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July 2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**July 12 through July 27, 2019. Early Voting for Metro General Election.** For information about early voting and election day voting sites, see the Davidson County Election Commission, <https://www.nashville.gov/Election-Commission.aspx>

**July 17, 2019, noon-1:00 p.m. Performance of the ballet, 72 Steps.** Polk Theater at TPAC. Reservations are required for this free performance, [InsideOut of the Lunch Box: Nashville Ballet's 72 Steps - TPAC](#)

**August 1, 2019, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Metro General Election.** For information about early voting and election day voting sites, see the Davidson County Election Commission, <https://www.nashville.gov/Election-Commission.aspx>

**August 2, 2019, 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Hot Topics: Homelessness.** The Cookery, 1827 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Nashville, 37203. Lunch orders can be placed online in advance, <https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-cookery-nashville>

**August 14, 2019, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Hot Topics: Homelessness.** Green Hills Library, 3701 Benham Ave., Nashville, 37215.

**August 18, 2019. Elaine Weiss: The Woman's Hour.** Nashville Public Library Main Branch, Auditorium, 7<sup>th</sup> and Church, Nashville, TN. 37219. Sponsored by the Nashville Public Library Foundation, Nashville Public Library and Parnassus Books. **Free tickets available on August 4.**

**August 24, 2019, 11:00 to noon. Ceremony at Women's Suffrage Monument.** Suffrage Monument at Centennial Park. Sponsored by Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument organization.

## President's Message



Thank you to Debby Gould and volunteers who organized our "**Speed Dating with Metro Council at Large Candidates**" at Lipscomb University on July 10th. Ten of the 15 candidates were able to participate, and 68 voters met them on a personal level to ask their questions. All participants agreed it was a creative and effective format.

Our main focus this month is the **August 1st election** for mayor and council members whose outcome will determine the direction of our city. Visit the League's [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) website to compare candidates and look for our electronic billboards and widely distributed bookmarks directing voters to candidate and election information. Early voting starts **Friday, July 12th** at the Howard Office

Building and other locations open **Friday, July 19 through Saturday, July 27th**. On August 1st, Election Day, voters **must** go to their neighborhood precincts. There are new voting machines with a paper trail this election. Be sure to complete your vote by scanning your paper ballot into the lock box. Please encourage you family and friends to vote in this most important election.

Our **August Hot Topic** on Friday, August 2nd will address our problems with homelessness. We will meet at the Cookery, 1827 12th Avenue South, a restaurant that trains our homeless population for jobs. Watch for details and plan to order ahead of time. **August 14th** presentation will be at 6:00 pm, at the Green Hills Library.

It is time to **renew** your membership! Please check your email and use Pay Pal on line or print your form and mail us a check. We appreciate all the support of our members and volunteers that make our work possible.

**Barbara Gay**

### In Memoriam

We are saddened to learn of the death of **Johanna Sulser**. She and her husband arrived in America from Switzerland in 1958. She quickly engaged with her new community in Nashville and became an ardent supporter of public education and issues of social justice.

Johanna was president of the Tennessee PTA, an active member of the Vanderbilt Women's Club, and an **active volunteer** for many years in LWVN, working the polls for every election until her vision declined.



## Hot Topics Returns in August By Co-Vice President Carole Kenner

August Hot topics will focus on homeless people and services that are available and/or needed in Nashville as our homeless population continues to grow. **Judith Tackett** with the Metro Homeless Impact Division will provide us for an update on the progress Metro has made on the homeless. She will

be joined for our First Friday lunch meeting by **Bruce Bolen**, manager of The Cookery. We will meet at The Cookery, **1827 12th Ave S**, a non-profit restaurant that enables homeless folks to acquire culinary skills and find employment in the restaurant industry here in Nashville. You are encouraged to please order your lunch online beforehand at <https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-cookery-nashville>, so the kitchen will not be overwhelmed. (The food is great!)

