



The Tyler / Smith County VOTER

January–February 2011

League of Women Voters Mission

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that works to promote political responsibility through informed participation of all citizens in their government. The League does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. It publishes factual information to help prepare citizens to cast informed votes.

The League does take action on selected governmental issues that members have studied.

Keep the Grass Roots Green—Member Input on Issues

Each year members have an opportunity to give grassroots guidance and input on the public policy issues the League supports or opposes. It is members' chance to make their voices heard and to confirm or renounce member support of League positions.

It is a chance to learn about fellow members' interests, what they want from League membership, and what role they hope to



play in making the League relevant in our community. **Hot Issues:** A number of potentially relevant issues include local public transportation (including non-vehicular traffic), public school facilities, land use, public housing, public health, and a new county jail.

Discussion results are used by the board to propose new studies and action to members at the annual meeting.

Resolve to *Keep the Grass Roots Green* by contributing your ideas and talents to the planning process. Your participation is critical for the process to succeed. **Be there!**

Monday, January 17
7 pm
Roberts & Roberts
Law Firm
118 West 4th Street

Light supper provided
RSVP to Linda Sharp
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903-312-4820 (cell)

Water: Natural Resource or Commodity? Featured Speaker: Writer Joe Nick Patoski

February 28, 7 pm ♦ Location TBA
Watch the next issue of the *VOTER*



Joe Nick Patoski says that he has no agenda about water other than the fact that he uses it!

Even so, he has been involved in water issues and projects in Texas and has written extensively on the subject in *The Texas Observer*, *Texas Monthly*, *San Antonio Current*, and other major publications.

That is why the League is so fortunate to have him speak to members and the public about the tactics and negotiations surrounding the exploitation of water as a commodity. In conjunction with the League's statewide study of Water as a commodity (see scope page 2), Patoski joins a panel of League members to discuss the state of water in Texas and what the future holds for this valuable resource that is fast becoming a commodity.

Joe Nick Patoski has been writing about Texas and Texans for four decades. A former cab driver and staff writer for *Texas Monthly* magazine and one-time reporter at the *Austin American-Statesman*, he has authored and co-authored biographies of Selena and Stevie Ray Vaughan, and collaborated with photographer Laurence Parent on books about the *Texas Mountains*, the *Texas Coast*, and *Big Bend National Park*, all published by University of Texas Press.

Patoski writes about water, land, nature, and parks for a number of publications including *Texas Parks & Wildlife* magazine, the *Texas Observer*, and

National Geographic magazine, where his story about the Transboundary Megacorridor of southwest Texas and northern Coahuila and Chihuahua was published in February 2007. He also wrote a four-part series about water fights throughout the Guadalupe River basin for the *San Antonio Current*.

He is the author of the book *Generations of the Land*, published this spring by Texas A&M Press, as well as a contributor to *Texas Parks & Wildlife*, *Texas Highways*, the *Texas Observer*, and *Texas Monthly* magazines.

Go to Patoski's website joenick.com to read his various series on water.

2011 Great Decisions Series Begins February 9, 12 noon

Briefing book available at library January 7.

Sponsors: LWV, AAUW, Tyler Public Library
Project of the Foreign Policy Association

Check out DVD of FPA's discussions by national experts at the library's 3rd floor A-V department.



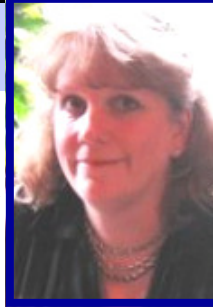
For a full schedule and description of the season's featured topics and our local speakers, see page 4.

Save the Date!



President's Podium

Kristi C. Roberts, President



Happy New Year to everyone! Let's get this year started off right by getting more involved in LWV. With this economy and political climate we have more and more people who are choosing not to get involved.

Put it on your New Year's resolution list to get involved. I proudly boast a bumper sticker that reads "vote as if the fate of the world depends on it". It is certainly a plan to live by. There is a lot to be done and we need everyone out there doing their part!

