



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.

# The Tyler / Smith County VOTER

## Documentary Film *Gerrymandering* Free Showing March 28

*Gerrymandering*, a documentary film, exposes the most effective form of manipulating elections short of outright fraud—drawing the district lines for elections of national and state legislatures. This movie will have one showing on Monday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m., at the Times Square Cinema at 5201 South Broadway in Tyler. It is free to the public, so invite your friends, neighbors, family members and ask them to do the same.

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**7:00 pm**  
**Times Square Cinema**  
**5201 South Broadway**  
**Tyler**  
**FREE**

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This film will demonstrate what Winston means and perhaps suggest ways we can make the process more

fair and equitable.

After the redistricting based on 2010 Census is finished, many Texas voters will not know where their districts went and how it happened.

**“When I as a mapmaker have more of an impact on an election than the voters . . . the system is out of whack.”**

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Local attorney **David Hudson**, a former Texas legislator, will lead a discussion after the movie.

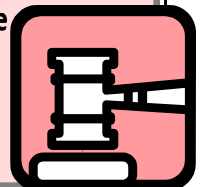
Consultant David Winston, who drew the U.S. House districts for the GOP after the 1990 U.S. Census, sums up the problem: “As a mapmaker, I can have more of an



The term *gerrymandering* is almost as old as the country itself. In 1812, Jeffersonian Republicans forced through the Massachusetts legislature a bill rearranging district lines to assure them an advantage in the upcoming elections. Governor Elbridge Gerry reluctantly signed the bill into law. The story goes that when a Federalist editor saw the map with its strangely shaped districts, he exclaimed: “Salamander!” Then he added: “Call it a Gerrymannder.”

## LWV Annual Meeting Set for Saturday, May 21, Potpourri House.

See pages 4-5 of this VOTER for information relating to the May 21 annual meeting.

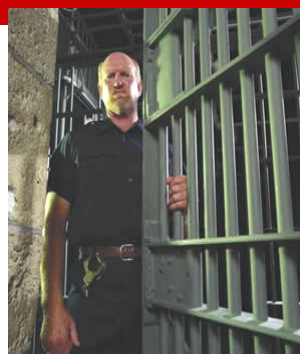


## Forum on Jail Bond Election Set for April 18

Shirley Hightower, Voters Service VP

With the jail bond issue for Smith County on the May 14 ballot, efforts are underway to present the pros and cons of this proposition at a forum set for April 18. This event is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 7 p.m. in the boardroom of the Plylar Instructional Complex, 807 West Glenwood.

At the same event, candidates for city councils and school board from across Smith County will be introduced. Only incumbents filed to serve on the Tyler City Council,



Districts 1, 3, and 5 and for

Districts 2 and 4 of TISD. The League has invited these incumbents, along with candidates from throughout the county, to “meet and greet” voters.

**Watch for email updates** for latest

information on forum speakers and participating candidates.

**See list of May local candidates on page 7**

**Meet Your Local Candidates!**



**President's Podium**

**Kristi C. Roberts, President**



Dear Members:  
Don't change that dial! You really need to stay tuned to keep up with the many political issues at the forefront and the many events for LWV this spring. We have a busy schedule ready and waiting for everyone to get involved.

Dee Brock was in Austin for Legislative Days. Be sure to read her update in this issue, about what is going on at the state level. With spring break coming later, I personally hope to get a chance to attend in 2013 for the next session. This is a real chance to get up close and personal with our state leaders and I am excited that Dee is always there to represent Smith County.

The Tyler Paper recently headlined an article concerning changes in our redistricting that will affect all of us. Another heated discussion about redistricting is on the horizon and we all need to educate ourselves on what this means to us. Be sure to mark your calendars for the presentation of the movie *Gerrymandering*. Our local League is presenting this movie at Times Square Cinema on Monday, March 28 at 7:00 pm for the remarkably low price of FREE!

**The League cannot sustain the level of service and activity it has in the past unless someone steps up. Please let it be you!**

Those of you who missed the speaker and panel on Water as a Commodity really missed an informative and lively discussion. I have to admit, the only thing I knew about water was that it came out of the tap. I now have a better understanding of our need to respect this precious resource. Many thanks to Nick Patoski, Greg Morgan, and Glenda Kindle for serving on this panel.

