



The Tyler / Smith County VOTER

March-April 2009

Electing the President—The Popular Vote Compact **Hear Experts on the Electoral College vs. Direct Popular Vote**

Monday, March 23
6:30 pm
Tyler Public Library
201 South College
Roy Maynard
Dr. Courtney Cullison

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 Electoral College is not popular. Polls show that more than 70% favor direct election of the President.

On Monday March 23, area residents can hear experts UT Tyler's **Dr. Courtney Cullison** and political columnist **Roy Maynard** talk about an alternative called the **National Popular Vote (NPV)**.



These interstate compacts would achieve election of the President by popular vote *without* amending the Constitution to eliminate the Electoral College.

The NPV instead *uses* the mechanism of the Electoral College to ensure that the candidate who receives the most popular votes is elected President of the United States.

The League of Women Voters has opposed the Electoral College since 1970. Members nationwide are now considering whether to support the NPV compact.

This public meeting shares the background information members are using with area voters with an interest in election pro-

cedures and the concept of a "fair vote."

Under proposed legislation to enact the National Popular Vote Compact, all of a participating state's electoral votes would be awarded to the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bill would take effect only when enacted, in identical form, by those states possessing a majority of the electoral votes—that is, enough electoral votes to elect a President (270 of 538).

The NPV movement is progressing. Already four states with a total of 50 electoral

votes have approved the NPV compact. Bills to join the compact are currently pending in nineteen additional states, although bills to repeal the compact are pending in Maryland and New Jersey.

Member Consensus
Monday, April 6
12 noon
Genecov Room
315 North Broadway
For more information, see page 3.



Local Candidate Forum Set for April 20

A Candidate Forum for the May 9 local Tyler elections will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 20th in the Auditorium of the Tyler Public Library.

Candidates for City Council members from Districts 1, 3, and 5 will present their views on local issues and the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions from the floor.

Contested candidates for the TISD school board places 1, 5, and 7 will be on hand to discuss local school issues.

All candidates in contested elections are invited to participate in the candidate forum. The last day to file for office in the May election is Monday, March 9.

Forums are the best opportunity for voters to see, first-hand, how each candidate responds to the tough issues.

April 20 — 7:00 pm
Tyler Public Library
201 South College

April 9 is the last day to register to vote in this election. **Early voting runs April 27—May 5.**

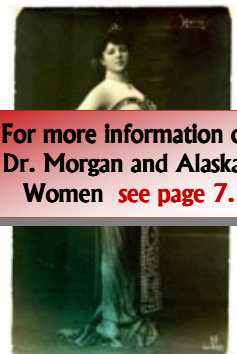
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Mark your calendars and be sure to attend this informative candidate meeting.



Journalist to Talk on Alaskan Women

Lael Morgan, Professor Emeritus at the University of Alaska, will give a special Women's History Month presentation on **Alaskan Women: Goodtime Girls of the Yukon and Native Alaskan Women** on Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm at Tyler Public Library.



For more information on Dr. Morgan and Alaskan Women see page 7.



Dear Leaguers,

Spring hasn't fully sprung yet as a season, but LWV-Tyler/Smith County is already pushing up a lot of green shoots. Those of you who attended the Keep the Grass Roots Green session will appreciate, as I do, the new ideas for new beginnings, new ways of working, new opportunities to learn and to grow that came from that meeting. Even if you were unable to attend, you are sure to be excited by how we address and implement some of those good ideas.

Here's an unexpected treat. Dr. Lael Morgan, Professor Emeritus at the University of Alaska, will join us on March 18 to talk fill us in about politics, economics, climate change, native peoples of Alaska, and just about any part of Alaska in which you are

interested. Dr. Morgan is also a professional photographer and will illustrate her remarks with extraordinary pictures. The meeting takes place at 6:30 pm, at the Tyler Public Library. (See page 7 for more information.)

Membership Chair Sunny Davidson and her committee are developing a series of efforts to bring in new members. You can help by calling Sunny and volunteering to be on her committee and, more importantly, by asking your friends and acquaintances to join the League. Pass the names and contact information along to John Sims, who sends out recruitment packets to prospects, with copy to Sunny.

