

# THE VOTER

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MURFREESBORO/RUTHERFORD COUNTY

## LOCAL LWV NEWS

### **LWV Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Upcoming Membership Meeting**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 13, at Heritage Center. Social hour will begin at 6pm and we will begin the meeting at 6:30pm. Nicole Lester, Rutherford County Administrator of Elections, will speak with us about poll watching and provide updates on voter registration.

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### **Agriculture Policy**

LWVUS has requested we do a study on our agriculture policy. This study is due April, 2014. Our current policy is:

**The LWVUS believes that federal agriculture policies should promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers, farms that are economically viable, farm practices that are environmentally sound and increased reliance on the free market to determine prices.**

**The League believes the most essential policies for the future of agriculture are: encouraging sustainable agriculture; providing research, information and technical assistance to agricultural producers; and increasing reliance on the free market to determine prices.**

We are planning to have Dr. William Gill, MTSU professor of Agribusiness & Agriscience, speak at one of our membership meetings this Fall. We are also planning to have an Agriculture Panel for our membership meeting in January, and a follow up consensus meeting in February.

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### **News from LWVTN State Board**

LWVTN State Board has elected its board members to serve as liaisons for the local leagues. Jo Singer, LWVTN Co-President, will be Murfreesboro/Rutherford County's liaison. She will keep us updated on the state board's decisions and announcements, and be our contact person for anything our league would like to relay to the state board. We will have an opportunity to meet with her at one of our membership meetings.

Fall Conference will be on October 12th in Nashville. The conference will be held on one full day, 10am-5pm. The theme is "Thinking & Moving on Our Feet for Education" and the conference will be focusing on strategies for the leagues to be more active on legislative issues affecting education. More details will follow on location and agenda.

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**ACTION ALERT!**

As a reminder, LWVTN is in support of Medicaid Expansion. There is still time to contact Governor Haslam and urge him to expand Medicaid to ensure that urban based hospitals are still able to thrive and jobs are kept. Governor Haslam does have a "Tennessee Plan" that he thinks will be better for Tennessee than the federal government's Medicaid Expansion plan.

Please go to <https://news.tn.gov/node/10458> to get more information on Haslam's "Tennessee Plan".

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**UPCOMING LOCAL LEAGUE EVENTS**

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| August 5     | LWV Board Meeting at NHC 14th Floor  |
| August 13    | Membership Meeting at Heritage Center, Poll Watching/Voter Registration<br>Speaker: Nicole Lester                                |
| September 10 | Membership Meeting at Heritage Center, Health Care Reform<br>Speaker: Gordon Bonnyman  |
| October 8    | Membership Meeting at Heritage Center, Civics Talk<br>Speaker: Judge Steve Daniel  |
| November 12  | Membership Meeting at Heritage Center, Agriculture<br>Speaker: Dr. William Gill, Professor of Agribusiness & Agriscience at MTSU |

*\*(All dates and speakers are subject to change)*

**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.**