



The Tyler / Smith County VOTER

January–
February 2012

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.

Voting Matters: Community Meeting on Voter Access & Texas Law

The last session of the Texas Legislature made several changes to the rules of voting in Texas. The most controversial is the requirement that all voters must present a government approved photo ID in order to register or vote. This new rule is being argued in court now, but as the law stands, all voters in state and national elections in Texas must have this photo ID to vote. A valid Texas driver's license, a new naturalization certificate, or a valid US passport fulfills this requirement.



These regulations and all of the other changes in the election code will be fully explained at a public meeting, presented by LWV-TSC, at 7:00 p.m., on January 30, in the Genecov Room, at the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce.

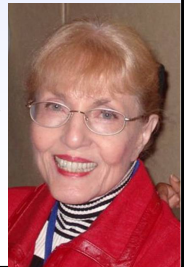
In addition to informing voters about these new regulations, the participants will be invited to help organize a working group to help solve the transportation problems that may prevent some eligible voters from getting their photo IDs or from getting to the polls. The intention is to engage a number of community groups

and individuals to help improve Texas' voting statistics. If you belong to a group that would be interested in helping, please email Dee Brock at

Monday, January 30
7pm
Genecov Room
Tyler Chamber of
Commerce
315 North Broadway

deebrook@faqspress.com

Dee Brock
Program Vice
President



Keep the Grass Roots Green Across the Nation Member Input on National LWV Issues

On January 23, members of LWV-Tyler/Smith County will gather at noon in the auditorium of the Tyler Public Library to conduct a Keep the Grassroots Green meeting. The purpose of the session is to give members a chance to explore ideas about work to be undertaken at the national level for the next two years.



January 23—12 noon
Tyler Public Library Auditorium
201 South College

The group can propose new studies or suggest the need to restudy or upgrade existing positions. In addition, participants will identify the current national positions they hope will be maintained. The results from this meeting, along with those of every local and state League across the country, will be sent to the national board which will use these reports as guidance for recommendations to the national organization at the 2012 convention.

Please attend. This meeting is critical to our accomplishing our mission and goals.

RSVP to deebrook@faqspress.com to let us know whether you are coming. A light lunch will be available for the light price of \$3.00.

Be there!

Lunch provided for \$3-RSVP to deebrook@faqspress.com

Great Decisions Series to Begin January 18

The 2012 Great Decisions foreign policy series kicks off January 18 with a discussion of the U.S. exit from Iraq and Afghanistan, led by Dr. Martin Slann, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UT-Tyler.

Briefing books are available at the Tyler library check-out desk beginning in early January.

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

The Great Decisions series, a project of the Foreign Policy Association, is sponsored locally by the League of Women Voters, AAUW Tyler, and Tyler Public Library.

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

League Leaders Make Resolutions for LWV



It's a New Year and the perfect time to resolve to do better. LWV-Tyler/Smith Co.

leaders propose some excellent goals for the organization in 2012: Resolved...

- That members gladly agree to serve on the LWV-TSC Board of Directors when asked.

- That members and the community *not* come out on Ground Hog Day for a non-event but buy sponsorship tickets.



- That Smith County residents turn out in droves for the forum to hear what Primary Candidates have to say.
- That a minimum of two members would commit at least one day a month in observing a public meet-

ing on behalf of the League.

- To gain new members this year.
- To recruit at least two new members who will become active participants.



It's a New Year and the perfect time to resolve to do better in LWV.

- That current members renew in a timely manner so that we maintain LWV clout.

To produce, along with committee members, a mobility study for Smith County.

- That at the national level we work toward shortening the length of campaigns for the office of the President.
- To get more members actively involved in League activities.
- To ensure that all eligible



voters are registered to vote.

- To guarantee that all can exercise their right to vote without unnecessary and restrictive hurdles.
- To educate the electorate on the candidates and the issues on their ballots and help them find their polling places.
- To tell *at least one person* each week about the League and its work!



Happy New Year!

- Kristi Roberts
- Andie Rathbone
- Karen Wilkerson
- Carol Reynolds
- Eddie Baggett
- Scherel Carver
- Lou Anne Smoot
- Dee Brock
- Linda Sharp
- Mary Claire Rowe
- Shirley Hightower

Serving on the LWV Board of Directors

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.

Good-Bye and Good Luck!