At the Green Hills Library, Judith will be joined by **Rev. Mike Wilson**, whose church, Downtown Presbyterian, is directly involved in working with the homeless. Both meetings promise to provide insight into the issue of homelessness from both a governmental and non-profit perspective.



## **The League of Women Voters of Nashville**

*Presents*

### **Hot Topics: Homelessness**

**Presented by Judith Tackett, Bruce Bolen, and Mike Wilson**

#### **First Friday Hot Topics at Lunchtime**

Friday, August 2, 2019

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

***New Location!!!!***

The Cookery

1827 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37203

*Please order your lunch online beforehand at <https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-cookery-nashville>,*

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#### **Second Wednesday Evening Encore**

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

6:00 to 7:00 pm

Green Hills Public Library Community Room

3701 Benham Avenue, Nashville 37215

**Free and open to the public. No reservations needed.**

**Parking at both locations is Easy & Free!**

*For additional information, contact [LWVNash@gmail.com](mailto:LWVNash@gmail.com)*



### **Treasurer's Report July 2019**

**By Treasurer Susan Mattson**

**The League of Women Voters of Nashville** ended **Fiscal Year 2018-19** in June in a very good financial position. We have a balance of \$48,442 available to fund programs, services, and initiatives toward our mission of **“encouraging informed and active participation of citizens in government.”** In FY2018-19, we had income and expenses of about \$27,000. Our membership dues and operating fund donations covered our dues to the Tennessee and U.S. League of Women Voters to support their programs, our

administrative costs to keep our members informed, and numerous voter services events and outreach projects. Special donations paid the remaining cost of producing “72 Steps” by the Nashville Ballet on the ratification of the 19th Amendment and Tennessee’s role in it.

The budget for **FY2019-20** is about \$30,000 for continuing programs and services plus an additional \$8,000 for the costs of presenting the Suffrage Ballet to middle school students by the Nashville Ballet. We need to keep our membership numbers and dues up to meet these goals. Donations are always welcome to fund new initiatives to meet our objectives such as the planned publicity, including billboards for our [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) on-line voters’ guide for the **Metro Nashville August 1** election.



## **Voter Services Update for July 2019** **By Voter Services Co-Chair Kristin Hightower**

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) did not meet in July.

As previously reported in *The Voter*, Davidson County has new **state-of-the art** voting machines which will be put into service during the August 1, Metropolitan General Election. The machines provide a voter-verified paper ballot by scanning, counting, and storing the paper ballot in a locked container. DCEC provided first-hand experience using the equipment through a series of demonstrations that took place at seven libraries in Davidson County throughout June.

Additionally, the LWVN, working with the DCEC, provided voting machine demonstrations during The League-sponsored round table discussion with the candidates at large for the Metro Council on July 10 at David Lipscomb University's Ezell Center.

Early Voting for Metro General Election: **July 12 to July 27**. For information about early voting and Election Day voting sites, see the Davidson County Election Commission, <https://www.nashville.gov/Election-Commission.aspx> Historically, LWVN does not conduct poll watching for Nashville Metropolitan Elections.

**Debby Gould** is planning on working with Channel Five Open Line in order to provide public service voting information through Vote411.org. Going forward, Voter Services is exploring a presence at the Tennessee State Fair in Nashville in early September.



## **July 2019 Membership Update** **By Membership Co-Chairs Reba Holmes and Tracy Smith**



It is with great delight that we announce and welcome our new and returning members who joined the **Nashville League of Women Voters**. It is our privilege to welcome these individuals to the organization: **Pam Atkins, Terry Jo Bichell, Constance Caldwell, Tara Childress, Deborah Clapper, Ethel Detch, Shary Essig, Lee Fairbend, Mary Falls, Deborah Fisher, Winnie Forrester, Madeline and Tony Garr, Cindee Gold, Stephanie Hamilton, Karen Hernan, Kristin Hightower, M. Tanner Holmes, Reba Holmes, Sherry Loller, Elaine Loughlin, Susan Mattson, Patricia McCauley, Perry Macdonald and Vic Bailey, Miriam McFadden, Hasina Mohyuddin, Diana Page, Patricia Post, Gayle Ray, Joseph and Judy Shank, Clare Sullivan, Keith Warner, and Jennifer Westerholm.**

