



The Voter

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We're doing a lot - but right now, it's sunny and I'm going outside to pick some daffodils. Thanks to all of you for your support of the League. We do make a difference.

From the Co-Presidents

Spring is coming and the League is looking at renewing (our current membership) and recruiting (new people interested in the business of good government).

Letters with renewal forms will be going out to members this month. And invitations to a wine and cheese party have been mailed to current and prospective members. It seems fitting to have the party at the Midtown Community Center, and we hope to see all of you there on April 3, 2008, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm as we renew old friendships and make new ones. Bring a prospective member if you can, but come no matter what and celebrate the League's activities!

Breakfast with Our Legislators has been very well attended with the next one on March 31. Many thanks to Claudia Lever and Mary Uziel for their early morning efforts so the large group can have a continental breakfast. And thanks to Wackenhut for co-sponsoring.

We're getting set for the annual finance drive. The dues renewal form will provide a space for individual contributions. We rely heavily on these, as well as corporate donations to fund our local program. And all

Marty Adler-Jasny and Karleen Richter
Co-Presidents

Democracy is not a Spectator Sport!

It's time for a party to renew and recruit!

Please join your friends in the

League of Women Voters - Oak Ridge

and prospective members

for Wine, Punch, and Light Hors D'oeuvres

Thursday, April 3, 2008, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Midtown Community Center, 102 Robertsville Road

Bring a prospective member if you can, but be sure to:

Come to the party! Be proud of what we've done!

Meet prospective members in this Election Year!

Lunch with the League

Lunch with the League is held the first and third Tuesday in the Social Hall, Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Ridge Turnpike at Robertsville Road. The lunch period begins at 11:45 a.m. and is followed by the program from noon to 1 p.m. Programs for the year are arranged by Tom Hill, chair, Joe McGrory, and Marty Adler-Jasny.

A box lunch from Gourmet Café and Market and beverages are available on a first-come basis for \$7.00 or you may bring your own lunch. Meetings are free and open to the public, with no reservations needed. March 18, Mike Farmer, Roane County Executive; April 1, Neil McBride, General Counsel - Legal Aid Society; April 15, Jim Campbell, President of East Tennessee Economic Council; May 6, Ken Green, Assistant Superintendent (for Curriculum and Instruction) of Oak Ridge Schools; May 20, Rex Lynch, Anderson County Mayor.

Chamber of Commerce Coffee

The League will host this event on March 25th. It will be at 8 a.m. Chamber of Commerce Building, Oak Ridge Turnpike at Tulane Avenue. All League members are invited to attend.

Bylaws - League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge Recommended Changes

The 2007-08 Bylaws Committee recommends the following changes to the bylaws adopted 5/23/06. These changes have been approved by the board and will be presented to the members for consideration at the 2008 Annual Meeting in May. Phrases or sentences to be changed are *italicized*. Recommended changes are described in **bold**. Grammatical changes are not so indicated. A complete copy of the 5/23/06 bylaws can be found at lwvor.com.

Submitted by 2007-08 Bylaws Committee: Margaret Beams, Marti Salk, Mary Uziel, Janis Williams

HEADING/TITLE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OAK RIDGE
ADOPTED BYLAWS 5/23/06.

Recommend adding a third line: “(These bylaws shall be reviewed/revised every two years.)”

ARTICLE II Purposes and Policy

Section 1. **Purposes.** The purposes of the LWVOR shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation *of citizens* in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Recommend eliminating “of citizens” to be consistent with LWVUS bylaws. (This change was approved at the June 2006 National Convention and has already been made in some copies of LWVOR Bylaws dated 5/23/06.)

Section 2. **Policy.** The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

Recommend replacing “Policy” with “Political Policy” to be consistent with LWVUS bylaws.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. **Enumeration and Election of Officers.** The officers of the LWVOR shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for a term of one year at the Annual Meeting. All officers except the Treasurer shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Treasurer shall take office 20 days after the beginning of the fiscal year. *The President, the First Vice-President, and the Treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice-President and the Secretary shall be elected in even-numbered years.* The office of President may be shared.

Recommend eliminating the two sentences specifying election in odd-numbered and even numbered years. These conflict with “a term of one year” specified in the first sentence. The following statement will be added to the Policies: “Executive Board members should be encouraged to accept two consecutive one-year terms.”

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Section 5. **Meetings.** The Board of Directors shall meet monthly for at least nine (9) meetings a year. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board.

Recommend adding at end of current Section 5: “The Board is authorized to conduct urgent or time-sensitive business by conference call or email between regular board meetings provided that all members are contacted and given a reasonable opportunity to respond. If any one person

requests, a special meeting of the board must be called. A complete account of business conducted by email or conference call shall be presented at the next regular board meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.”

ARTICLE VI Financial Administration

Section 2. **Dues.** Annual dues shall be payable by April 1. Any member who fails to pay dues within three (3) months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. All membership dues shall be a figure that will meet the League's per member payment (PMP) to the LWVTN and LWVUS plus whatever figure the LWVOR Board recommends to carry out local Program. The dues figure will be set at Annual Meeting. *Life members of the LWVUS and 50-year* members of the League will be excused from paying annual dues. Members delinquent in paying their dues will be notified before their names are dropped from the rolls.

Recommend eliminating “Life members of the LWVUS and” to be consistent with LWVUS bylaws and changing “50-year” to “Fifty-year” so the sentence begins with a word instead of a number.