Best wishes to long-time member and past LWV board member **Anna Hayes** as she relocates to Missouri and marries her college sweetheart Todd. Anna served as LWV-Tyler Community Relations VP 2001-2005 and was one of the organization's most successful fund raising coordinators ever. Her most recent employment was with St. Paul Children's Foundation, and previously she served with Smith Co. Public Health, City Administrator for the City of Quitman, and was City of Tyler Communications Coordinator. We will miss you, Anna.



Think Spring! Future Leaders Sought Karen Wilkerson, Nominating Committee Chair

Yes, in spite of the winter chill, it's only a few months until our May Annual Meeting! We'll hear much news about the League's work and also elect several local chapter leaders for the coming biennium.

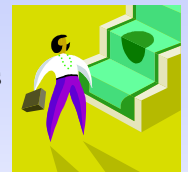
The Nominating Committee is charged with finding a few good women (or men) to serve in the following positions for two-year terms (June 2012-May 2014):

- Program Vice-President
- Organization Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Two Directors (2-year terms)
- One Director (complete 1 year of a 2-year term)

In addition, one-year terms

must be filled for Nominating Committee Chair and two members.

No other organization in our community provides the services that the League of Women Voters does. Leadership is not a heavy burden, but it is important to the future of our League. If you are willing to serve or know a member who is waiting to be asked to help, please contact D. Karen Wilkerson, nominating committee chair, at 903-592-7255 or dkwilkerson@hotmail.com.



Other Members of the nominating committee are Sue Barham, Doris Stanley, and Scherel Carver.

In Memory Veteran League members fondly remember the support and guidance provided by **Steve Lefevre**, who during his tenure as professor of political science at UT Tyler shared his expertise and knowledge, including serving as moderator of the League's televised Congressional debate in 1986. We could not have done it without you, Steve.



**Membership News:
Carol Reynolds, Membership Chair**



Growth in membership is an on-going goal of the League. New membership is vital to continued progress and can promote new and stimulating projects to help meet our goals. As always, we encourage current members to reach out to family and friends who have expressed an interest in the

League but have not joined.

Also, if you have not yet attended one of the League's monthly informal meetings, you have missed a real treat! See details of the first two of 2012 below.

**Stay Connected:
No-Agenda Lunch**



For fun and food, come to the monthly informal meetings of the League of Women Voters of Tyler/Smith County. Every other month, we meet at a hot spot to discuss a hot topic. Then on alternate months we meet at a local restaurant at noon for a no-agenda lunch to talk about whatever. These meetings are lively and informative.

Next up is lunch at the **Corner Bakery at noon on Wednesday, January 4.** You bring the topic. See you there!

Eddie Baggett Appointed Voters Service VP

At its December meeting the LWV-TSC board appointed **Eddie Baggett** to serve the remainder of the 2011-13 term as **Voters Service Vice President.** Baggett takes the helm at a critical time, ready to lead the organization through what promises to be a tumultuous election year.

Baggett has been a member only seven months but is passionate about the importance of voting and citizen participation and has taken part in naturalization ceremonies, voter registration drives, and distribution of *Voters Guides*, delivering all of the Spanish-language copies to locations

throughout Tyler. LWV-TSC is lucky to have him serving the organization and sharing his expertise.



“Women Who Mean Business” to Be Honored at March 22 Luncheon



Save the Date! Nine outstanding Tyler women who exemplify

March 22 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.**

“Women Who Mean Business” will be honored on Women in Tyler Day,

Make These Changes to Your Member Handbook

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**Linda B. Sharp
Organization VP**

Hot Topic at a Hot Spot

A hot topic early evening follows on **Wednesday, February 1, at 5:30 at Coyote Sam's.** Linda Sharp will announce the topic, and you can take any approach or add anything you want. The main thing is for all of us to have fun together.



Because of the Great Decisions discussion set for March 7, there will **not** be a No-Agenda lunch that day. Go to Great Decisions!

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.

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| SEND CHECK TO: | P.O. Box 6271 TYLER, TX 75711 |
| \$60 | INDIVIDUAL |
| \$90 | TWO IN SAME HOUSEHOLD |
| \$25 | STUDENT |

LWW-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.

Great Decisions 2012—Scheduled Speakers



January 18 Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq

Dr. Martin Slann, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, UT Tyler

Ten years after September 11, 2001, the U.S. is winding down its military commitment in Iraq and slowly pulling out of Afghanistan. What exit strategy will help Afghanistan and Iraq build stable democratic nations? How can the U.S. continue to achieve its counterterrorism goals? What is the role of the U.S. in the future of the Middle East?