**Anne Dallas Dudley: Barbara and Volney Gay, Ann Roberts, and Karen and Kent Weeks**  
**Susan B. Anthony Membership: Marian Ott and Philip Craig**

Many thanks to this member and all our members for their support of the League's activities, programs and underwriting support.

### *Annual Membership Drive*

It is that time of year again! We are in the middle of our annual membership drive and are excited about the coming year with the celebration of the **100-year anniversary** of the right of women to vote, and the **100-year anniversary of the League of Women Voters**.

The League is a vital part of the community because we are an organization that offers forums and education on issues in a non-partisan format open to the public at large. Your involvement will allow us to continue to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

**Everyone** is welcome! **Annual** dues are \$65 per year for individuals and \$100 per household, which includes membership to the national, state and local LWV organizations. We appreciate your past membership and hope that we can count on you again this year. Additional details regarding the various support levels may be found here <http://lwvnashville.org/join/> You may pay online or send us a check.

### Comments from members as to why they joined the League

*“The league absolutely... Non-partisan civic organization promoting fair elections. Vote411.org advances the democratic process. The voter guide is a trusted non-partisan tool.”*

*“I wanted to defend fair elections. Also supporting civil discourse is important to me.”*

*“To advocate for a better education system on all levels, primary, secondary and collegiate and more pay for teachers”*

*“I was looking for volunteer opportunities such as registering new citizens to vote and volunteering during forums and debates”*



**Meet Your 2019-2020 Leadership Board!!!**

## Presidents:

**Barbara Gay** holds a bachelor's degree in French from Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky. She began her Master of Social Work degree at the University of Chicago, completing it at the University of Toronto in 1977, and received certification in school psychology at Tennessee State University in 1990.

Barbara has been a high school foreign language teacher, practiced social work at St. Joseph's Hospital cancer ward in Hamilton, Ontario, and worked with the Comprehensive Developmental Evaluation Center at Vanderbilt University. A social worker with MNPS for 24 years, she also served as the department's interim director. In addition, she administered a \$1.1 million U.S. Department of Education elementary school counseling demonstration grant from 2000 to 2004.

Barbara has been a member of the LWVN since 1981. She served as director of the juvenile justice portfolio and on the education committee before becoming second Vice President in 2008 and is also chair of the LWVTN State Action Committee. She likes to read, paint and draw, swim, and ride horses.

**Madeline Garr** spent most of her professional life in the classroom teaching and learning from students who came from around the world to learn English as a Second Language. In addition to serving on the LWVN Board as the Voter Editor, she has been active for years in the community as an advocate for accessible and affordable health care for all Tennesseans, a volunteer for the Nashville Public Library, and as a support for TIRCC's ESL classes for immigrants and refugees. Since 2013, Madeline has also been involved in ACA enrollment efforts in the Nashville area and in educating Tennesseans about their health care options. Garr enjoys using her language skills and love of writing in service to LWVN. She is married to Tony Garr and they have two adult daughters as well as a new granddaughter.

## First Vice Presidents:

For 28 years, **Ethel Detch** worked with Tennessee's Comptroller of the Treasury, first as a legislative performance auditor, and later as the director of Research and Education Accountability. She continues to work as a public policy analyst. Detch joined LWVN in 2011 and has served as co-chair of Voter Services and Membership.

Ethel holds a bachelor's in political science from West Virginia University and a master's in public administration from the University of Tennessee. She volunteers at the Bethlehem Center's Greater Charlotte Avenue Hot Lunch Program and sings in her church choir. She has been active in the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration for 30 years. Detch lives in Franklin with her husband, Steve Rogers, and has two grown children. She is a native of Lewisburg, West Virginia.

