



# The Tyler / Smith County VOTER

Summer 2010

## 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.

## Women's Equality Day Event Planned

**Thursday, August 26**  
**Time 5:30 pm**  
**Gallery Main Street**  
**110 West Erwin, Tyler**

It's time to catch the

spirit and honor the history of the women who made the Nineteenth Amendment and, thus, woman suffrage a reality in this country.

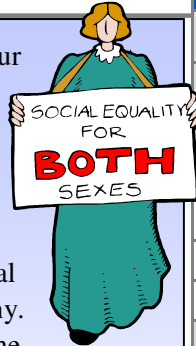
LWV-Tyler/Smith County will host a celebratory reception on August 26— Women's Equality Day—the anniversary of that long and arduous decades-long struggle.



Watch your email for the full details of time, place, and opportunities to make this day special and noteworthy. Think about the

friends you would like to help you mark this occasion.

Let's make Women's Equality Day a time to remember in 2010 and every year.



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## Election Season Kicks Off with Focus on High School, College Students

Two election-related activities are planned this fall to encourage younger voters to be involved.

A contest challenges Tyler high school students to have an impact. Melissa Crowe and Shirley Hightower will contact TISD faculty to present the opportunity for student-produced public service announcements on the importance of voting.

Winning videos will run on channel 2 and be distributed to local TV stations.

The students gain recognition and add a plus to their college applications by participating, and the League—as sponsor—gains positive publicity.



We all win if we inspire more young people (and perhaps their relatives) to vote.

At the college level, the League of Women Voters continues to offer voter registration and information by participating in Student Activities Day on the TJC campus. Planned this year for August 25, this is a great time to offer a valuable service and promote both the League and our message about the importance of voting. This lasts only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**To participate, contact Amy Thrasher, 903-780-0382 or by email at [akthrasher@hotmail.com](mailto:akthrasher@hotmail.com)**

**For other election-related information, see page 6.**

## Volunteers Needed

### TJC Activities Day Aug. 25 & Naturalization TBA

The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming General Election is Friday, **October 8.**

**To volunteer** contact Amy Thrasher for TJC and Melissa Crowe for Naturalization.

If you know of a location interested in hosting a voter registration, call Shirley Hightower at **903 561-7450.**

**President's Podium: Board Sets Goals for 2010-11** Kristi C. Roberts, President



The board of LWV-TSC met on June 2 to agree on the organization's goals for the 2010-2011 year, as recommended by the four vice presidents. Below are the goals the board agreed to support:

**Voters Service**

- Stage candidate forums as soon after candidate filing are completed in order to expand attendance by the general public and League members.
- Maintain presence to register voters at the TJC Student Activities Day.
- Continue to register new citizens at each naturalization ceremony.
- **New Effort** – Contact TISD administration regarding the registration of students through government/social studies classes on both high school campuses.
- **New Effort** – Establish a relationship with UT-Tyler in order to register student to vote.

**Community Relations**

- Improve visibility of LWV-TSC by 10%.
- Increase the amount of financial contributions from Smith County to LWV-TSC and the LWV Educational Fund by 10%.

**Organization**

- Start a phone network so that all members will be contacted via email and phone to keep them better informed of what the League is doing.
- Increase membership year-over-year.
- Increase membership participation in League events.
- Improve the diversity in our League.

**Program or Public Policy**

- Hold a forum on the new Healthcare Reform legislation in conjunction with the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) to explain the facts of the new bill.

- Continue work on the Meeting Basic Human Needs study.
- Participate in a study on water supply and marketing as adopted by delegates to the LWV-Texas Convention in April.



**Goal: Get more members involved in the League's activities.**  
President Kristi C. Roberts

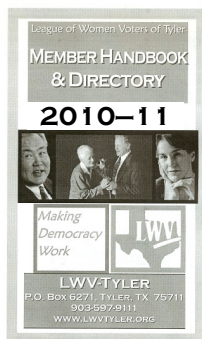
**President**

- Get more members involved in the League's activities.



