

THE VOTER

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MURFREESBORO/RUTHERFORD COUNTY

LOCAL LWV NEWS

LWV Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Annual Membership Meeting

Representative Brenda Gilmore was not able to make the meeting. We are hoping to reschedule her for another membership meeting. Instead we filled the time with personal stories of why we chose to join League of Women Voters and our experiences.

Below are our 2013-2014 Board Members:

Co-President: Amy Greene (2014)
Co-President: Leslie Collum (2015)
Secretary: Shirley Brackin (2015)
Treasurer: Suma Clark (2014)
Nominating Committee Chair: Charlotte Molloy(2014)
Directors: Bonnie Black (2015)
Kaylene Gebert (2015)
Mary Elaine Hargis (2014)
Faye Johnson (2014)
Judy Powell (2014)
Kory Wells (2015)

Reminder: Membership fees are due—\$50

If you have already paid your 2013 dues, thank you! If you haven't sent your money in yet, please send to Suma Clark at:

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Amy Greene
Co-President

Medicaid Expansion

On March 28th Governor Haslam refused \$730.7 million from the federal government for the 2014 Medicaid (TennCare) expansion, effecting 144, 500 low-income enrollees who will become effective next year. The federal government offered to pay the full cost of expansion from 2014 to 2016, with its share gradually decreasing to 90 percent in 2020.

Mr. Haslam told a joint assembly of the House and Senate on Wednesday he is pursuing a "third" option on the Medicaid expansion issue by requesting permission from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to "leverage" federal dollars meant to purchase private health insurance for uninsured Tennesseans; Arkansas and Ohio are exploring this option as well. He stated that he has worked with hospitals and medical providers for payment reform, but he is still waiting on cooperation from the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS), until then he can't move forward with his plan.

Please go to <https://news.tn.gov/node/10458> to get more information on Haslam's "Tennessee Plan". Below is the outline of his plan:

- ⇒ Leverage available federal dollars to purchase private health insurance for Tennesseans up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level who don't have access to health insurance, which would translate to 175,000 more insured Tennesseans;
- ⇒ Allow co-pays for those who can afford to pay something;
- ⇒ Include a definitive circuit-breaker or sunset of the plan that could only be renewed with the General Assembly's approval;
- ⇒ And reform the payment structure for providers so they are compensated for health outcomes, not just based on services performed.

You may reach the Governor at 615-741-2001 and share your opinion about his new "Tennessee Plan".

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LWVTN Spring Convention

The LWVTN Spring Convention will be held in Knoxville, TN this year on Saturday, May 4th & Sunday, May 5th. It will be held at the Knoxville Hilton Downtown, 501 W. Church Ave., 37902. Room rate for the League members/attendees is \$86 for a double room, which you may share. Use code "LWV" when calling the hotel phone, 865-251-2578, or toll free, 1-800-445-8667. Plan to come early, as there will be a special Suffragist history tour on Saturday AM from the hotel. The meeting times are 12-5 on Saturday, May 4th, and 8am-12pm on Sunday, May 5th.

UPCOMING LOCAL LEAGUE EVENTS

April 9 - Membership Meeting at Heritage Center, Water/Sewer Update

May 4-5 - LWVTN Spring Convention in Knoxville

May 14 - Membership Meeting at Heritage Center, Discuss future meetings

REMEMBER—NEW WORDING

“THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS NEITHER SUPPORTS NOR OPPOSES ANY CANDIDATE, PARTY OR POLITICAL APPOINTEE.”

IMPORTANT: The League studies issues in-depth and takes a position after the study is completed. The League does not take a stand on candidates, parties, or political appointees.