February 15 Energy Geopolitics

Dr. James K. Nelson, Dean of College of Engineering and Computer Science, and Dr. Martin Slann, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, UT Tyler

The energy markets have been shaken by the instability of Middle East oil and the vulnerability of nuclear power. Moreover, developing countries like China are becoming bigger energy consumers, while energy producers like Russia see the opportunity to widen their influence. In this changed landscape, how will the U.S.'s energy needs affect its relations with other nations?



January 25 Cyber Security

Dr. Leonard Brown & Dr. Nary Subramanian, Assistant Professors of Computer Science, UT Tyler

The securitization of cyberspace has caused a sea change for both governments and the private sector, faced with new threats, new battlegrounds, and new opportunities. Faced with such challenges as international cybercrime and authoritarian control of networks, how will the U.S. and its democratic allies approach the cyber frontier? How does this new domain figure in U.S. strategic interests?



February 22 U.S. Promoting Democracy

Dr. Marcus Stadelmann, Chair and Associate Professor, Political Science, UT Tyler

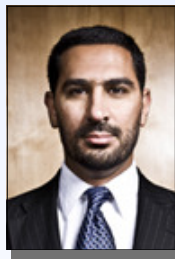
The U.S. has had a history of advancing and supporting democracy around the world. What place does democracy promotion have in U.S. foreign policy today? With a choice of tools ranging from economic aid, to civic instruction, to military force, what are the appropriate yet effective methods that the U.S. should use to promote democracy?



February 1 Middle East Realignment

Mohamed Eliyari, Freedom and Justice Foundation, Dallas

The popular revolts and upheaval of the Arab Spring have radically changed the face of the Middle East. What lies ahead for the Middle East's transition to democracy? What are the prospects for the governments that have held out in this new order? With many longtime U.S. allies ousted, how will the U.S. recalibrate its relations with the new regimes?



February 29 State of the Oceans

Dr. Bob Sterken, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of International Programs, UT Tyler

The world's oceans are essential to life on earth, and are tremendously sensitive to global climate change. What are the consequences of climate change on oceanic factors like biodiversity, sea levels, and extreme weather systems? How can the U.S. and its international partners address the emerging challenges to this shared resource?



February 8 Mexico

Price Arredondo, Director of Hispanic Business Services, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce

Mexico's border with Central America, as well as the border it shares with the U.S., have been a pathway for people, goods, crime, and contraband in both directions. How can Mexico address these transborder challenges? What is the future of Mexico's relations with its northern and southern neighbors? How will Mexico's foreign relations affect its domestic politics?



March 7 Indonesia

Dr. Amentahru Wahlrab, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, UT Tyler

Having emerged from authoritarianism in the last 15 years, Indonesia has made remarkable strides politically, economically, and socially. Yet the new, democratic Indonesia is still a developing country facing considerable challenges. How can Indonesia continue its path of growth, reform, and prosperity? What is Indonesia's role in the global community?



Want to talk more? Join the speaker for lunch for further discussion on the topic of the day. Just sign up the day of the session.

Join the Corps! Observers Needed



We continue to need someone to step forward to coordinate the Observer Corps. Observers attend a governmental meeting of their choosing, note what happens at the meeting, and report back to the League. By attending public meetings of local governmental bodies and agencies, observers learn more about what their government is doing, the issues facing their community, and how these issues are being addressed.

Observers keep elected and appointed officials on notice that someone is watching what decisions are made and how they are being made. **Simply being present with your LWV button visible** is the job we need you to fill. Besides that, you'll enjoy learning more about the governmental body you observe.



If you would like to participate as an official observer for a city or school board or commission or board, please contact **Observer Corps Coordinator Lou Anne Smoot** 903.533.9335 annesmoot@suddenlink.net or **Program VP Dee Brock** 903.566.6655 deebrook@faqspress.com

We Kept the Grass Roots Green—at Home and Across Texas

Last November, LWV-Tyler/Smith County conducted a Keep the Grassroots Green meeting to examine local and state issues. Members attending unanimously agreed to maintain our local positions supporting libraries and single member public school districts. **Akemi Henderson** has undertaken the task of investigating whether support for a single member district for the Tyler Junior College board is still relevant for our League.

The group also agreed unanimously that all of the current state positions should be maintained. They did not propose any statewide issue for study, but the group decided that, if another local League proposes a statewide study on Human Trafficking at the LWV-Texas convention in 2012, our delegates should support it.