**Organization News—Linda R. Sharp, Organization VP**

**2010-2011 Member Handbooks Available in late August See you on Women's Equality Day**



**Add These New Members to Your Member Handbook & Directory**

**Jan Bussell** (0511)  
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**Member Dues Reminder**

The following members are due in June, July, & August

<b>July</b>	John M. Sims
Ed & Shirley Hightower	Francene Van Os
Brenda McWilliams	<b>Overdue</b>
Lou Anne Smoot	Maggie Haas
Margie Victor	Sunshine Knowles
<b>August</b>	Diane Karlsson
Kristi & Bruce Roberts	Fran King

**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.

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

**New to the Board for 2010-2011**

**Amy Thrasher** has been involved with the League for quite some time. During college in Austin she worked for both the LWVUS and LWV-Texas headquarters. She served on our board previously and will serve as Director for the 2010-11 term. Her main interests are with policy issues and voter service. She has been appointed a member of the LWV-Texas study committee to prepare background information on Water Marketing.



**Melissa Crowe** is on the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* as a staff writer. Before this she served as an intern at the *Dallas Morning News* and was a senior staff writer at the *North Texas Daily*. Melissa will serve as Director for the 2010-11 term. While her main interest is environmental issues, she is coordinating the student contest to create a Get-Out-the-Vote video.

Photo: Jaime Carrero

**Gail Rutledge** is a Director and was a teacher for 32 years and has retired but still teaches half-time at John Tyler and Robert E. Lee high schools. She joined the League because she believes that women need to take an active part in the political process. Gail plays bridge, is active as a grandmother to two granddaughters, is an avid reader, is active in politics, and exercises regularly. She will serve on our board as Membership chair for the 2010-11 term.

**Linda R. Sharp** has been a career home-maker. She joined the LWV in order to become more involved politically in an unbiased way in her community. She is a certified Smith County Master Gardener, is an avid reader, and likes to machine piece and quilt. She and her husband love to travel. She had agreed to serve a 2 year term as Organization Vice-President.



**LWV-TSC Board of Directors 2010-11**

Contact information for the 2010-2011 LWV-Tyler/Smith County Board of Directors and nominating committee is listed below. Please communicate with your board by phone or email to give your ideas or concerns, or to volunteer for a League project.

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**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.

**Meet Two New LWV Members**



**Samantha Winn** joined the League because she believes that she has a duty as a citizen to be an informed and active voter. She respects the non-partisanship of LWV and is impressed with the caliber of programs the League sponsors in Smith County. Chiefly interested in registering and informing younger voters, she also hopes to

be involved with programs like the Great Decisions lecture series. She also is interested in joining the League's library advocacy team. Other interests include literacy drives and preservation work. Winn is a full-time student at UT Tyler, pursuing a B.A. in History with a minor in Political Science and hopes for a career in public archival work. Samantha recently left the Tyler Public Library to expand her position in the Robert Muntz Library Archives. Winn is a member of the American Historical Association, the East Texas Historical Association, and AAUW. She recently was involved in community theatre productions and enjoys music. She and her husband work with low-income families and battered women through their church.

**Jan Bussell** joined the League because she is new to the Tyler area and wanted to get involved in her community. After Bussell attended a naturalization ceremony, she was hooked, but she would like to

work in any League area needed. Jan holds a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science and has a background working in the area of substance abuse and currently is struggling to find work here in her field. She is experienced in all aspects of business ownership, having owned a medical equipment manufacturer's representative business for 14 years with her husband. She hopes that her skill set might be the perfect answer to an employer's need. Jan is an avid (though admitted high handicap) golfer.



## Solving the Health Care Reform Puzzle

## Members Adopt Phase 3 of Study of Basic Needs, Retain Other Program Positions

First week of September  
Date & Place TBA  
6:30—9:00 pm

Don't let the new healthcare reform be a puzzle to you. Join us as we clarify the issues, understand the outcomes, and put the pieces together.



Tyler area residents will have a chance to hear straightforward facts on the **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act** at a public forum the first week in September. **Watch the next issue for details.**



Pam Reeves  
Program VP

Throughout the country, people are asking questions about how the new law will be implemented and in what order. Like the Social Security Act of 1935 and the Medicare Act of 1965, the new law is imperfect and will require revisions and updates. But it has codified into law

**PPAC...has codified into law two profound new principles for America's health care system.**

two profound new principles for America's health care system:

- All citizens who contribute a reasonable share of their income to health care should be guaranteed access to a good standard of care and should be protected from financial catastrophe or loss of health care if their income or health status changes.
- Our private health insurance marketplace must be open to and fairly priced for all, and must compete on the basis of efficiency, quality, outcomes, and customer service, instead of relying on avoiding risk for its profitability.