Spring time is just around the corner, which means another election is just ahead. Shirley Hightower, our Voter Service VP, works hard to organize candidate forums. Be sure to encourage your officials and your local candidates to attend these meetings. Most of all, make plans to be there yourself! You can't be closer to the action than attending a candidate forum and having the opportunity to ask your own questions and get the answers directly--without the media middle man.

There are lots of opportunities to

learn more. Share your opinions on January 17 as we call for member input on local issues. Great Decisions is ready to begin on February 9. Then February 28 brings us a speaker on our most precious natural resource, Water. These are just a few of the events on the horizon.

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Then, of course, there is the upcoming presentation of "Gerrymandering," a documentary film on the political tactics and schemes used in the process of the redrawing of election district lines every ten years. Don't miss this must-see film! Watch for details for the times and location.

Let's look ahead to next year. We already are looking to fill board positions for next year. Contact me or Karen Wilkerson and let us know what YOU want to do for LWV.

Get up, get out, and get involved!

Kristi

Texas Water Resources as a Commodity Study for 2010—2011

Delegates to the LWV-Texas 2010 Convention adopted a study on how marketing of water relates to—among other issues—water quality, water rights, conservation, water management by governments and private concerns, subsidence, economic development, and national security.

Focus: An update of our Water position to consider the competition for water in Texas, including governmental policy, public interest rights, and water resource protection concerns.

Scope:

- Analyze current state regulations that govern the sale or transfer of water rights
- Consider ramifications if Texas were to classify water as a commodity rather than a natural resource
- Explore options such as a state-run water marketing administration
- Assess laws that would be needed for interstate or international water transfers
- Assess the best use of our water (i.e., public interest concerns, environmental factors, effect on third parties, future water requirements)



In Memory

Longtime LWV member **Dr. Joseph Selman** passed away October 31 in Plano at age 95. His wife Cris Selman was President of the League of Women Voters of Tyler in the 1950s. His many philanthropic activities included the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and Meals on Wheels. A Tyler resident since 1951, he is remembered by members and the community as a respected physician, medical textbook author, and founder of the East Texas Cancer Center. We offer condolences to his family.

Future Leaders Sought

Karen Wilkerson, Nominating Committee Chair

At the Annual Meeting this May, one of the primary duties of members in attendance is the election of officers for the coming biennium.

Officers to be elected this year will serve two-year terms (June 2011-May 2013):

- President
- Vice-President Community Relations
- Vice-President Voters Service
- Secretary
- Three Directors

In addition, due to the unfortunate resignation of the Program Vice-President Pam Reeves, a one-year term for that office is also vacant. Also, the one-year terms for Nominating Committee Chair and two members must be

filled for the coming year's duties.

Finding members willing to serve is critical to the future of our League. Please take a moment to reflect on what you could contribute.

If you are willing to step up to a leadership position or know a member who has talents to offer and is waiting to be asked to help, please contact:

D. Karen Wilkerson
nominating committee chair
903-592-7255

dkwilkerson@hotmail.com

Other members of the committee are **Sue Barham, Doris Stanley, Andie Rathbone, and Scherel Carver.**



What does a board member do? The board is responsible for policy making, financial management, member recruitment and involvement, and community relations. Board members attend regular monthly board meetings about ten times a year. Elected members serve two-year terms.

Nominating committee members serve one-year terms. Although they serve off-board, they gain valuable insight by attending board training and some board and committee meetings.

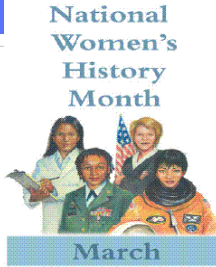
Women in Tyler to Honor “Women Who Mean Business”

Save the Date!

Eight outstanding Tyler women will be honored on Women in Tyler Day, **March 24** at the Rose Garden Center.

You should make your reservation now if you want to attend as tables are filling

fast. Send check for \$25 payable to **Women in Tyler** mailed to **PO Box 1432, Tyler TX 75710.**



March

To Join the League:

The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Join LWV, where leaders are actively engaged in effecting change at the local, state, and national levels.