ARTICLE VII Meetings

Section 2. **Membership Meetings.** There shall be at least two (2) general meetings, one of which may be the Annual Meeting, of the membership each year. The time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called by determination of the Board and *shall be called at the written request of 15% of the voting members.* Written notice of the meeting shall be sent to the membership at least ten (10) days in advance.

Recommend: Special meetings may be called by determination of the Board and, “at the written request of 15% of the voting members, shall be called no later than the next regular Board meeting.”

ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections

Section 1. **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of *five (5) members*, two (2) of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chair and two (2) members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Board members shall be *appointed* by the Board of Directors. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

Recommend: The Nominating Committee shall consist of “five (5) voting members,” two (2) of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors.

Recommend “appointed” be changed to “recommended by the president and approved” by the Board of Directors – to agree with current practice.

ARTICLE XII Communication

Section 1. **Communication with Members.** All notices required by these bylaws may be distributed to members by regular postal mail or electronic mail, according to the individual member's preference.

Recommend changing the current Article XII to Article XIII and adding the new Article XII shown above. Reason: Our bylaws require written notice and some of our members prefer to receive their Voter electronically.

Breakfast with the Legislators

The fourth session for Breakfast with the Legislators will be Monday, March 31, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Civic Center Social Room. Sen. Randy McNally and Rep. Jim Hackworth will give us their outlook for the upcoming session and then take questions from the audience. We are also inviting Sen. Tommy Kilby, Rep. Dennis Ferguson, and Rep. Les Winningham. A light continental breakfast will be provided free of charge.

An additional session for Breakfast with the Legislators will be held on April 28. We are grateful to Wackenhut for co-sponsoring our Breakfast with the Legislators sessions.

Claudia Lever, Voter Service

League Turns 88 - Local Member Met Founder

The League is 88 years old this year, and the Oak Ridge League is pleased to report that one of its members, Rosiland Schmorak, met the League's founder, Carrie Chapman Catt (1859 - 1947).

When she was 9 years old, Rosiland's mother (an early League member) took her to meet Mrs. Catt who lived nearby. In addition to founding the League and being honorary President until she died, Mrs. Catt was a suffragette and trusted friend of Susan B. Anthony, and instrumental in getting the 19th amendment passed.

Proposed Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. This slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May. At that time, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee has been secured.

Co-Presidents	Karleen Richter & Marty Adler-Jasny
1st Vice President	Jesse Noritake
2nd Vice President	Kathy Edwards
Secretary	Brenda Parker
Treasurer	Janis Williams
Director	Claudia Lever (2nd year of 2-year term)
Director	Robert Moss (2nd year of 2-year term)
Director	Lou Dunlap (2nd year of 2-year term)
Director	Ann McNees (2-year term)
Director	Al Denny (2-year term)
Director	Carol Plasil (2-year term)
Nominating Committee	Fay Martin, Chair; Sara Kolb, Barbara Walker

Respectfully submitted by 2007-2008 Nominating Committee, Betty Davis, Chair; Emily Jernigan, Ann McNees, Jesse Noritake, Carol Plasil.



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March 2008

- 17 Great Decisions Discussion Group, 10:00 a.m.**
Location Civic Center Craft Room.
- 18 Lunch with the League - Lunch 11:45-12;**
Speaker 12-1 p.m. Location Social Hall, Unitarian
Universalist Church, Oak Ridge Turnpike at Robertsville
Road; Speaker: Mike Farmer, Roane County Executive.
- 24 Great Decisions Discussion Group, 10:00 a.m.**
Location Civic Center Craft Room.
- 25 Chamber of Commerce Coffee - hosted by LWVOR;**
8 a.m. Chamber of Commerce Building, Oak Ridge
Turnpike at Tulane Ave.
- 31 Breakfast with the Legislators - 7:30 a.m.;** Civic
Center, Social Room.
- 31 Voting Technology Committee - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
Location back room of the Soup Kitchen.

April 2008

- 1 Lunch with the League - Lunch 11:45-12;**
Speaker 12-1 p.m. Location See 03/18; Speaker: Neil
McBride, General Counsel - Legal Aid Society.
- 3 LWVOR Member & Potential New Member Party**
5-6:30 p.m. Location Midtown Community Center,
Oak Ridge Turnpike at Robertsville Road.
- 8 Board Meeting--11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Board Room
2nd floor, TNBank, Rutgers Avenue at Illinois Avenue.
- 15 Lunch with the League - Lunch 11:45-12;**
Speaker 12-1 p.m. Location See 03/18; Speaker: Jim
Campbell, President of the East Tennessee Economic
Council.
- 28 Breakfast with the Legislators - 7:30 a.m.;** Civic
Center, Social Room.

May 2008

- 6 Lunch with the League - Lunch 11:45-12;**
Speaker 12-1 p.m. Location See 03/18; Speaker:
Ken Green, Assistant Superintendent (for Curriculum and
Instruction) of Oak Ridge Schools.
- 13 Board Meeting--11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Board Room
2nd floor, TNBank, Rutgers Avenue at Illinois Avenue.
- 20 Lunch with the League - Lunch 11:45-12;**
Speaker 12-1 p.m. Location See 03/18; Speaker:
Rex Lynch, Anderson County Executive.
- 27 Annual Meeting, Social Time 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00**
Noon; Business meeting to follow. Location: Social Hall,
Unitarian Universalist Church, Oak Ridge Turnpike at
Robertsville Road.