There's still an oppor-

tunity for you to be a part of three important efforts this spring:

- Observer Corps
- Advocacy campaign for an independent, bipartisan Redistricting Commission,
- Freedom of Information audit (We just received a grant to participate in this new national project. See page 3 for more information.)

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These are all projects that will help make government work better in our area.

Just call or email me if you can help or wish to ask for more information. Also, don't forget if someone calls you to help, just say YES.

What would you like to tell or ask your state

League, your fellow local Leagues, your elected officials? Send your questions and suggestions to me as soon as you can. I will be leaving for Austin on March 6 to attend the LWV-Texas board meeting, which will be followed by the statewide meeting on the morning of March 9 and a day of meetings with our elected state legislators. At this point, it seems I am the only one representing Tyler/Smith County at these meetings, and I am eager to hear from you if you wish me to ask, suggest, and convey what you are thinking about and/or wishing for this spring.

Cheers! *Dee*

Special April Fool's Happy Hour

April 2 5-7 pm Home of Dee Brock



Recruiting UT Tyler Students to the League.

BE THERE

Memorial Donations Accepted for League Members

We have lost a number of valuable League members over the past year. To remember these old friends, a League Memorial Fund has been established for donations in memory of members who no longer are with us.

- Mary Burton
- Adeline Likes
- Flora Nauls
- Lucy Roush
- Carolyn Vaughn
- Florence Vaughn

Please make checks payable to LWV-Tyler/Smith County and indicate in whose memory you wish to contribute. You also may stipulate if you prefer the gift be for any special project.

In Memory – Mary Burton



Long time League member Mary Burton died on Sunday, February 15 at age 95. Mary worked for many years teaching English literature at Tyler Junior College and served the Tyler community for more than five decades in many humanitarian and civic roles.

Burton joined the League of Women Voters in the 1970s and again in the 1980s, serving on the LWV Board of Directors from 1992-1998. Her chief interests in the League were social policy, especially women's issues. She urged the LWB Board to pursue efforts in support of the League's position on Domestic Violence. A crusader against domestic violence, Burton

volunteered several years with the East Texas Crisis Center.

She also served on the board of the Tyler Civic Theatre from 1991-2007. During her years at TCTC, Mary played many roles on-stage and worked in a variety of capacities backstage.

Burton was honored in 2003 as one of the outstanding women of Tyler, a selection based on her dedication to education, reconciliation, peace, and humanitarian efforts and in 2007 was one of seven women honored by the AAUW as a "Woman Promoting Peace through Education."

Besides her activities in community service, Mary also continued to enjoy reading and was an active member in the Tyler Public Library's Club Read book discussion group until 2008.

Mary will be missed by all who knew her.

Dee Brock to Be Honored by Women in Tyler Organization

LWV-Tyler/Smith County will have a table at the annual Women in Tyler luncheon celebrating eight Tyler "Women Who Are Driven," including our president Dee Brock.

Long ago League members recognized that Dee Brock is indeed driven—to be the best, to make Tyler a better place, to make the League grow and prosper.

The **March 19** appreciation luncheon at the **Rose Garden Center**. To reserve your place, send check for \$25 payable to

Thursday, March 19

11:30 am

Buffet \$25 per person

Women in Tyler immediately.

You can reserve a ticket by calling 903-561-9355 or email sship@tyler.net



Or mail payment to:
Women in Tyler, PO Box 1432, Tyler TX 75710

Tyler League Undertakes Audit of Government Transparency, LWVEF Hosts Sunshine Forum March 20

LWV-Tyler/Smith County is one of ten local leagues nationwide to receive a limited grant to perform a Freedom of Information (FOI) audit this spring. The LWV Education Fund, with support from The Herb Block Foundation, will provide a resource kit and training for Leagues and other citizen groups undertaking this important check to see how freely our local entities provide information when requested to do so.

Leagues across the country must complete and report their findings by June 4, 2009. A compilation and analysis of the reports will be announced by LWVUS on July 4 in commemoration of the anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act on July 4, 2009.

UT Tyler journalism students, under the direction of their teacher Vanessa Curry, regularly audit a list of East Texas entities every two years. Curry and her students will partner with LWV-Tyler/Smith County on this project.

If you have an interest in Freedom of Information and want to be involved in this audit of government transparency, please contact Dee Brock at 903-565-6655 or deebrook@faqspress.com.