**Carole Kenner** has lived in Nashville for almost 50 years. She has been active in the community politically and as a neighborhood activist, as well as serving as a member of several non-profit boards and community organizations. She is also an Elder at Second Presbyterian Church. She retired from the faculty at Vanderbilt five years ago. She strongly believes that the quality of life depends upon the quality of folks we surround ourselves with, so she tends to have friends who don't mind laughing out loud and who value honesty, integrity, curiosity, compassion, and character. She believes that a small group of people, working together, can bring about great changes. She is inspired by the obstacles people can overcome and the tenacity they bring to the task. While being too pragmatic to get passionate about much, she does get excited about watching her grandchildren, seeing the first daffodil in the spring, eating orange popsicles, and having dog licks on her toes.

## Second Vice President:

**Clare Sullivan** recently retired from Vanderbilt University Medical Center where she worked as a family nurse practitioner and community engaged research coordinator for 22 years. During her tenure she also worked under contract for the Tennessee Department of Health and Nashville Davidson County Health Department. Prior to attending nursing school, Clare worked on the occupational health and safety staff of the United Paperworkers/PACE/United Steel Workers Union, taught high school, and was an early advocate for school health in Tennessee. She received a master's degree in Health Policy and Management from Harvard School of Public Health and a Master's in Nursing Practice from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. In addition to her work with the League of Women Voters, she gardens, and volunteers with the Tennessee Health Care Campaign and Ten Thousand Villages. She is the spouse of Mark Brooks, and parent of Adria and Cade Brooks.

**Secretary: To Be Filled at a Later Date.**

## Treasurer:

**Susan Mattson** recently retired from her career as a public policy analyst with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office and other state agencies. She has a B.A. in Economics and Urban Studies from Rhodes College and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Kentucky.

Susan joined the LWVN in 2016 and has coordinated the LWVN VOTE411 on-line Voter Guide the last two years. She also participated in the LWVTN Action Committee in 2018. She serves on the Metro Nashville 9-1-1 Board and participates in several volunteer activities through her church. She is an avid tennis player and enjoys travelling, cooking, and reading. She lives in Nashville with her husband Rick and has two grown children.

## Communications Co Chairs:

**Harriet Vaughan Wallace** is an award-winning multimedia journalist at Fox 17 News in Nashville. She is also co-host and producer of Nashville In Focus. She is the first African American at Fox 17 News to host a talk show at the station.

Harriet is also the lead host and creator of the popular talk show Pumps & Politics. The show and movement have been a pivotal voice in Nashville, hosting courageous conversations about issues impacting families, women and the African American community.

She has created the Pumps-In-Politics internship program for high school girls and college women. Harriet has emerged as a sought-after voice in the Nashville political industry. When she's not practicing journalism, she's teaching it on the collegiate level or learning it as she is pursuing a PhD in Public Administration with an emphasis in Public Policy.

Harriet and her husband Scott Wallace own Wallace Media Group and have helped put dozens of kids through college as well as place athletes on semi-pro and professional football and basketball teams.

**Kieran Bailey** started her political involvement at 16 knocking on doors for Presidential candidates in her rural Upper Michigan town and it just kind of spiraled from there. She is a graduate of MTSU with a

degree in Journalism/Public Relations, has worked in social media for over 10 years, and is currently the Digital Producer at RFD-TV. When she's not creating content for other people, she is occasionally blogging and frequently taking pictures of her cat.