With the candidate reception on April 18, the city and school elections coming up in May, and our Annual Meeting scheduled for May 21, there is plenty to do! So get away from the tv and tune into LWV.

Our nominating committee regrets to report that two positions on the board remain unfilled on the slate to be elected in May. I appeal to you as members to consider serving a term. If you served in the past, your time has come again. If you would be a newcomer to board service, see the job description below and make the time investment in this organization. The League cannot sustain the level of service and activity in has in the past unless someone steps up. Please let it be *you!*

*Kristi C. Roberts*

**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**

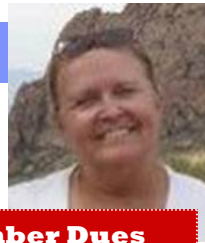
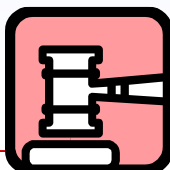
**Goodbye and Good Wishes to Gail**

The LWV-TSC Board extends enthusiastic good wishes to board member **Gail Rutledge** on her recent relocation to the Metroplex area. Of course, all the members will in truth lament her absence because of her valuable contributions to the board and to the League. Good luck, Gail and thanks for all that you did for the League.



**What does a board member do?**

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



**Member Dues Reminder**

The following members are due in April and May

- April**  
Scherel Carver  
Sue Barham  
Toni Ferrell  
Roy Stanley  
Bonnie Hardaway

- May**  
Samantha Winn  
**Past Due**  
Kara Camp  
Melissa Crowe  
Amy Thrasher  
Betty Tirey

**Thanks for your prompt response**

**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

Great Decisions 2011 Speakers

Wednesdays  
12 noon  
Tyler Public Library  
201 South College

The 2011 Great Decisions foreign policy series continues through April 6. Briefing books are available at the Tyler library check-out desk.

Check out the DVD of discussions by national experts in the A-V department.

The Great Decisions series, a project of the Foreign Policy Association, is sponsored locally by

AAUW Tyler,  
League of Women Voters,  
and  
Tyler Public Library.

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 needed bring to restore the country?



April 6  
The Horn of Africa  
Dr. Amentahru Wahrab, 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?



March 30  
Sanctions and Non-proliferation  
Madeleine Ross, professor of philosophy and political science, Tyler Junior College

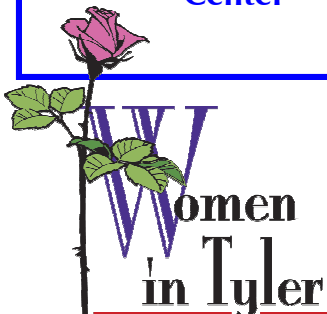
Sanctions have been created to curb nations in violation of international law, especially agreements concerning nuclear nonproliferation. How successfully have sanctions been applied against past violators? Is there any chance sanctions can curtail North Korea and Iran from continuing to develop nuclear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



Make Your Voice Heard...  
Become an e-Activist!  
Go to [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS

Women in Tyler  
Day Luncheon  
March 24  
11:30 a.m.  
Rose Garden Center



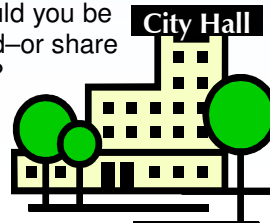
Want to observe?  
Lou Anne Smoot



Isn't there a governing body you are especially interested in—a school board, a county commission, a city council, a planning and zoning commission, or some other group—whose meetings you would like to attend?

Aren't you a little curious as to what actually goes on in these meetings?

If so, please offer your services to our Observer Corps. We need you to "observe"—to simply *be there* as a representative of our League of Women Voters. We realize conflicts in scheduling will occur, but would you be willing to attend as often as you could—or share the responsibility with someone else? Choose the group you would like to "observe," then contact Kristi Roberts at 903/534-8825.



If you are willing to step forward to coordinate the LWV Observer Corps, please contact

President  
Kristi Roberts  
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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  
903.533-9335  
[annesmoot@suddenlink.net](mailto:annesmoot@suddenlink.net)

**LWV Annual Meeting Set for May 21**

Saturday  
**May 21**  
 10 am  
 Potpourri House  
 3320 Troup Highway

**Board Recommends Dropping Basic Needs Study**

Based on recent efforts by the United Way of Tyler/Smith County to survey community needs for such basic requirements as shelter, food, and clothing, the LWV-TSC Board of Directors recommends the suspension of the LWV study because the League's goals have been accomplished. They assert that League work in this area has had positive results in that it has resulted in the United Way of Tyler/Smith County taking on this assessment.