SEND CHECK TO:

P.O. BOX 6271
TYLER, TX 75711

\$60 INDIVIDUAL

\$90 TWO IN SAME HOUSEHOLD

\$25 STUDENT

LWV-Tyler Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Tyler/Smith County, in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means that there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWV-Tyler on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

The LWV-Tyler/Smith County recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. LWV-Tyler/Smith County subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. LWV-Tyler/Smith County affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its board and programs.

Organization News: Linda Sharp Organization VP



Welcome New Members

The LWV is pleased to welcome returning members **Regina Roosth** and **Virginia McKee**. See contact information at right.

Regina Roosth is a past president of LWV-Tyler/Smith County, serving from 1992-1993. She also served on the board as Program Vice President and Membership Chair. She is a UT Tyler graduate with political science degree. Before becoming the Tyler City Hostess, she was the executive director for Prevent Blindness, East Texas branch. Since, 2004, she has been welcoming newcomers to the Tyler area. Her welcome packet is a great resource for newcomers including Chamber of Commerce, city, medical, networking, volunteering, maps and local businesses information, and the *League's Your Elected Officials* brochure.

Check out www.welcometot Tyler.net. Being a Jewish Mom, Regina says her children Isaac 15 and Rachel 12 are her driving force these days!



Add These New Members to Your Member Handbook & Directory

Regina Roosth

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regina@welcometot Tyler.net

Virginia McKee

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Tyler TX 75709
592 3033 (h)

vam432@aol.com

Holiday Party



Special appreciation to **Bruce and Kristi Roberts** for hosting the annual membership holiday party Dec. 13.

Some 20 members, family members, and friends attended, sharing delicious food, beverages, and a special opportunity to become better acquainted and meet



Members Sue Barham and Risa Hildeton at 2010 holiday party.

new member prospects.



Members Linda Resnik, Steve Lander & Karen Wilkerson



Scherel Carver & Betty Tirey

Virginia McKee joined the League because she believes it is a good organization to obtain information regarding all levels of our government. Because of health issues she is unable to actively participate on a board or committee. She worked for Texas Senator Lyon as Tyler-based legislative aide when he was in office. However, due to redistricting after the 1990 census, the district Senator Lyon represented no longer exists. Mrs. McKee is an artist who paints in oils and acrylics and also is a decorative Norwegian rose maling artist. She enjoys other folk art painting as well. Virginia is married to retired U. S. Magistrate Harry “Pete” McKee. Welcome back to the League, Virginia!

Member Dues Reminder

The following members are due in January and February

January

Elaine Wells
Karen Wilkerson
Risa Hildeton

February

Kara Camp
Melissa Crowe
Samantha Dwight
Andie Rathbone
Betty Tirey
Amy Thrasher

Thanks for your prompt response

**LWV Observer Corps
Coordinator Sought**
Lou Anne Smoot, Observer Corps

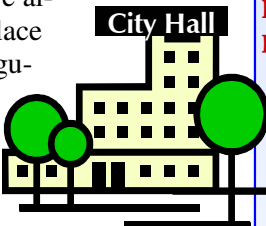


Members of the LWV Observer Corps monitor local governmental organizations such as city councils

and school boards. Our very presence at the meetings promotes government transparency and openness, helping ensure that the issues are being handled in an open way—"in the sunshine."

Observers are considered the "Eyes and Ears" of the League and our organization's Corps has been floundering for lack of leadership.