### Community Connections Co-Chairs:

**Sabina Mohyuddin** is a Bangladeshi American Muslim born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1993 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. She is an active member of the Muslim community participating in interfaith and youth programs. In 2010, Sabina helped launch the **Sons and Daughters of Abraham Project** which brings together Muslim, Christian, and Jewish youth across Middle Tennessee through interfaith dialogue and outreach programs. Sabina has published a number of articles in *The Tennessean* and was an outspoken critic of the 2011 anti-sharia bill in the Tennessee state legislature. She is a founding board member and current Middle Tennessee Program Manager of the American Muslim Advisory Council (AMAC), which fosters mutual trust and respect among all people through civic engagement, community building and media relations in order to protect all Tennesseans from prejudice and targeted violence. She serves as the chair of AMAC's yearly Empowering Women conference. Additionally, Sabina serves on the Community Nashville board which combats bias, bigotry, and racism among youth and serves on the National Organization of Workforce Diversity board which helps promote diversity in the workplace.

**Tamanna Qureshi** is a lawyer and qualitative research analyst and provides legal, political, social, and economic research-oriented consultation to a range of clients. She has practiced in areas of labor law, commercial arbitration, securities exchange, mergers and acquisitions, IT, general commercial law, insurance, banking, corporate law, consumer protection, and intellectual property law.

### Education Chair:

**Lara Webb** is excited to serve the LWVN in this capacity. She is looking forward to reaching out to students and teachers to build relationships that foster civic engagement in the next generation. She moved to Nashville in 2000 to attend Belmont University for her Master's in Teaching. She taught for 8 years in the classroom. Lara worked as adjunct faculty for both Vanderbilt University and Belmont University supervising student teachers. She enjoyed this work because it allowed her to travel all over Nashville to meet and work with teachers and principals. She has taught masters level math and science methods courses for elementary educators. Lara also presented social emotional education workshops and co-authored the book *Doing Science in Morning Meeting* for the Center for Responsive Schools. She teaches classes for gifted students through SAVY at Vanderbilt.

Lara is married and has 3 sons, two of which are school-aged attending Metro schools. She is passionate about public education and has volunteered in various capacities at her children's schools. Lara sits on the Academically Talented Parent Advisory Board for MNPS. Her boys keep her busy with their hijinks, but in her free time, she enjoys being outdoors, reading, or going to Target.

### Environment Chair:

**Barbara Futter** is originally from New York City and moved to Nashville in 1990 to work for the Metro Public Defender's Office and Karl Dean. She is a 1989 graduate of the Washington College of Law at American University. After working for Karl for 5 years, she took time off from law to be the director of the Nashville Dismas House. In 2000 she became a managing attorney at the Legal Aid Society,



Murfreesboro office. In 2011 she went into private practice. At present she is semi-retired but works as a volunteer for Stewart Clifton Government Relations.

She served on the board of directors of the ACLU and Reconciliation Ministries. At present she also sits on the board of Tennessee Environment Voters. At LWV, she participated in voter registration and the LWV of Tennessee State Action committee.

### **Fundraising Co-Chairs:**

**Cindee Schreiber Gold** hails from Brunswick, Georgia. After graduating from Newcomb-Tulane College in 1982, she worked for Sara Lee in Chicago until 1989 when she moved to Nashville. She is married to Dr. Michael Gold and is mom to Ilissa, age 28, and Benjamin, age 25.

Gold is past president of Reading is Fundamental, Book 'em, Hillel at Vanderbilt University, and the Temple Sisterhood. During her term as president of the Temple Sisterhood, she also served on the executive committee of the National Women of Reform Judaism. Gold's hobbies include reading, ballet, triathlon sprint, travel, and playing Words with Friends. She likes to raise money and is very excited to be part of the LWVN Board.

**Debby Gould** has been an active member of LWVN since 2006 and also served as board president for 6 years. She is currently vice-president for LWVTN and chairs the state's Advocacy Committee.

Previously, she served as executive director for the Nashville Public Education Foundation as well as positions at the Peabody Research Institute at Vanderbilt University, PENCIL Foundation, and other non-profit organizations. She currently serves on the Planning Committee for the TSU Campus Democracy Project, the Public Policy Committee of United Ways of Tennessee, and the Advisory Council for the Pre-K Expansion in Metro Public Schools.