According to comments by Nan Moore, United Way President, "United Way has long known that assessing critical needs in the community is a vital part of ensuring funds are directed to areas where they can do the most good and have the most impact. In an effort to determine how human service needs are changing and growing in our area, the leadership of United Way is determined to secure comprehensive, broad-based assessment of health and human service needs in Smith County. Without an unbiased, zero-based study, we will surely miss important opportunities to support programs addressing our most critical and urgent unmet human needs."

Members at annual meeting will make the final decision by voting on the future outcome of this member study and whether it is to continue or to be suspended.

Members will come together on Saturday, May 21 to elect a Board of Directors for 2011-2012 (see below), to vote on whether to take on a study of local transportation and mobility issues, and to adopt an operating budget for fiscal year 2012. They also will vote whether to end the current study of basic needs.

**Slate Nominated for 2011-2012 Year**

**Officers:**

President—Kristi C. Roberts 2011-2013  
 Program Vice President—Dee Brock 2011-2012\*  
 Community Relations Vice President—Vacant 2011-2013  
 Voters Service Vice President—Vacant 2011-2013  
 Secretary—Andie Rathbone 2011-2013

**Directors:**

Lou Anne Smoot 2011-2012\*  
 Linda Hoak 2011-2013  
 Carol Reynolds 2011-2013  
 Shirley Hightower 2011-2013

\*filling an unfinished term

**Returning Officers:**

Organization VP—Linda Sharp  
 Treasurer—Scherel Carver

**Returning Director**

Amy Thrasher

**Submitted by 2010-11 Nominating Committee:**

Karen Wilkerson  
 Chair, Sue Barham,  
 Doris Stanley,  
 Andie Rathbone,  
 and Scherel Carver



Wilkerson

**Board Recommends Study of Mobility in Smith County**

About 15 percent of LWV-Tyler/Smith County members met in January to discuss possible issues for member study during the coming year. Facilitator Andie Rathbone defined Program as it is used in the League of Women Voters and explained the consensus process and the criteria for dropping or adopting a position.



The group noted that mobility is one part of the broader study of Meeting Basic Human Needs that is critical to other needs such as employment, education, and food.

Discussion revealed the following background facts:

- The City of Tyler transit system now provides city-wide bus routes on a schedule going until midnight.
- Special needs residents (elderly and disabled) have door-to-door service provided by the city's contractor.
- Current transportation services outside Tyler city limits are chiefly limited to elderly or disabled and are provided by the ETCOG's Area Agency on Aging.
- Construction of sidewalks falls under City of Tyler Planning & Zoning
- Developers may be responsible for some walkways
- Infrastructure outside the city falls under the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the federally-mandated transportation planning organization, made up of representatives of various municipalities and counties.
- The MPO deals with different transportation modes, such as public transit, freight, bicycle/pedestrian traffic.

Discussion led to a recommendation that we ask the LWV-TSC board to propose a study based on the question: **"Can we meet mobility needs of Smith County residents?"**

**Mobility Study: Scope**

The focus and scope would be developed later and might include the following:

- Study of federal requirements on MPOs
- City and county requirements of developers
- Impact fees on developers
- Potential funding and development for pedestrian mobility infrastructure (dedicated walking areas, sidewalks, subway crossing tunnels, footpaths)
- Feasibility of light rail for longer distances
- Study of mobility models in other cities and counties of similar size to Tyler/Smith County.
- Use of transit contractors