Privatization of Government Services to be Tackled in April



**Monday, April 2, 7 pm
Public Forum on Privatization
Genecov Room, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce
315 North Broadway**

A national study of the parameters and policy

issues to be considered in connection with the transfer of federal, state or local government services, assets, and/or functions to the private sector is underway by LWVUS. A series of facts and issues papers is being developed to provide the information upon which the League can develop consensus. Three of these papers are available now on the lww.org website.

To further enlighten the public and local League members, LWV-TSC will present a public forum on April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Genecov Room at the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. The consensus meeting for our local League will follow at 7 pm on April 16, at the home of Linda Sharp.

Interested in Libraries? Your Help is Needed.

The last Texas legislative session left our libraries in dire straits, with zero state funding or support. One or more members with an interest in libraries are needed to organize a campaign to call for more support for our public libraries. You will get special training in successful advocacy strategies and methods.

Make a New Year's resolution to do something for the community in 2012. To help, contact Dee Brock at 903-565-6655 or deebrook@faqspress.com



Study Committee on Transportation Dee Brock, Program Vice President

- ◆Where do you have to go tomorrow or the next day?
- ◆How will you get there?
- ◆How would you manage if you did not have a car at your disposal?

Does Smith County have adequate public transportation to meet the needs of its residents? That's the question the Transportation Study Committee will try to answer. **Eddie Baggett** heads the committee. **Toni Ferrell** and **Gerry Kuklewicz** also are working on

this study.

The Transportation Committee will meet in early January.

If you are interested in learning what Smith County has to offer those who need a ride, you would be a welcome addition to this committee.



Need a Ride?

To join in this effort, contact **Eddie Baggett** at eddiebaggett@gmail.com



Naturalization Ceremony Set for January 20

November 1 naturalization ceremonies were held in U.S. District Court in Tyler. Ably representing the League were **Dee Brock, Eddie Baggett, Ed and Shirley**

Hightower at the morning swearing-in of 43 new citizens from 13 different countries. Six of these new citizens filled out voter registration cards and many more left with cards to fill out at home.

During the afternoon ceremony, 40 new citizens from 8 countries took the oath of citizenship. **Shirley Hightower, Andie Rathbone, and Linda Sharp** were on hand to assist 5 persons who registered. Many more voter registration cards were sent home, where we hope they will be completed. These ceremonies are held approximately four times during the year and are truly democracy in action.

Every League member owes it to him/herself to assist with at least one of these inspirational events.

The next opportunity to be part of this vital pursuit is **Friday, January 20**, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Federal Judge John Love's courtroom, 211 W. Ferguson.



Please notify Shirley Hightower if you can participate. Call 903-561-7450 or email to eshightower@suddenlink.net

Friday January 20 Courtroom of Judge John Love, Federal Building 211 West Ferguson

March 19 Forum to Feature Primary Candidates

Mark your calendar for **March 19th, 7 pm** as the date

to find out more about the candidates running in the April 3 primary election.

Panelists include *Tyler Morning Telegraph* editor Roy Maynard, LWV-Tyler President Kristi Roberts, and another journalist.

Watch for email notification about participating candidates. Invitation to participate will be sent after the February 1 filing deadline.

Monday **March 19, 7 pm Primary Candidate Forum**
Plyler Instructional Center
807 West Glenwood

Voter Registration Slated for TJC

On January 25, TJC Student Activities Day is scheduled for Rogers Student Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Another opportunity for the League to register voters, answer voting questions, and provide information about the League. This event is **INSIDE** and parking is available nearby for us.

Contact Shirley Hightower if you want to participate:

January 25 10 am—2 pm Rogers Center 2nd Floor



Voters Guide to Primary Election Ready in March

The LWV-Texas Education Fund *Voters Guide* to the April 3 Primary Election will be available in March in time for early voting, which begins March 19. This guide, available in English and Spanish versions, will cover the statewide offices on the ballot.

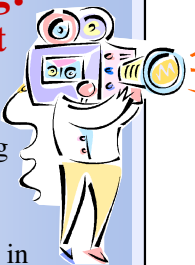
Consult the Smith County website after the Feb. 1 filing deadline for a complete list of offices up for election in our area.