Please consider stepping forward to lead this group. Some workers are already in place and are regularly attending meetings and writing up reports. We simply need a coordinator. **Is that you?**



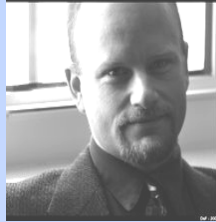
If you are willing to step forward to coordinate, please contact
**President
Kristi Roberts**
903.534-8825
kribru@aol.com

If you will participate as an official observer of a city or school board or a commission, for more information, contact
**Observer Corps Member
Lou Anne Smoot**
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annesmoot@suddenlink.net

Great Decisions 2011—Scheduled Speakers

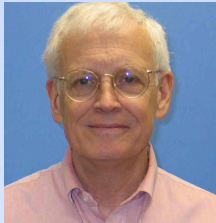
**Wednesdays
12 noon
Tyler Public
Library**

**February 9
The Horn of Africa—Dr. Amentahru Wahlrab, visiting professor in Political Science, UT Tyler**



Since the early 1990s, the U.S. has monitored the Horn of Africa due to security concerns. Internal instability, weak governments in some countries, regional rivalries and a lack of development have resulted in an environment conducive to terrorism. Can the U.S. protect its national interests while mitigating the dangerous conditions in the region?

**February 16
Responding to the Financial Crisis
Dr. Tim Kane, Program Coordinator and Professor, Economics**



As an immediate response to the financial crisis of 2007–08, governments around the world stepped in to bail out troubled private banks deemed "too big to fail," underscoring the interdependence between private and public finances. With the recent eurozone crisis, what have we learned so far and is it possible to ensure that future crises will not occur?

**February 23
National Security
The Honorable Louie Gohmert, U.S. House of Representatives**



U.S. national security priorities were expanded after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to include waging war in Iraq and Afghanistan, tightening border security, pursuing cyberthreats, halting nuclear proliferation and attempting to snuff out homegrown terrorism. How has the U.S. national security agenda evolved since 9/11? In what ways will this agenda shape the American way of life in the future?

**March 2
Global Governance
Dr. Robert Sterken, Associate Professor, Political Science and Assistant Provost for International Programs, University of Texas at Tyler**



International cooperation subjects political leaders to an ongoing test: balancing national needs with a commitment to building a durable international order. How has an increasingly interconnected and shrinking world affected the viability of existing agreements and institutions? What economic, social, political and security concerns are currently on the agendas of intergovernmental bodies, and what is the future U.S. role?

**March 16
Germany Ascendant
Dr. Marcus Stadelmann, Chair and Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Texas at Tyler**



Germany has emerged from both the financial crisis and the eurozone crisis as the dominant economic and political power in Europe, in particular setting the tone for dealings with Russia, Eastern Europe and Iran. How important is it for U.S. interests to enhance relations with Germany, and how should the U.S. react when German and U.S. interests fail to align?

**March 23
Rebuilding Haiti
Major General John Furlow, U.S. Army, Retired**

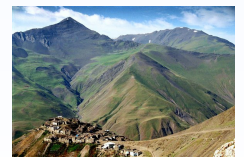


The January 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti struck a country already suffering from widespread poverty and underdevelopment. Did this natural disaster inadvertently provide an opportunity for reassessment and planning a new Haiti? Will the results of the 2010 presidential elections provide the leadership bring to restore the country?

**March 30
Sanctions and Nonproliferation
Speaker to be announced**

Sanctions have been created to curb nations in violation of international law, especially agreements concerning nuclear nonproliferation. How successfully have sanctions been applied against past violators? Is there any chance sanctions can curtail North Korea and Iran from continuing to develop nuclear weapons?

**April 6
The Caucasus
Speaker to be Announced**



The countries and regions of the Caucasus all have strong national identities but have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors: Russia, Iran and Turkey. How does this influence the Caucasus of today? How do the region's energy resources play into its relations with the outside world?

LWV-Texas Sets Priorities for 82nd Texas Legislature Members to Interview Legislators on Key Issues

Prior to each state legislative session, League chapters across Texas interview local state representatives and senators. These interviews are not lobbying efforts but are for the purpose of getting acquainted with the legislators and their views on specific issues. Each legislator is asked to outline goals for the session and to respond to questions about several issues.

They will be asked what revenue sources they favor to cover state obligations in the face of the current shortfall, as well as which programs they favor cutting to balance the state budget. Members will ask each of them what changes they would like to see in the lawmaking process to guarantee more transparency. We especially will ask their opinions on assuring greater transparency in the redistricting procedures.