She holds a BA from Vanderbilt University, a MA in sociology of education from the University of Manitoba, and a master's in public administration from Middle Tennessee State University.

### **Health Care Co-Chairs:**

**Constance Caldwell** is a native of Durham, North Carolina. By professional training she is a Registered Nurse, now retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Tennessee Air National Guard. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC, a Master's of Public Health Degree from the School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master's of Science Degree in Counseling from Tennessee State University.

She loves to travel, and that experience has acquainted her with the varied statuses of women in different cultures, especially in the area of women's health. She currently serves as the Coordinator of the Mission Ministry for her local church, Temple Baptist Church, here in Nashville where they are involved in outreach ministries in Haiti and Belize, Central America. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for Samaritan Ministries, Inc. and was nominated by her sorority chapter, Nashville Metropolitan Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as a candidate for the ATHENA Award in 2012.

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### **Metro Government Chair:**

**Winnie Forrester** has a lifelong commitment to social justice issues and the environment having been born into a family whose dinner table conversations centered upon the importance of diversity, civil rights, education, and service to the community. Ms. Forrester is a retired Certified Financial Planner and a former Associate Vice-President with Wells Fargo Advisors. She is currently President of the Haynes Heights Neighborhood Association and a founding member of the Haynes-Trinity Neighborhood Coalition. She has served on the State of TN Advisory Council for the Education of Students with Disabilities. She lives in Nashville with her two children.

### **Membership Co-Chairs:**

**Reba Holmes** is particularly interested in helping people achieve their highest potential and protecting them as they chart paths to success. A graduate of David Lipscomb University, she is director of human performance at Comdata. Holmes believes that the League is an important link to nonpartisan information allowing individuals to make educated decisions about issues and candidates. Her interest in voting issues began in high school, prompting her to work as a volunteer on several local, state, and federal campaigns.

Holmes also takes customer service and quality issues seriously and has achieved the Black Belt level in Six Sigma, a data-driven approach and methodology that statistically measures the quality to perfection of a company product or service. This level of expertise allows her to serve as a corporate leader giving voice to customers in order to meet profitability and growth objectives aligned with corporate goals. She also is an advocate for children and works to help them achieve higher self-esteem.

**Tracy Smith**, a native Tennessean, has been interested in social justice movements since attending college in Memphis during the Sanitation Workers Strike in the late 60s. She received master's degrees in both teaching and in library science and believes deeply in the importance education and access to accurate information to our democracy. She has taught in many different school environments in Atlanta and Boston as well as in Nashville before serving as a librarian at Dupont Elementary, Meigs Magnet, Harpeth Hall, and Hume-Fogg. After she retired in 2011, she has served as a volunteer in many areas, including coordinating with schools and libraries to expand community outreach services and tutoring at the Nashville Adult Literacy Center.

### **Voter Service Co-Chairs:**

**Perry Macdonald** returned to Nashville in April 2014 after a 30-year 'sabbatical' in the Washington, D.C. area, where she earned a J.D. degree from Columbus School of Law and then worked as an attorney for technology-based corporations. She holds B.A. and M.A.T. degrees from Vanderbilt and worked as a public-school teacher, health educator, and administrator in non-profit organizations both before and after the years of law practice.

A longstanding League member, Macdonald remembers many Saturday afternoons in the 1970s registering voters outside the Baskin Robbins in Hillsboro Village. After moving to Alexandria, Virginia, she joined the efforts of the local League to finally move voter registration out of City Hall and into the community. Moving later to Reston, Virginia her commitment to assuring voter registration and access continued.

Macdonald volunteers at Planned Parenthood, the Tennessee Prison for Women and the St. Augustine's/Thistle Farms community. She is currently serving as President of the Arden Place Board of Directors.