Already, misinformation about the new law is circulating in the media, so it is important for the public to have an opportunity to hear a straightforward presentation on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Health care is both a public policy issue and a personal issue, and it means different things to each community and individual. The impact on consumers will vary, depending on age and health status. The size and economics of our community also plays a role in how changes in health care develop under the new law.

**Presented by:**  
**League of Women Voters of Tyler/Smith County**  
**AAUW-Tyler**  
**Center for Public Policy Priorities**  
**There is no cost to attend, but please reserve a place by Sept. 1 by calling (903) 530-7086 or emailing soonersue@sbcglobal.net**



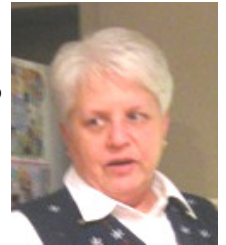
Sue Barham  
AAUW  
Program VP

Members at the May 15 annual meeting adopted Phase 3 of the study of Meeting Basic Human Needs.



**Phase 3** Members of the MBHN study group have outlined a more expansive study, one primarily based on random in-depth surveys conducted in the broader community, combined with input from key service providers and examination of concurrent data they have compiled. The inclusion of some focus-group information from known underserved or isolated populations is also under consideration.

**Background** To date, some 70 partner agencies and service providers have been identified by the MBHN committee as potential co-participants and data sources for the study. The MBHN team also hopes to involve professional research staff from area universities and colleges to assist in the design, compilation, and analysis of the study data in order to provide a quality instrument that will serve to guide future development of services to meet needs of underserved residents in the region.



Karen Wilkerson, MBHN Study Chair

Current members of the MBHN study committee are **Karen Wilkerson Chair, Risa Hildaton, Mary Claire Rowe, Vecky Elliott, Toni Ferrell, Sue Barham, Jan Bussell, and Andie Rathbone.**

*Others wanting to assist in this study should contact Karen Wilkerson at [dkwilkerson@hotmail.com](mailto:dkwilkerson@hotmail.com)*

## Members Retain Other Local Policy Positions

Members at annual meeting also voted to retain all current local LWV-TSC positions on **Library Services, Single-Member Districts, and Human Resources** without change.

## Interested in Libraries?



Ready to join other League members in organizing a campaign to call for more support for public libraries.? If you are interested in this advocacy project, you can make a real difference.

You will get special training in successful advocacy strategies and methods.

To help, contact **Dee Brock** at 903-565-6655 or [deebrook@faqspress.com](mailto:deebrook@faqspress.com)

## Delegate Action at the 2010 LWVUS Convention

### Delegates Adopt Nationwide Study of the Federal Role in Education

Delegates adopted a study, recommended by the LWVUS Board, of the **Federal Role in Public Education**. The study would focus on the role of the federal government in education policymaking, with possible consideration of funding, common standards, and/or governance relationships among all levels of the government. The scope will be dependent on available resources, including committee and LWVUS staff time.



### Delegates Rally for Study of Privatization in Federal Government

Although not recommended by the LWVUS Board, delegates adopted by a healthy margin of 308 to 274 a nationwide study of privatization in the public sector, specifically in the Federal government. The study would focus on **Privatization**: the current policy agenda to transfer government functions, services, and assets to the private sector.

### Convention Votes in a Concurrence on Marriage Equality

Delegates approved amending the League's position on Equality of Opportunity to include **Marriage Equality**.

If members concur, the new wording will read: The League of Women Voters of the United States supports equal rights for all under state and federal law. LWVUS supports legislation to equalize the legal rights, obligations, and benefits available to same-gender couples with those available to heterosexual couples. LWVUS supports legislation to permit same-gender couples to marry under civil law. The League believes that the civil status of marriage is already clearly distinguished from the religious institution of marriage and that religious rights will be preserved.

Members will discuss and concur based on positions of LWV-Maine and LWV-Maryland.