They will be asked—in view of a recent US Supreme Court ruling that public perception of judicial independence could be affected by large campaign expenditures—whether Texas should change its process for selecting

judges or funding judicial races so that it is possible to run for office without soliciting large contributions.

Members will talk with Dist. 6 Rep. Leo Berman and Dist. 7 Rep. David Simpson and with Senators Kevin Eltife, Bob Deuell, and Robert Nichols.

LWV-Texas Legislative Priorities

For each biennial session of the Texas Legislature, the LWV-Texas board selects the priority issues to be addressed by our team of advocates. This session members from across the state will be working toward:

- transparency and open government
- a balanced approach to the state budget
- a redistricting plan that appropriately and fairly meets changing demographics

While redistricting will surely be controversial and partisan, the other two issues could raise some legislative hackles as well. This should prove to be an interesting session.

Keep Abreast of State Issues with LWV Legislative Newsletter

The 82nd Texas Legislature convenes on January 11. If you would like to keep up with the latest work of the legislature, subscribe to the LWV-Texas legislative news. It's free.

The Texas *Legislative Newsletter*, to be published bi-weekly during the 82nd legislative session, reports on the status of League issues. An electronic subscription is **free** to members.

To subscribe, send your email address to lwvtexas@lwvtexas.org

Print copy available for \$20 to members, \$50 to nonmembers. Email to members is free; to nonmembers is \$25.



LWV Legislative Days March 7-8, 2011 Austin Mark Your Calendar

Documentary Film *Gerrymandering to Have Tyler Showing This Spring*



Right now, across the country, our two major political parties are gearing up for a once-a-decade war whose winner will control Congress for the next ten years, and possibly more. There will be battles in every state, and each will be kept carefully hidden from the prying eyes of average voters who only become more disenchanted with their government with each meaningless election.

Democrats and Republicans have regularly colluded to keep these skirmishes private so that they can maintain total control over the ultimate political weapon: the ability to directly determine the outcome of elections. Why bother stuffing ballots when they can just draw districts? For the first time, *Gerrymandering* exposes the most effective form of manipulating elections short of outright fraud.

The film maker expanded his documentary to cover the entire country after originally basing his work on the extreme partisanship of redistricting practices in Texas, making the film especially relevant to Texans.

The League of Women Voters is one of some 25 organizations working toward reform, with a coordinated public opinion outreach campaign and targeted lobbying.

LWV-Tyler/Smith County has planned a special viewing of this ground-breaking documentary in March. Look for the date, time, and place in the next issue of the VOTER.

Basic Needs Study: An Update Karen Wilkerson, Committee Chair



Initiated in 2008, this study was from the outset intended as a joint community project to conduct a thorough review in Tyler-Smith County for the primary purpose of assisting non-profit and other human service agencies to accurately identify and quantify the met and unmet basic human needs of residents.

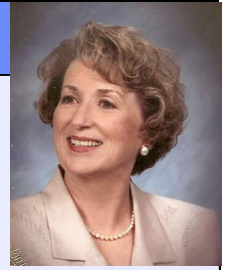
Several organizations, including PATH, have conducted and shared initial assessments of these issues during this period, and the committee has explored partnerships with United Way of Tyler-Smith County and several educational institutions.



It has become increasingly apparent that the significance of such a study and its eventual impact upon the community require expansion of the initial scope of the project beyond the limitations of LWV volunteers.

Fortunately, local United Way leadership has discussed a means of spearheading the larger study, with plans to include LWV participation and input in the final project.

LWV Members interested in participating in the United Way effort should contact **Karen Wilkerson** at dkwilkerson@hotmail.com



New Citizens Welcomed on February 17

Come welcome our country's newest citizens at February's naturalization ceremony. It is an opportunity to show citizens' most important responsibility: voting.

