



The Voter

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Thanks!

The League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge gratefully acknowledges the generous support of Precision Printing and Graphics in printing and folding "The Voter."

From the Co-Presidents

January was a very busy month for the League and February activities have been just as exciting. A highlight of the month was a National Planning session on February 5. This session was led by Robin Toth who did an excellent job of organizing the task. National Planning occurs every two years and gives the grass roots organizations an opportunity to decide on the issues that we think LWVUS should give priority.

There is so much information that comes from the National League. Just recently you should have received your National Voter issue in the mail. If you are interested in what the League is doing and the issues that they are involved in, please take time to read your National Voter. There is an excellent article by Sandra Day O'Conner titled, "A Fair, Impartial and Independent Judiciary". Also, we draw your attention to the Hill Bulletin which gives you an update on the League's priority issues and current action opportunities. It is sometimes hard for us to keep up with what is going on locally and statewide and we find the National Voter a good way to keep up with national issues.

Please mark your calendar for February 26th which is when the League will begin the process of local planning. Each of the committees will be reviewing their work and priorities and will be presenting their goals and objectives for next year. The local program will then be finalized at our Annual Meeting in May. We urge you to come on the 26th and give input into our local programs.

Marty Adler-Jasny and Karleen Richter
Co-Presidents

LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING

11:30 AM February 26, at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church

NOTE TIME CHANGE

Please bring bread, dessert, or cheese and crackers.
Home-Made Soup and drinks will be provided.

Each year, our League gathers to make our study and action plan for the year. This is when we decide what local issues we wish to pursue. The issues which we chose for the present year include Education and Healthy Start, City Government, Housing, Voting Technology, and Child Advocacy. The full statement for each is in your membership directory.

We invite each of you to consider these subjects. As you read them over, ask yourself, do we think this is a subject we want to continue? Should the emphasis be changed; or should the subject be dropped? Also, perhaps there is a new issue you feel should be pursued. One suggestion has been to look at our publication "This is Oak Ridge," seeing what information we have currently available, and deciding whether it is time to revise it. One important consideration in local program planning is to consider whether there is interest enough to form a viable working group, and who might actually chair the group.

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. February 19, Jess Anne Cole, Principal, Norris Elementary School; March 4, Mike Belbeck, President and Chief Administrative Officer Methodist Medical Center; March 18, Mike Farmer, Roane County Executive; April 1, Neil McBride, General Counsel - Legal Aid Society.

Breakfast with the Legislators

The third session for Breakfast with the Legislators will be Monday, February 25th, 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.

Additional session for Breakfast with the Legislators will be held on March 31 and April 28. We are grateful to Wackenhut for co-sponsoring our Breakfast with the Legislators sessions.

Claudia Lever, Voter Service

Snow Policy

Although snow may seem an unlikely event, IN CASE it snows, or sleet, or we have some other dire event that closes the Oak Ridge schools, the League meetings for that day are cancelled.

If it is a public meeting, we'll try to get word out through the radio or TV, but the best guide is checking on whether the Oak Ridge schools are closed. If they just are starting late, we'll continue with our programs. Most of all - be safe and use your own best judgement.

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.

Welcome New Members

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**LWVOR Members &
Potential New Members Party**

All current League members are invited to attend a party and are encouraged to bring potential new members. The purpose of this get-together is to rekindle interest in the League, to renew old friendships, and to let potential new members know about the League. It will be held on April 3 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Midtown Community Center, Oak Ridge Turnpike at Robertsville Road. Light refreshments, wine, & non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

Great Decisions

Barbara Barrett (483-0015) chairs the Great Decisions discussion group. The program uses material from the Foreign Policy Association - foreign affairs topics relating to issues and other countries.

The sessions are held on Mondays at 10 am for 5 more weeks at the Civic Center Craft Room. It began February 4, 2008, and will end on March 24.

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 February 19, 2008 9:38 AM

February 2008

- 19 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: Jess Anne Cole, Principal, Norris Elementary School.
- 25 Breakfast with the Legislators - 7:30 a.m.;** Civic Center, Social Room.
- 25 Great Decisions Discussion Group, 10:00 a.m.**
Location Civic Center Craft Room.
- 25 Voting Technology Committee - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
Location back room of the Soup Kitchen.
- 26 Local Program Planning - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,**
Location See 02/19; (soup, beverages provided; bring bread, cheese, veggies, or dessert to share). **NOTE CHANGE IN START TIME**

March 2008

- 3 Great Decisions Discussion Group, 10:00 a.m.**
Location Civic Center Craft Room.
- 4 Lunch with the League - Lunch 11:45-12;**
Speaker 12-1 p.m. Location See 02/19; Speaker: Mike Belbeck, President and Chief Administrative Officer - Methodist Medical Center.
- 10 Great Decisions Discussion Group, 10:00 a.m.**
Location Civic Center Craft Room.
- 11 Board Meeting--11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Board Room 2nd floor, TNBank, Rutgers Avenue at Illinois Avenue.
- 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 See 02/19; Speaker: Mike Farmer, Roane County Executive.

March 2008 (continued)

- 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.

April 2008

- 1 Lunch with the League - Lunch 11:45-12;**
Speaker 12-1 p.m. Location See 02/19; 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 02/19; Speaker: TBD.
- 28 Breakfast with the Legislators - 7:30 a.m.;** Civic Center, Social Room.