## Members to Adopt Year's Budget at Annual Meeting

INCOME-TSC		
	Grant-Program #1	1000.00
	Grant-Program #2	200.00
	Grant-Commun Rel. A	1000.00
	Dues	2625.00
	Interest	50.00
	In-Kind CR	300.00
	Donations-General	3740.00
	<b>Total INCOME</b>	<b>8915.00</b>
EXPENSES-		
<b>Member</b>	National member dues	643.00
<b>Dues</b>	State member dues	484.00
	<b>Total Member Dues</b>	<b>1127.00</b>
	Annual mtg supps/speaker	200.00
	National Convention 2010	1300.00
	State Convention	0.00
	Workshops	400.00
	<b>Tot Meetings, Convs.</b>	<b>1900.00</b>
<b>Voters Service</b>	Debates, forum, voter regis	150.00
	Educational Publications	100.00
	<b>Total Voters Service</b>	<b>250.00</b>
	CR Grant Project A	1000.00
	Public relations	100.00
	Financial development	200.00
	In-Kind publicity	300.00
	Web site IPS fee	250.00
	<b>Tot Commun Relatns</b>	<b>1850.00</b>
<b>Program</b>	Action/Advocacy	100.00
	Great Decisions	75.00
	Observer Corps	100.00
	Library Servs SALT	100.00
	Program-General	100.00
	Program-Handouts	100.00
	Publications Purchased	100.00
	LWVUS Program Project #1	1000.00
	LWVUS Program Project #2	200.00
	<b>Total Program</b>	<b>1875.00</b>
<b>Organization</b>	Records preservation	50.00
	Print VOTER	600.00
	Mail VOTER	125.00
	Membership	200.00
	Mail to members	75.00
	<b>TOTAL Organization</b>	<b>1050.00</b>
	Bank fee	20.00
	Board tools	60.00
	Board training	100.00
	Chamber dues	125.00
	POBox, bulk permit	218.00
	Supplies, postage	100.00
	Telephone	240.00
	<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>863.00</b>
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>8915.00</b>
	To Reserves	00.00

INCOME-TEF			
Restricted:	Voters Service	Voter Service - YEOs	250.00
		State Voters Guide	300.00
		VS - Debates, forums	200.00
Restricted:	Commun.	Commun Rel. Proj B	500.00
	Relations	CR Special Project C	500.00
Restricted:	Program	Citizen Info Proj Prog #3	500.00
		Program [Publication] #4	500.00
		Program-Study/Project	1000.00
Sub-Tot.		Restricted - 3750.00	
		Donations-General	1377.00
		<b>Total TEF Income</b>	<b>5127.00</b>
EXPENSES			
Member Dues	National member dues	643.00	
	State member dues	484.00	
	<b>Total Member Dues</b>	<b>1127.00</b>	
Meetings, Conventions (Amended)	National Convention 2010	0.00	
	State convention	0.00	
	<b>Total Meetings</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Voters Service	Educational YEO	250.00	
	Debates, forums	200.00	
	State Voters Guides	300.00	
	Mail Ed. Publications	100.00	
	<b>Total Voters Service</b>	<b>850.00</b>	
Community Relations	Financial development	100.00	
	CR Special Project B	500.00	
	Special CR Project C	500.00	
	<b>Tot. Commun. Relatns</b>	<b>1100.00</b>	
Program	Citizen Info Program project #3	500.00	
	Program Project #4	500.00	
	Study or Campaign	1000.00	
	Publications purchased	50.00	
	<b>Total Program</b>	<b>2050.00</b>	
	<b>Total TEF Expenses</b>	<b>5127.00</b>	

### Recommended Budgets

**Dues:** Budgets proposed by the budget committee and board reflect no increase in dues amounts and are based on 49 members. Local dues of \$8.50, State dues of \$22, and National dues of \$29.50, total the dues fee of \$60.

### Special Projects:

- TSC special projects are based on potential pass-through grants from LWVUS.
- TEF projects depend upon local donations and are carried out only if those are attained.

The LWV-TSC budget is adopted at annual meeting May 21. Members do not vote on the LWV-TEF budget.

### Your Money or Your Mouth? LWV-TSC Needs Both

You've heard the crude cliché—put your money where your mouth is. To the League that means we need your voice, but we also need at least a bit of your money.

Please make a contribution today. How much? Well, since the League is 91 years old, how about a dollar per year -\$91; or the cost of a small decorated birthday cake - \$25; or the size of your respect for all the League stands for, tempered by all your budget can strand. In other words, it's up to you, but please help us continue to educate our members, inform the public, register voters, and advocate the issues on which we agree.

Please put your check in the mail today. And please continue to come to LWV-TSC meetings. If you do both, we can achieve our goals for a better community, state, and nation.