Calendar for April 3, 2012 Primary Election

- Feb. 1**—Last Day to File for Place on Ballot
- Feb. 3**—First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail
- Mar. 5**—Last Day to Register to Vote
- Mar. 19-30**—Early Voting
- Mar. 27**—Last Day Application for Ballot by Mail May Be Received.
- April 3**—Election
- June 5**—Primary Runoff Election

Promoting Voting: Student Video Contest

Inspired by LWV-TSC's successful video contest last year, LWV-Texas is sponsoring a video contest for high school students as a part of an overall plan to get more Texans voting in 2012. All state Leagues are invited to conduct local video contests and send their three top winners to compete with others across the state to be chosen the top three statewide.



The challenge is for high school students to prepare a 30-second public service announcement about the importance of voting. They can take any approach; use any graphic enhancements as long as the video would make the viewers want to vote. Winners will receive praise, publicity, and a cash prize. Plus, they will see their work broadcast and shown on Texas cable channels and on websites.

LWV-TSC is recruiting the Video Contest team now. If you want to help Texas increase the number of voters in 2012 and want to encourage young people to understand the importance of voting, you would fit just right in with this team. It's guaranteed to be fun, too. Let's ensure that a Smith County student is among the statewide winners.

Please email Dee Brock at deebrock@faqspress.com by January 9, 2012 to volunteer for the team.

Community Relations News *Mary Claire Rowe, Community Relations VP*



Mary Claire Rowe,
Community Relations VP

Get Ready to Celebrate



60th Anniversary of League of Women Voters of Tyler/Smith County

The annual meeting on May 19 marks the 60th anniversary of the League of Women Voters of Tyler/Smith County. Begun in 1952 as LWV-Tyler, the organization expanded its jurisdiction in 2008 to include all of Smith County. **Do you have ideas for celebrating our great heritage and 60 years of service to the area? Contact Community Relations VP Mary Claire Rowe 903-581-7158 or gardenrowes@yahoo.com.**



Does He See His Shadow?

You're Invited Not to Attend This Ground Hog Day Sighting!



Don't interrupt your long winter hibernation to come out! That's a job for Punxsutawney Phil.

No need to dress up! You can stay in the warmth of your cozy abode. Save on gas and baby sitters. No need to miss your favorite TV show.

Just RSVP by buying a ticket *not* to attend and support the **League of Women Voters**—the most significant, calm, nonpartisan voice in the midst of this highly politicized time. Help the League to encourage informed and active participation in our democratic process.

Help Make Democracy Work by **Not Coming Out** on February 2. Let Punxsutawney Phil do that work!

Thanks to Our Donors in 2011

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, 2011

- Sue Barham & Steve Lander*
- Dee Brock *
- Brookshire Grocery Co.
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Member Dues Reminder

The following members are due in January and February, 2012

| January | February |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Elaine Wells | Kara Camp |
| Karen Wilkerson | Samantha Dwight |
| | Andie Rathbone |
| | Amy Thrasher |
| | Betty Tirey |

Thanks for your prompt response.

The LWVUS database of members is updated January 31, and members who have not renewed are inactivated at that time.

We hope to have responses by Jan. 31 from: Francene Van Os, Doris Stanley, Reatha Kennedy, Sunshine Knowles, Linda Hoak and Tim Crouch, Samantha Winn, Madeleine Ross, and Virginia McKee.

Go to lwvtyler.org

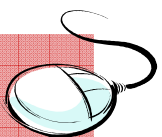
Who's Visiting?

During the past 30 days, your website lwvtyler.org has had more than 350 visits, or 11 per day. The home page was viewed the most, along with the page that describes how LWV started and what members do. The page on "Voting Matters" yielded the third most visits.

Make it a habit to check the 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.



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**2012 LWV-TSC
Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Please Join Us!

Wednesdays, January 18-March 7, 12 noon
Great Decisions Foreign Policy Series
Tyler Public Library, 201 South College

Friday, January 20, 10am & 1:30 pm
US Naturalization Ceremonies
Federal Building, 211 West Ferguson

Monday, January 23, 12:00 noon
Keep the Grass Roots Green Across the Nation:
Member Input on National LWV Issues
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RSVP for \$3 lunch: deebrock@faqspress.com

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TJC Student Activity Day
Rogers Center, 2nd Floor

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Hot Topic @ a Hot Spot: Coyote Sam's
5424 Old Jacksonville Hwy.

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm
Forum for Primary Candidates
Plyler Center, 807 West Glenwood

Members are welcome to attend meetings of the LWV Board of
Directors, first Tuesdays at 11:30 am
Roberts & Roberts, 118 West 4th Street

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