Sunshine Forum Set for March 20

On Friday, March 20 from 1 - 2:30 PM (ET), LWVEF will co-host the 4th Annual Sunshine Week National Dialogue. Entitled "Opening Doors: Finding the Keys to Open Government", the event will be held at the Center for American Progress in Washington DC and available via webcast. It will feature panels of experts from inside and outside government who will discuss federal openness policies and opportunities for people to use government information to make a difference in their communities. Leagues are encouraged to host "viewing parties" in their local communities. Audience members will have opportunities to ask questions of the panelists.

Member Concurrence on Selection of the President Planned for April 6

League members will come together Monday April 6 to discuss and reach agreement on whether we support the concept of a National Popular Vote Compact for election of the US President.

Monday, April 6
12 noon
Genecov Room
315 North Broadway

Lunch provided for \$2
RSVP to Kristi
kribru@aol.com
Or 903-245-1820

Delegates to the LWVUS Convention adopted this new study and member consensus on the method for selection of the US President. Members will receive background information on the history of the electoral college, efforts against this form of selection, and the current movement in support of a hybrid process called the Popular Vote Compact. Member will come to agreement based on a series of consensus questions.

Since 1970 the LWVUS has supported abolition of the Electoral College in favor of a direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice-President, seeing that as essential to representative government.

At a public meeting March 23 a panel will discuss the pros and cons of the National Popular Vote Compact. A background paper, "Selecting the President," pros and cons on the issue, and consensus questions for the member discussion will be available at the March 23 public forum.

They also will be emailed to members, or you can go to **the.lwvtyler.org** website now and download PDF versions.



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.



Pros & Cons: Electoral College vs. the National Popular Vote Compact

What have Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Bob Dole, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the AFL-CIO all, in their time, agreed on? **Answer: Abolishing the electoral college!**

They're not alone; a 2000 Gallup poll taken shortly after Al Gore—thanks to the quirks of the electoral college—won the popular vote but lost the presidency, over 60 percent of voters would prefer a direct election. And yet, the electoral college still has its defenders, albeit tenuous ones. Even the best-laid defenses of the old system fall apart under close scrutiny. The electoral college has to go.

The NPV Compact proposal is predicated upon the portion of the United States Constitution that states: "Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors..." (Article II, Section 1, Clause 2)

To read more pros on cons on the National Popular Voter interstate compact, go to www.lwvtyler.org/index.php?pr=Pros_Cons-National_Popular_Vote_Compact

Thanks to Our Donors

Thanks to the eight members and 3 non-member below who responded to the recent appeal for funds to support the League's work. If you have not yet responded, your help would be valued.

- Sue Barham *
 - Barbara Bass *
 - Brookshire Grocery Co.
 - Gerri Cohen *
 - Roy Stanley *
 - Katheryn Hetherly *
 - Shirley & Ed Hightower *
 - Reatha Resnik Kennedy *
 - Maurine Muntz
 - Regina Roosth (inkind)
 - Karen Wilkerson *
- * LWV Member

Great Decisions 2009—Scheduled Speakers

The 2009 Great Decisions foreign policy series runs through April 8 each Wednesday noon. Briefing books are available at the Tyler library check-out desk..



March 4 Running Out: The Global Food Crisis

Robert Bush, Executive Director, East Texas Food Bank

In Egypt, army units are baking bread for the poor. In Mexico, office workers are cutting back on tortillas. Even in New York City, gourmet shops are no longer stocking certain items. What's behind the global food crisis?

March 11 – No Discussion

March 18 Human Rights: 'Never Again,' Again and Again

Panel of Members of the Tyler Model UN Club



Libya. Zimbabwe. North Korea. These countries aren't just human rights violators; some of them have had seats on the UN Human Rights Council. How can the U.S., itself accused of violations in the past, help move the issue forward worldwide?

March 25 — Off the Grid: Energy & the U.S. Economy



Nelson

Dr. James Nelson, Dean of College of Engineering and Computer Science and Dr.



Lassen

Gregg Lassen, VP of Business Affairs, UT Tyler

Drill baby drill. Are there any realistic alternative energy scenarios on the horizon? While domestic production is one solution, much more will be needed to break America's dependence on oil.