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



Community Relations News Dee Brock Community Relations VP

LWV-Texas Lobby Days: Information, Advocacy

Beginning with an award dinner honoring CPPP for its excellent research and communications about state finances, education, and human services, through an open house in the remodeled state office, an afternoon learning more about the Leagues priority issues, and a day of visiting with our elected legislators, the Lobby Days March 6-8 were a great success.

Advocacy VP Anita Privett and her committee planned and implemented the lobbying schedule. Linda Krefting, VP Public Relations, and Chris Davis Garcia, Director and Chair of the Convention Committee, handled the dinner. They all did an outstanding job, aided by Justine Quinn, newly appointed Executive Director of LWV-Texas.

**The Envelope Please** The award dinner, which attracted well over 100 guests, took place in the beautiful Alumni facility on the campus of UT Texas. LWV-Texas president Karen Nicholson emceed and introduced Scott McGowan, Executive Director of CPPP, who delivered a well-crafted talk about the work of CPPP and the needs the Texas Legislature must accommodate during this session.

**Open House** The newly remodeled state office, featuring new open spaces, new floors, new color scheme for walls and furnishings, looked smashing for the morning open house. Our own Pam Reeves designed the redo and, with the help of her husband, did much of the work in bringing the design to life. The members who attended were all proudly enthusiastic about the changes.

**Drawing the Line** The program during the afternoon was an even greater hit. Karen Nicholson, president of LWV-Texas, introduced the first speaker, her Senator Kel Seliger, Amarillo, who spoke briefly and answered few questions. With big maps to illustrate the current districts, he explained the redistricting process. He also praised Senator Wentworth's bill to establish a bipartisan commission to draw district lines.

Two questions stand out. To the question of whether redistricting would ever be nonpartisan, he replied that he thought not. As soon as the Senator left the room, one

of the Leaguers who did not get to ask his question came to the front and announced that despite the fact that Senator Seliger had voted in favor of the Wentworth bill before 2009, he voted against it in the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature, where the bill lost by one vote.



**The Other Issues** Anita Privett introduced four LWV-Texas issue chairs, who presented excellent updates on their issues in a panel moderated by Linda Pavlik:

- Linda Pavlik, open government
- Bonnie Leitch, financing state government
- Linda Hanratty, natural resources
- Elaine Talarski, administration of justice

Stewart Snyder, issues chair for Campaign Finance Reform, spoke briefly to his determination to energize the League to make this issue a priority in the future.

**Game On** The afternoon ended with an exciting and instructive game about balancing the budget, led by Amanda Fredriksen, AARP Advocacy. Leaguers played the roles of Senators and could vote yes or no to a page full of possibilities to balance the budget. Not every possibility was explored, but a full page of possibilities divided into four categories was included: eliminating exemptions and discounts, raising existing taxes, passing new taxes, and finding new sources of revenue. The "senators" found a way to *raise \$27 billion without cutting education or human services* or putting slot machines in existing gambling sites.

**To the Capitol** The next day began with a coffee hosted by the Capitol Corps and included lobbying tips from members of Representative Anchia, Dallas: Elizabeth Zorns, Damien Brockmann, and Timothy Dickey.

The full schedule was enough to make any member proud to be part of LWV-Texas. In two years, let's have a group of Tyler Leaguers at Lobby Days.

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



Redistricting the Issue of the Decade?

The League of Women Voters is one of some 25 organizations working toward reform in the redistricting process, with a coordinated public opinion outreach campaign and targeted lobbying. Right now, across the country, the 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.

Don't miss the ground-breaking documentary *Gerrymandering*—March 28 at Times Square.

The reestablishment of district lines can take away the voice of individual communities, reduce voter turnout, and lessen competition among candidates. Whether it's a community, race, or party issue, an issue it surely is.  
California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

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?

Don't miss the ground-breaking documentary film *Gerrymandering* that exposes the most effective form of manipulating elections short of outright fraud.

"Nothing will produce Bad History more directly nor brutally, than drawing a Line." —Thomas Pynchon - *Mason & Dixon*



**New Citizens Welcomed on February 15**

The League, along with the DAR and SAR, welcomed our country's newest citizens at February's naturalization ceremony. Kristi Roberts spoke to the morning session and Ed Santos gave an inspiring speech to the afternoon group. Santos, a naturalized citizen himself, told the crowd that he was "Philipino by birth, American by choice, and Texan by the grace of God."