**Kristin Hightower** recently retired from serving for thirteen years in the Federal Workforce in order to join her family in Nashville. As a Program Analyst for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at TSA Headquarters in Washington D. C., Kristin provided program planning, execution, evaluation, oversight and analysis of training programs and contracts to DHS/TSA Senior Leadership.

As a Program Analyst at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), Kristin performed multiple diverse complex tasks based on mission needs for the Federal Security Director including oversight and development of the Management Control Objective Plan (MCOP), Real Estate needs, and projections, and analysis of the Management Objectives Report (MOR).

Before joining the Federal Workforce, Kristin spent eighteen years as President and CEO of her own retail company in Charlottesville, Va.

Kristin did undergraduate coursework at the University of Virginia, specializing in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on creative and analytical thinking, decision-making, and organizational behavior. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society through the University of Virginia.

Two of Kristin's favorite quotes:

***"Education is a human right with immense power to transform. On its foundation rest the cornerstones of freedom, democracy and sustainable human development."*** ~ Kofi Annan

***"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."***  
~ Thomas Jefferson

***Nashville Voter Editor:***

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### **Nominating Committee:**

The LWVN nominating committee consists of three elected members.

**Brenda Gilmore** chairs the nominating committee. Gilmore, a former Metro councilwoman (1999 to 2006) and former state representative for District 54 (2006-20018) and is presently Senator for District 19 in the Tennessee General Assembly. Her career includes almost twenty years as director of University Mail Services for Vanderbilt University.

A strong voice of advocacy in the community, Gilmore has served on a number of boards in Middle Tennessee and received numerous awards. Among those: the board of Vanderbilt's Susan Gray School for Abused and Special Needs Children at the John F. Kennedy Center and as board chair of the Margaret Cunningham Women's Center. She is currently a member of the boards of TSU Women's Center and Fifty Forward. In addition, she chairs the Davidson County Delegation, is vice president of the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators, and co-chairs the STEM Caucus.

A life member of the NAACP, Gilmore holds membership in the Music City Chapter of the Links, Inc., Top Ladies of Distinction, the National Council of Negro Women, and is president of both the National Hook Up of Black Women and the Minerva Foundation.

**Betsy Walkup** has long been involved in issues that impact children and youth in Nashville. She is a former member and chair of the MNPS Board of Education. She has also served on the board of directors and is current co-chair of the Middle Tennessee Advisory Board for Youth Villages, a nonprofit that works with children and youth who are in state custody. In addition, she is a member of the board of trustees for the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Betsy has a bachelor's degree in English from Millsaps College and a master's in library science from Emory University. She and her husband, Knox, have two grown daughters.

**Diane DiIanni**, an attorney who began practicing law in Boston over two decades ago, focused her practice in the areas of complex civil litigation, civil rights litigation, public sector law, and government relations. Currently, she is an adjunct Professor of Law at Vanderbilt Law School. DiIanni has been long active in professional ethics and judicial selection issues, and in 2013, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights appointed her as chair of its Tennessee State Advisory Committee. Since 2008, DiIanni has served on LWV committees at the national, state, and local level, most recently as a member of the LWVTN Action Committee. She earned her bachelor's from the University of New Hampshire *cum laude*, her master's from the University of Virginia, and her juris doctorate *cum laude* from New York University School of Law.

DiIanni also is a playwright and was selected into the Tennessee Repertory Theatre's Ingram New Works Lab and Festival during its inaugural season.





**2019-2020 LWVN Board of Directors**

President: **Barbara Gay and Madeline Garr**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: **Ethel Detch and Carole Kenner**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: **Clare Sullivan**

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Fundraising: **Cindee Gold and Debby Gould**

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Membership: **Reba Holmes and Tracy Smith**

Metro Government: **Winnie Forrester (Off Board)**

Voter Services: **Kristin Hightower and Perry Macdonald**

*Voter* Newsletter Editor: **Madeline Garr**

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Nominating Committee Members: **Betsy Walkup, Diane Dilanni, Cindee Gold, Michelle Steele**