Wednesdays—12 noon
Tyler Public Library
201 South College

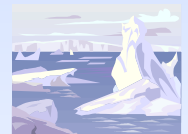
April 1 Egypt Rising: From Pharaohs to Facebook



Mohamed Elibiary, Freedom & Justice Foundation, Dallas

It has been said that Egypt is not a country, it's a civilization. Rooted deeply in tradition, Egypt today is in a state of transition. As the government seeks to reform and maintain control and the economy grows steadily, what does the future hold?

April 8 Race for the Arctic Speaker: TBA



As Arctic ice melts, the opening of the North West Passage could be the definitive event of our time. Is the U.S. poised to take advantage of this new trade route and its vast resources, or is Russia edging it out? What are the ramifications of the great melt? What impact will this race for the Arctic have on an environment already in serious flux?

You can go to lwvtyler.org for a link to the online Opinion Ballots.



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

Sessions begin at 12 noon and end with a Question & Answer period from 1—1:30 pm.
Bring a lunch. Coffee and cookies provided.

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What's New?

Donate!
Pay Dues!
Join the League!

You now can donate to LWV-TSC or pay your annual dues by credit card or PayPal. Go on-line to lwvtyler.org to the page Join the League or To Support the League. You should add \$4 to your dues amount if you use PayPal or credit card.

The Observer Corps Reinstated!

We are excited to announce that the Tyler/Smith County Observer Corps has been reinstated! We currently have 10 members trained in the Observer Corps. Participants will be attend government meetings, observe, and update us on various city boards and committee meetings. If you are interested in volunteering or participating in this wonderful group, please email **Coordinator Vecky Elliott** at veki99@hotmail.com



About Observer Corps

One of the most valuable services a local League can offer its members and the community is to observe county and municipal councils, boards, and committees. For many years the LWV of Tyler had a very active Observer Corps. At our annual meetings members have continued to express an interest in organizing one again.

Participation in the Observer Corps is an excellent way for members to learn about local issues and share this information with League members through newsletter articles and League meetings. Observers' reports are factual and non-judgmental, presenting various sides of an issue, and are intended to help members to be well-informed before making any decisions concerning possible League or individual action.

President Dee Brock has sent letters of introduction of the League Observers to those governmental bodies the League will observe, explaining that the League, a non-partisan, citizen education organization that encourages informed participation of citizens, will have representatives attending their meetings only to observe and take notes.

Among the government bodies that are of greatest interest and that will be monitored are:

- Smith County Commissioners' Court—Vecky Elliott
- Tyler City Council—Lou Anne Smoot & Toni Ferrell
- Trustees of Tyler Independent School District—Karen Wilkerson
- Trustees of Tyler Junior College—Gail Rutledge
- Tyler Public Library Advisory Board—Katheryn Hetherly
- City of Tyler Planning & Zoning Board—Mary Claire & Gilbert Rowe
- Lindale City Council—Doris Stanley
- Back-Up Observer—Sunny Davidson

Based on expanding member interest and participation, other entities may be added.

Representing Tyler/Smith County League as a member of the Observer Corps involves a commitment to regular attendance at committee meetings, careful note-taking, and completing a report form. In some cases, there is more than one Observer who shares regular coverage.

To be a part of the Observer Corps, please email veki99@hotmail.com

Redistricting Campaign Team Gears Up for Grassroots Action

Nine members of the Tyler/Smith County League have signed on as active advocates for an independent, bipartisan Redistricting Commission. They join the efforts of all local Leagues of Women Voters across the state as we work to change the way Texas draws new district lines after the next census.

The team will be trying to persuade local leaders, friends, and families to support an independent, bipartisan redistricting commission and to get these people to make their commitments in writing. You may see them at various gathering persuading people to sign on. Later, the team will make sure our elected officials are aware of this grass roots approval for a new and better way to redraw districts in Texas.

The team includes **Maureen Christopherson, Maggie Haas, Andie Rathbone, Lou Anne Smoot, Elizabeth Spain** (a non-member volunteer) **Pam Reeves, Margie Victor, Elaine Wells**, as well as **Dee Brock**. The group attended a training/planning meeting on January 20 and began work at once.