LWV members were available after the ceremony to register the new voters. Some 75 applicants from more than 40 countries were inducted in each ceremony by U. S. Magistrate Judith Guthrie. 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 next ceremonies will be held in May, so contact Melissa at the number below if you want to be a part of it.

Contact Melissa Crowe at [meliss.crowe@gmail.com](mailto:meliss.crowe@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

**Candidates for County's Cities, School Boards Announce**

**ARP ISD**

- Pl. 1 Dr. Montza Williams
- Pl. 2 Heath Grammier

**BULLARD**

**Bullard City Council**

- Mayor Teresa Adams-Wilks
- Pam Frederick
- City Council** (two positions open)
- Jay Abercrombie
- Brent Ratekin

**Bullard ISD**

- Place 1 Tony Johnson
- Place 2 Brian Whatley
- Place 3 Richard Burrow

**CHAPEL HILL ISD**

- Place 4 Jeff Akin
- Place 5 Mike Nelson

**LINDALE**

**Lindale City Council**

- Place 1 Charles Daugherty
- Place 4 Robert Nelson
- Place 5 Charles Morphis

**Lindale ISD**

- Place 3 Joe Rodriguez, Jr.
- Kenneth Cline
- Place 4 Dr. Howard Beggs
- Kelly Cox

**NOONDAY**

- Mayor Bobby Smith
- Aldermen**
- Mary Tompkins
- Susan Robertson

**TROUP**

**Troup City Council**

- Place 1 Jeff Hale
- Place 3 Tim Young
- Place 4 Chip Richardson

**Troup ISD**

- Place 1 Andy Griffin
- Place 2 Melissa Young
- Place 3 Kevin Ivy

**TYLER**

**Tyler City Council**

- District 1 Sam Mezayek
- District 3 Ralph Caraway
- District 5 Mark Whatley

**Tyler ISD**

- District 2 Orenthia Mason
- District 4 Shirley Jordan

**WHITEHOUSE**

**Whitehouse City**

Election Deferred

**Whitehouse ISD**

- Place 1 Patrick D. Moran
- Place 2 Howard Patterson
- Clayton Vickers
- Place 3 Ricky Channel
- Darrell Crymes

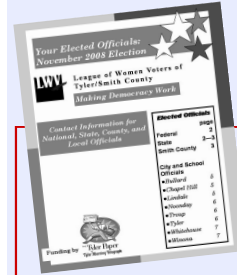
**WINONA**

**Winona City Council (At Large)**

- Tommy Brock
- Ronnie Higgins
- Earl Brown

**Winona ISD**

- Place 3 and Place 4

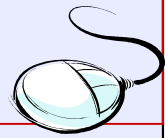


**Your Elected Officials: May 2011 Election Ready Soon**

A new edition of *Your Elected Officials*, including officials elected in May 2011 local elections will be available mid-May. Thanks to the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* for their support in printing this latest edition. The 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.

If you know of a group that could use this brochure, contact a member of the LWV-Tyler/Smith County board.

After May 15 you can download a copy at [lwvtyler.org](http://lwvtyler.org)

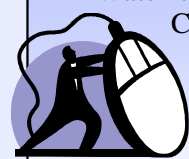


**Calendar for May 14, 2011 Local Elections**

- 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



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## 2011 LWV-TSC Calendar of Upcoming Events

*Please Join Us!*

March 24 11:30 am, Rose Garden Center  
**Women in Tyler Luncheon**

Wednesdays through April 6, 12 noon  
**Great Decisions Foreign Policy Series**  
Tyler Public Library, 201 South College

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm  
**Gerrymandering: A Documentary  
Movie and Discussion**

Times Square Cinema, 5201 South Broadway

Tuesday April 5, 6 pm—LWV Board of Directors

Monday April 18, 7 pm

**Pro/Con Forum on Jail Bond Election &  
Meet Your Local Candidates**

Plyer Instructional Complex, 807 W. Glenwood

April 14 Last Day to Register to Vote

May 2—10 Early Voting /May 14—Local Elections

Tuesday May 3, 6 pm—LWV Board of Directors

May TBA, 11am & 2 pm

**US Naturalization Ceremonies**

Federal Building, 211 West Ferguson

Saturday May 21, 10 am, Potpourri House

**LWV-Tyler Smith Co. Annual Meeting**

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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