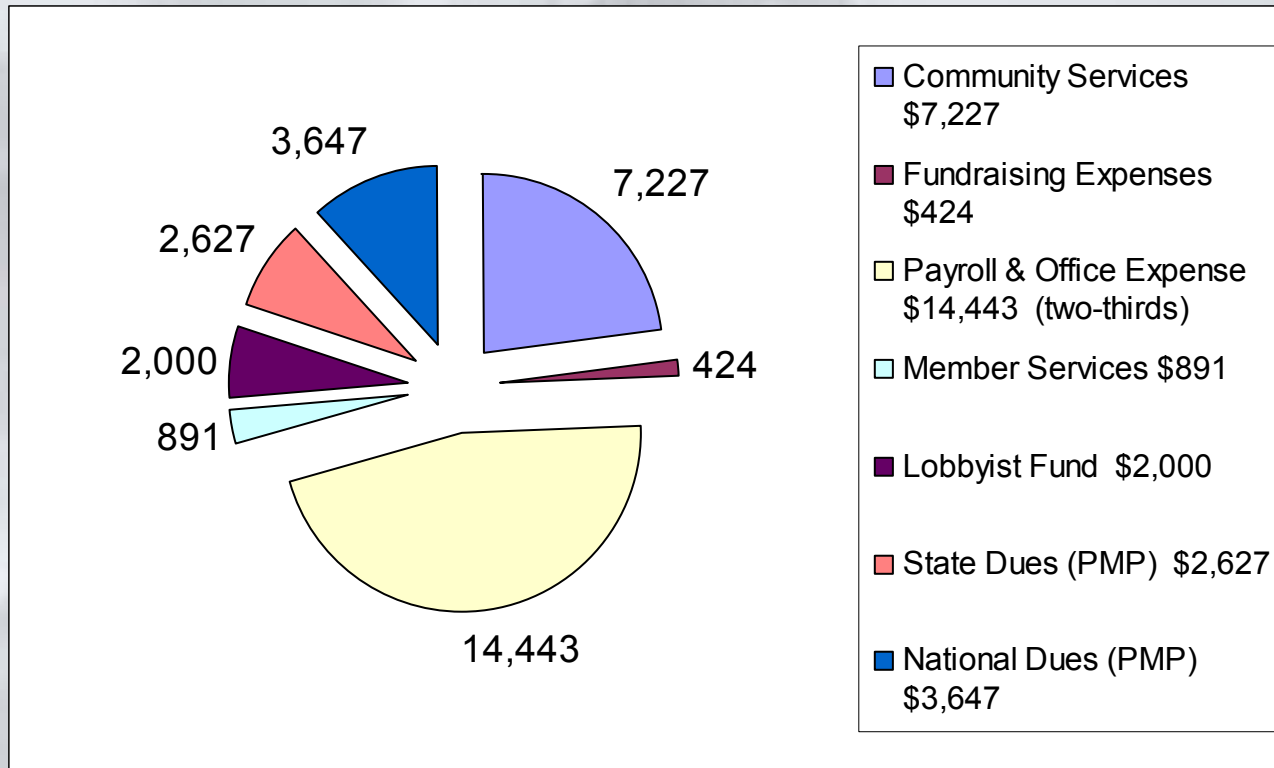
# LWV Sources of Income



Income 04-05 (unaudited) 31,574



# LWV Expenses



Expenses 04-05 (unaudited) 31,259



# LWV-Nashville Dues

Total Membership Dues Received in 04-05	\$5,800
Amount Paid to State - LWV-TN	\$2,627
Amount Paid to National - LWV-US	\$3,647
Amount available for local use - LWV-Nashville	-\$474

This means that 100% of all dollars expended on local services plus a portion of dues to the state and national organizations were raised from contributions and fund-raising efforts.

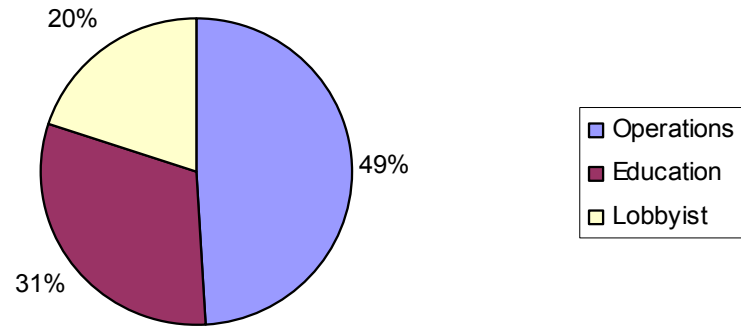


# In order to meet our commitments to the community we must . . .

- Ensure that a reasonable portion of the dues from each member is available locally to secure the capacity for on-going operations
- Increase fund-raising activities to ensure the ability to conduct activities the community relies on us to supply



Actual 04-05 Contributions



2004-2005  
Local League Dollars