Tyler/Smith County is a large area, and this team welcomes more members to join our campaign. If every League member just spent time talking to their family members and

friends and secured their commitments, we could make a really strong case to our elected members to the Texas Legislature that their constituents want to see this change happen in this session. We have a number of helpful documents for those who agree to join us—talking points, sample letters for you and templates for you to give to those you talk to in order to make their writing letters easier, background information, and more.

Can you spare the time to make government in Texas serve voters more fairly and elected officials more accountable ?

In the Great Depression, the question of the day was can you spare a dime. Now, it is

can you spare the time to make government in Texas serve voters more fairly and elected officials more accountable.

If you can help, just call or email Dee Brock at deebrook@faq:press.org or 903-565-6655 to receive the advocacy kit for an Independent, Bipartisan Redistricting Commission.

Go to lwvtyler.org

for detailed background information on the issue of Redistricting or to sign a petition-type letter to your legislator via a form on the site.



The 81st Texas Legislature

Statewide Meeting Set for March 9 in Austin

If you would like to be a delegate to the statewide meeting set for March 9 in Austin, please contact LWV-TSC President Dee Brock.

Delegates will vote on proposed changes in two LWV-Texas positions: Selection of Judges and Child Abuse and Neglect. Under LWV-Texas bylaws, Program changes deemed an "emergency" can be addressed in odd years when a convention is not scheduled. At least sixteen Leagues must be represented to make a quorum.

The meeting is held in conjunction with **LWV Lobby Day**, when we visit our legislators to lobby on the LWV-Texas priority issues.

LWV-Texas Recommended Position on Selection of Judges

The League supports the selection of judges in the following manner:

Appointment by a diverse, representative commission that behaves in a nonpartisan manner, with appointment for a specific term; or appointment by the governor; or by nonpartisan election.

The judges are subject to retention or rejection in an unlimited number of periodic nonpartisan elections.

This should apply to the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Courts of Appeal, and state District Courts judges.

Members will lobby state legislators on these issues on LWV Lobby Day March 9.



Bill on Non-Partisan Selection of Judges Filed

Sen. Robert Duncan has filed a bill (SB 782) calling for non-partisan appointment/retention of Texas appellate court judges.

The same day, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, in his "State of the Judiciary" address to the legislature, recommended a selection by a non-partisan commission. Although the bill does not include selection by a commission as the League's position calls for, the League can support Duncan's bill.

As the bill progresses through the legislative process, there will be opportunities to present our preference for a commission. (See wording at left.)

Follow the Legislature with LWV-Texas Legislative Newsletter

To keep up with the latest work of the legislature—issues that the League both supports and opposes—subscribe to the LWV-Texas legislative news. An electronic subscription is **free** to members.

To subscribe, send your email address to

lwwtexas@lwwtexas.org

Print copy available for \$20 to members, \$50 to non-members.



League to Partner with PATH on Basic Needs Assessment

PATH (People Attempting to Help) joins the United Way and 16 other United Way agencies as partners in LWV-Tyler/Smith County's study of Meeting Basic Human Needs (MBHN). Study Coordinator Pam Reeves met with PATH Executive Director Christina Fulsom about collaboration on an assessment planned for April 2009. Fulsom is experienced at community needs assessment, both in Tyler and previously for Head Start in Charlotteville, North Carolina, a plan that was used as a model for other agencies' studies. Her study instrument is tailored to Tyler clients and her expertise will allow us to proceed without having to hire a consultant for study design.



PATH's April survey of clients is an ideal opportunity for League participation to learn firsthand about needs in Tyler from the viewpoint of various underserved populations. Fulsom has offered to meet with interested League members to prepare them to be part of the League's study. Watch for the date by postcard and on the website.

This strategic partnership allows for data from a broad range of sources, including service providers and clients receiving services. The next step will be a meeting of the steering committee to decide how to proceed with data gathering from the United way agencies.

These developments will allow for an initial report to members at the annual meeting in May. Compilation of data will begin in the summer toward development of a Facts & Issues background paper that members can use to reach consensus on this study.

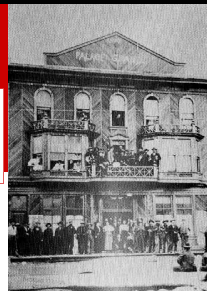
If you would like to be part of the MBHN study steering committee or participate in any of the processes, please contact Pam Reeves at 903.569.2777 or phreeves1@att.net

Go to lwwtyler.org

to download a PDF copy of *When You Go to Austin: A Guide to the 81st Legislature*. Watch the LWV-Tyler/Smith County web site for updates on the 81st Texas Legislature, the 110th Congress, and ways that you can be a grass-roots advocate.