### Members Asked to Concur on National Popular Vote Compact: Method for Electing the President

A motion by LWV-Arizona called for delegates to adopt a study and concurrence to make the national Popular Vote Compact part of the LWV position on selection of the president. Wording would then read:

**"We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact** as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished."

### Members to Concur on New Wording in Arms Control Position

At the recommendation of the LWVUS Board, delegates agreed upon a study and concurrence to change and update the League's position on Arms Control.

Summarized, those changes would call for a ban on explosive testing of nuclear weapons, leadership by the U.S. in advancing arms control by negotiation and periodic review, and limitations on the transfer or trade of all weapons. It also recognizes the role of multilateral and international institutions in verification efforts. It would add non-nuclear weapons of mass destruction to the list of arms to be limited.

### Recommended wording on two other areas of the League's Arms Control position:

"The League opposes the proliferation of weapons, nuclear technology and fissile materials to non-state actors or to commonly held areas such as the seabed or outer space. The League supports establishing effective international monitoring, accounting and control of such transfers."

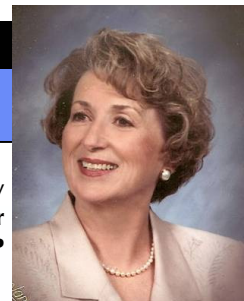
"Efforts to improve the arms control regime of international laws, oversight bodies and verification modalities are also supported, and U.S. engagement and leadership in this regard is encouraged. The League supports diligence by the United States in meeting the terms of ratified arms control agreements and in reviewing their effectiveness over time."

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Shirley Hightower  
Organization VP

### Naturalization Ceremony Set for August



Come welcome our country's newest citizens at August's naturalization ceremony. It is an opportunity to show citizens'

most important responsibility: voting.

We need a volunteer to give a ten minute talk on the importance of voting and at least three volunteers to register new voters, answer questions, and welcome new Americans.

For those

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.

In the past, the League registered more than 60 people in one afternoon. Let's top that.

This is one of the most inspirational events in which we participate and we urge every member to attend at least once. Assist with registration of new voters and distribution of voter information. Please say "yes" if called on to help.



Please notify **Melissa Crowe** if you can participate.  
Call 940-867-7021  
or email to  
[meliss.crowe@gmail.com](mailto:meliss.crowe@gmail.com)

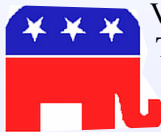
### Candidate Forum for General Election Set Oct. 4

A forum for candidates in all contested races in the November general election is set for Monday, October 4, 7 p.m. in the Plyler Educational Center, 807 West Glenwood.

Monday, Oct. 4, 7 pm  
Candidate Forum  
Plyler Instructional Complex  
807 West Glenwood



Included in the invitation to participate are statewide candidates for the State Supreme Court, Place 9, Rose Vela and Tyler's Blake Bailey. The Republican candidate for State Board of Education District 8, Barbara Cargill, is unopposed in the November election.



For the first time in several years, a number of Libertarian candidates have been invited. Republican Louis Gohmert, incumbent in U.S. Representative District 1, faces challengers Libertarian Charles Parkes III and Independent Trent Gale. District 3 State Senator Robert Nichols is opposed by Libertarian David Scott. And District 6 State Representative Leo Berman faces Libertarian Jon Fitts. Contesting for State Representative, District 7 are Ric Brandt (L) and David Simpson (R).



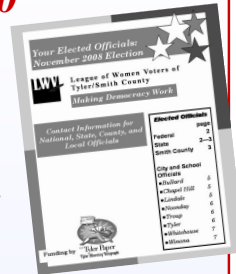
Only a few Smith County offices are contested races.

### Calendar for November 2, 2010 Primary Election

- Sep. 3—First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail
- Oct. 8—Last Day to Register to Vote
- Oct. 18—29—Early Voting
- Oct. 26—Last Day Application for Ballot by Mail May Be Received.
- Nov. 2—Election Day



### Your Elected Officials: May 2010 Ready in August



The latest up-to-date edition of *Your Elected Officials*, including officials elected in the May 8, 2010 election, will be available soon. This newest edition 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 will be able to download a copy at [lwvtyler.org](http://lwvtyler.org)

### Statewide Voters Guide Ready in Early October

The LWV-Texas Education Fund *Voters Guide* to all statewide races in the November 2 General Election should be available in early October, well before early voting begins. Members will get more information in September.