In the past, the League registered more than 60 people in one afternoon, let's see if we can top that! We need a volunteer to give a 10 minute talk at each ceremony on the importance of voting and at least three volunteers at each ceremony to register new voters, answer questions, and welcome the new Americans. For the people who spend decades working toward their citizen status, the right and responsibility to vote is an empowering opportunity and confirms their participation in government. The ceremonies will be Thursday, February 17, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Help is desperately needed, so please volunteer.

**Thursday
February 17
11am & 2 pm
Courtroom of
Judge Judith
Guthrie
Federal
Building
211 West
Ferguson**



Naturalized citizen Ed Santos welcomes a new citizen.

**Contact Melissa Crowe
(meliss.crowe@gmail.com) if
you are interested in
participating.**

Winners of Get-Out-the-Vote Video Contest Announced

Melissa Crowe, Coordinator

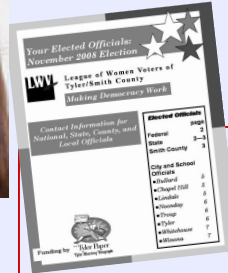


Young people have long been the least active voting group in the nation, but this fall, more than 30 local high school students participated in a program to boost young voter awareness.

Get Out the Vote, a 30-second video public service announcement contest, was enthusiastically received by schools across Smith County. The League was able to give cash prizes totaling \$225 to seven participants.

Of the eight projects submitted, the League declared three winners. Whitehouse High School seniors **Chesley Page** and **Callie Crispin** placed first. Robert E. Lee High School senior **Holly Stidham** and sophomore **Andrew Smith** took second. And Whitehouse High School seniors **Kyleigh Primo**, **Kate Ray**, and **Erica Crane** placed third.

League President Kristi Roberts has already said the League plans to offer the competition again next election with more involvement and bigger and better prizes.



Your Elected Officials: November 2010 Election Available

The latest up-to-date edition of *Your Elected Officials*, including officials elected in November 2010, is now available. This newest edition now includes officials for **Arp** and **Hideaway**. This brochure is a basic resource that includes information about national, state, and county officials, as well as those of all cities and school districts in Smith County. For each official, it includes office addresses, email, and phone numbers. Use this information to contact your elected officials to let them know your opinions.

The brochure also can be a valuable tool for the community. If you know of a group that could use this brochure, contact a member of the LWV-Tyler/Smith County board.

Or you can download a copy at lwvtyler.org



SAVE the DATE
Local Election Candidate Forum
Set for April 4, 7 pm

Voters will have chance to meet candidates for local City Council and school board posts at a public meeting April 4, 7 pm at the TISD Plyler Instructional Center, 807 W. Glenwood. Candidates will be invited after the Mar. 14 filing deadline.

Calendar for May 14, 2011
Local Elections

Feb. 12—First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail
Mar. 14—Last Day to File for Place on Ballot
Apr. 14—Last Day to Register to Vote
May 2-10—Early Voting
May 6—Last Day Application for Ballot by Mail May Be Received.
May 14—Election Day

Go to lwvtyler.org

Watch the LWV-Tyler/Smith County web site for updates on the 82nd Texas Legislature, and the 112th Congress, 2011 local elections, and ways that you can be a grass-roots advocate.



LWVUS Sponsors “Beyond Election Day” Seminar with Focus on Youth

With a pivotal Election Day soon, LWVUS presented “Beyond Election Day: Young People Getting Involved in Democracy,” a probing discussion about trends that will affect young people in the coming years.

The event, held on October 28 on the George Washington University campus, featured national League president Elisabeth MacNamara, Senior Programs and Outreach Manager Monifa Bandele from the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Associate Director Mark Hugo Lopez of the Pew Hispanic Center, and Executive Director Matthew Segal of the Student Association for Voter Empowerment.

All of the speakers addressed the need to keep young people involved in civic life before and after elections. They did not make this task sound easy, but they did make it sound imperative.

A festive reception followed the program, with the LWVUS board of directors, many high-level staff members, and various members of DC, Maryland, and Virginia Leagues there. Also there were two LWV-TSC members—Dee Brock and Linda Resnik.