Women's History: Alaskan Women Yukon Good-Time Girls and Native Alaskan Women

March 17-6:30 pm
Tyler Public Library



Alaskan expert Lael Morgan, Professor Emeritus at the University of Alaska, is the League's featured speaker for Women's History Month. Morgan is an accomplished journalist, writer, and publisher who brings history to life.

Lael Morgan—a visiting professor in the Department of Communication, University of Texas at Arlington from 2003 to 2006 and still teaching online for the school—was born and raised in rural Maine. While attending Boston University, she started her journalism career as a reporter for the *Malden Press*.

In 1959 she moved to Alaska with her husband, Dodge Morgan, with a five year plan to save enough money to buy a boat. From 1963 to 1965 she sailed with him half way around the world in an old 36-foot Murry Peterson schooner. Later she became a photojournalist at the *Juneau Empire* in Alaska's capitol city, and then covered crime and politics for the *Fairbanks News Miner* just south of the Arctic Circle.

In 1968, Morgan began a five year stint at the *Los Angeles Times*, and then returned to the Far North for assignments with *National Geographic*, *Washington Post*, *Christian Science Monitor* and *Alaska Magazine*. In 1988 she joined the Department of Journalism and



Broadcasting, University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she taught writing, photography and multimedia for 12 years. During this same period she co-founded Epicenter Press, a successful regional publishing company that now has well over 100 books to its credit.

In 1999 Morgan became managing editor and then publisher of the *Casco Bay Weekly*, an alternative newspaper in Portland, Maine.

Morgan has authored more than a dozen books, including *Good Time Girls of the Alaska Yukon Gold Rush*, which in 1998 won her the title of Historian of the Year from the Alaska Historical Society. She is currently researching a book with the working title of *Sex in Texas History*.

Art and Eskimo Power: The Life and Times of Alaskan Howard Rock, a book she wrote in 1988 that was recently included in a listing of the state's best nonfiction books, was just republished by University of Alaska Press.



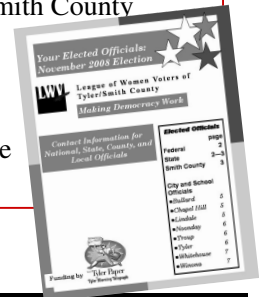
Your Elected Officials: November 2008

Available Now

The latest up-to-date edition of *Your Elected Officials*, including officials elected in November 2008, is now available. 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 and phone numbers. Use this information to contact your elected officials to let them know your opinions.

The YEO is distributed to all Tyler area newcomers and at public libraries. It 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 PDF from the website lwvtyler.org



Interested in Libraries? Your Help is Needed.

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 2009. To help, contact Dee Brock at dee-brock@faqspress.com or 903-565-6655.



Member Dues Reminder

The following members are due in March and April

March

Kate & Eric Lowe
Lisa Moran

April

Eddie & Scherel Carver
Sue Barham
Toni Ferrell
J. B. Smith
Bonnie Hardaway
Maggie Haas

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.

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



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2009 LWV-TSC Calendar of Upcoming Events

Please Join Us!

Tuesday March 3, 11:30 am
Board Meeting—LWV Board of Directors

Wednesdays, through Apr 8—12 noon
Great Decisions Foreign Policy Series
Tyler Public Library, 201 South College

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm
**Alaskan Women—Yukon Good-Time Girls &
Alaskan Natives**
Tyler Public Library, 201 South College

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Tyler Public Library, 201 South College

Thursday April 2, 5—7 pm
Happy Hour @ Dee Brock's—UT Tyler Students

Tuesday April 6, 12 noon– 1:30 pm
Popular Vote Contract—Member Consensus
Genecov Room 315 North Broadway

Tuesday April 7, 11: 30 am
Board Meeting—LWV Board of Directors

Monday April 20, 7:00 pm
VOTESmart—Local Candidate Forum

Members are welcome to attend meetings of the LWV Board of Directors, the first Tuesday, 11:30 am Genecov Room, Tyler Chamber of Commerce, 315 North Broadway

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