# Community Relations News Dee Brock Community Relations VP



Dee Brock

## East Texas Book Fest

**Saturday  
September 25  
10am-4pm  
UT Ornelas Center**

Mark your calendars for the second East Texas Book Fest—Saturday, September 25, at the Ornelas Activity Center at UT Tyler.

This fabulous celebration of reading, authors, and libraries features an outstanding list of Texas authors. Here are a few highlights:

- **Joe Lansdale**, the writer who put East Texas *mojo* into our vocabulary
- **Brian Floca**, illustrator and author of award-winning books for youngsters
- **Andrea White**, award-winning author of books for young adults (and wife of gubernatorial candidate Bill White)
- **Paul Ruffin**, Texas poet laureate in 2009
- **Bob Ray Sanders**, well-known star in KERA radio and television, author, and currently Vice President of the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*
- **Marian L. Martinello**, whose search for the Chili Queen, along with other historical research, will grab your imagination

In addition, there are more speakers and over 50 other authors who want to talk to you and autograph their work for you, too. You will not want to miss this exciting celebration. Come spend the day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. talking to well-known authors and fresh new voices. The event is free to the public.

SALT—Smith County Area Libraries Together—and the Muntz Library at UT Tyler are the organizers. Major funding comes from Humanities Texas, as well as other organizations and individuals.

Read more about the 60 authors and speakers in the next issue of the *VOTER*.



## Board Sets Calendar of Events to Be Active in Community

### August

**Naturalization Ceremony—Date TBA**  
**Voter Registration TJC—Aug. 25, 10-2**  
**Women's Equality Day—Aug. 26, 7pm**

### September

**Solving the Health Care Reform Puzzle—September Date & Place TBA**

### October

**General Election Candidate Forum**  
**October 4, 7pm—Plyler Center**

### November

**Meeting Basic Needs—Nov. 15, 7 pm**  
**Naturalization—TBA**

### December

**Holiday Party—December 13, 7pm**  
**Home of Kristi & Bruce Roberts**

### January

**Keep the Grass Roots Green: LWV Public Policy Issues—January 17, 7pm**

### February

**Marketing Texas Water Resources—Thursday, February 17, 7 pm**  
**Naturalization—Date TBA**

### April

**Candidate Forum Local Elections—April 4, 7 pm Plyler Center**

### May

**LWV-TSC Annual Meeting—May 13, 10am Place TBA**  
**Naturalization—Date TBA**

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

## State Convention Favors Look at Marketing of Texas Water Resources

At the recommendation of the LWV-Texas Board of Directors, delegates to the state convention in April approved a study to update the League position on Water. Members across the state will consider the marketing of water resources.

A state study committee, including LWV-TSC board member **Amy Thrasher**, will research background on this timely issue and provide members with a publication to help us resolve tough questions of how marketing relates to—among other issues—water quality, water rights, conservation, water management by governments and private concerns, subsidence, economic development, and national security.

**Interested? You should be.** Check out a series of articles in the *Texas Observer* this past month on the state's water supply and the impact of water marketing.

**Note:** A League-sponsored public meeting on water marketing is set for **February 17, 2011.**



## Go to [lwvtyler.org](http://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.





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[www.lwvtyler.org](http://www.lwvtyler.org)

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

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## 2010 LWV-TSC Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 10, 6:00 pm  
LWV Board of Directors

August TBA  
**U. S. Naturalization Ceremony**



August 25, 10 am—2 pm  
**Voter Registration on TJC Campus**

August 26, 5:30 pm—Gallery Main Street  
You will receive a postcard  
with more info.

**Women's Equality Day—  
Ask Someone to Join the League!**

Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 pm  
LWV Board of Directors

September, 6:30 pm—Date/Place TBA  
**Solving the Health Care  
Reform Puzzle**



## Coming This Fall:

Solving the Health Care  
Reform Puzzle

1st Week of  
September

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Holiday Party—Home of Kristi &  
Bruce Roberts

December 13

**SAVE THE DATES**

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