Dee Brock with (left–right) LWVUS senior staffer Zaida Arguedas, President Elizabeth McNamara, and Director Elaine Wiant.

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Become an e-Activist!
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Results of Fall Fund Raising Campaign

The campaign in November to members and non-members has resulted in donations of \$576 to LWV-Tyler/Smith County and \$860 to our tax-deductible LWV-Texas Education Fund. These amounts fall some \$3000 short of the budgeted projections to sustain League programs and services.

Your League needs your help. The troubled economy and rancorous political environment underscore the critical need for a strong, fair, nonpartisan voice to help our community understand and take an informed part in addressing the serious issues that face us. Please take time now to make a contribution to LWV-Tyler or to the tax-deductible LWV-Texas Education Fund. You can be sure that your gift—large or small—will be well-used to accomplish our goals, just as the budget you approved at our annual meeting directs.

Make checks payable to
LWV-Tyler or LWV-TEF and mail
to **PO Box 6271, Tyler TX 75711.**

Go to lwvtyler.org

What’s New ?

Melissa Crowe is the new webmaster of lwvtyler.org.

Check out the LWV-TSC website for details on upcoming events, publications to download, and links to related websites, such as the Texas Secretary of State and the state and national LWV.

You can request a speaker for your organization, subscribe to the League’s newsletter, make a donation, or join the League of Women Voters of Tyler/Smith County.



Dee Brock also serves on the LWV-Texas Board of Directors and is a Trustee of the LWV-Texas Education Fund.



Thanks to Our Donors in 2010

Thanks to the following who have donated, including in-kind, to LWV-Tyler/Smith County and the LWV-Texas Education Fund January 1–December 31, 2010

- Sue Barham & Steve Lander*
- Dee Brock*
- Scherel Carver*
- Mary Decker*
- Toni Ferrell*
- Betty Groepper*
- Katheryn Hetherly,
- in memory of Lucile Roush
- Shirley & Ed Hightower*
- Bruce & Kristi Roberts*
- Regina Roosth*
- Gail Rutledge*
- Linda Sharp*
- Lou Anne Smoot*
- Pauline Stein
- Roy Stanley,*
- in memory of Cris Selman
- Tyler Morning Telegraph
- Margie Victor*
- Karen Wilkerson*
- Variety Lunch Club, Lindale

*LWV Member

Save the date!

LWV Annual Meeting Date Moved to May 21

Because local elections this year fall on the second Saturday in May, the League’s annual business meeting is rescheduled for **Saturday, May 21, 10 am, at the Potpourri House, 3320 Troup Highway.**



LWV Tyler/
Smith County
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Tyler, Texas 75711



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www.lwvtyler.org

Your guide to the League, local government, links to information on candidates, & more.

February 14
91st Anniversary of the
League of Women Voters
of the United States



Editor: Scherel Carver

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2011 LWV-TSC Calendar of Upcoming Events

Please Join Us!

- Tuesday January 4, 6 pm**—LWV Board of Directors
- Monday January 17 7 pm**
Keep the Grass Roots Green:
Member Input on LWV Issues
Roberts & Roberts, 118 West 4th Street
- Tuesday February 1, 6 pm**—LWV Board of Directors
- Wednesdays February 9—April 6, 12 noon**
Great Decisions Foreign Policy Series
Tyler Public Library, 201 South College
- Thursday, February 17, 11am & 2 pm**
US Naturalization Ceremonies
Federal Building, 211 West Ferguson
- Monday, February 28, 7:00 pm**
Joe Nick Patoski, Writer
Water: Natural Resource or Commodity?
SAVE the DATE! Place to be Announced
- Tuesday, March 1, 6 pm**—LWV Board of Directors
- March 24 11:30 am, Rose Garden Center**
Women in Tyler Luncheon
- March TBA "Gerrymandering: A Documentary"**

Members are welcome to attend meetings of the LWV Board of Directors, first Tuesdays at 6 pm
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