

# EAST ALABAMA VOTER

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## CALENDAR

April 19      Annual Meeting                      Auburn University Club  
                    5:45 PM Cash Bar  
                    6:15 PM Dinner (Reservations required)  
                    7: 00 PM Awards and Program

April 26      5:30 PM Board meeting at Ginnie Bennett's

April 22      Noon Brown Bag Lunch      Dempsey Arts Center

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## PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPHS

"I don't think you can get past being offended by what these men did," said filmmaker Melanie Jeffcoat in an interview on ABC 33/40. She was discussing her new film "Open Secret," which uses the actual transcripts from the 1901 Constitutional Convention to highlight its intent to disenfranchise black and poor white voters. The 30 minute film will be shown at this year's annual meeting, followed by a panel discussion with constitutional reform advocate Charlotte Ward and historian Wayne Flynt. It may be "preaching to the choir" to show a film produced to rally support for a change many League members have worked for more than 40 years to bring about. The LWVAL has supported constitutional reform since 1967. However, it is important to be reminded of the original purpose of the 1901 constitution. Many Alabamians are still unaware of its origins and how its sad legacies (lack of home rule, unfair tax structures, inflexible budgets, and centralized power in Montgomery) came about and are still with us today.

Please make your reservation for the April 19th annual meeting (see details below) and encourage your friends to join us.

Laura Hill, President

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## ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting will be held at the University Club on North Donahue Drive. Since work is being done on a bridge nearby, please see the directions below for the best way to get there. The buffet dinner will cost \$25 per person. Reservations must be received by Ginnie Bennett (826-2726) by Wednesday, April 14.

The Annual Meeting is also the date on which your annual dues of \$45 are due. Members are encouraged to add something extra as your gift to the League, as members will not be solicited

in the finance drive to be held later in the year.

In addition to the Phyllis Rea Award to person or persons for outstanding community service, the second annual Sue Flood Award will recognize a League member who has made significant contributions over the years.

This year's program will feature a 30-minute film. "Open Secret." It was produced by the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform with support from the LWVAL Education Fund. Based on actual transcripts from the minutes of the

1901 constitutional Convention and well-acted by a talented cast, the film may shock even those who thought they knew all about that unfortunate document. Come and see what really went on, and enter into the discussion led by Dr. Wayne Flynt and LVWAL co-president Charlotte Ward.

A brief business meeting to adopt the budget, elect officers, and readopt the local study item will follow the program. See the nominating committee's report below, and the attached budget.

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### **STATE COUNCIL TO MEET IN AUBURN MAY 15**

The East Alabama League will host the biennial Council of the LWVAL on May 15 at Grace United Methodist Church. While each League has only three voting delegates plus the president, everyone is invited to attend, enjoy the speakers and workshops, and meet league leaders from around the state. And any member can be a delegate. Just tell Laura you would like to be an

official representative of the east Alabama League.

The meeting will last from a 9:30 coffee time to approximately 4:00 PM. All members will be notified of details in a "Council Special" edition of the ALABAMA VOTER about two weeks prior to the meeting date. Watch your mail or email for the announcement.

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The following slate will be presented for a vote at the annual meeting:

Vice-President: Kristen De La Fuente

Treasurer: Ginnie Bennett

Directors:

Deborah Belcher, Carolyn Carr, Linda Shook  
Jeannette Frandsen, Chair

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### **LOCAL STUDY ITEM**

The Board is recommending a continuation of the local tax study, but people to conduct the study are desperately needed. Please consider participating. Time requirements will be modest if several people agree to work on it.

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### **DETOUR INFORMATION**

How to get to The Auburn University Club at Yarbrough Farms, 1650 Yarbrough Farms Blvd (off N. Donahue Drive)

Please note the bridge over Saugahatchee Creek on N. Donahue Drive is closed. If you approach the University Club from the north (the Hwy 280/Farmville Rd/Lee Rd 72 side), you will need to follow a detour. The detour will take you to N. College and Shug Jordan Pkwy. If you approach the club from the south (the city/university/Shug Jordan Pkwy side), the bridge closure will not present a problem. The left turn for the University Club is .3 miles from the intersection of N. Donahue Drive and Shug Jordan Pkwy. You will see a sign for Yarbrough Farms. If you go too far the detour will turn you around at Yarbrough School.

A detour map may be found at: [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org) <<http://www.auburnalabama.org/>>

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### **THE ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, IS ABSOLUTE! CALL GINNIE NOW!**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1				PROPOSED BUDGET					
2				Proposed				Proposed	
3		08-09	09-10	10-11			08-09	09-10	10-11
4	EXPENSES					INCOME			
5	Operating Costs					Dues 65 mem.	3080	2678	2600
6	Supplies	50	50	50		Contributions			
7	Postage	84	44	35		Members	600	600	500
8	Duplication	75	30	30		Friends	1000	800	600
9	Phone	15	15	15		In kind	100	0	50
10	Administration					Fund Raising			
11	President	75	75	75		Interest	15	8	10
12	Board	25	25	25		From reserve			
13	Committees					Convention	500		500
14	Finance	0	150	150		General	25	728	83
15	Memb'ship	150	150	125		Ed. Fund		250	
16	Meeting exp.	50	0	0		Available	5320	5064	4343
17	Misc.	25	25	25		to cking reserve		500	0
18	P.Rae & S.Flood	75	100	100		to Ed Fund	250	250	200
19	TOTAL	624	664	630			5070	4314	4143
20									
21	DELEGATES								
22	AL Conv/Couns.	300	480	100		Calculations			
23	LWVUS C/Conv	1000	500	1000		Dues: 56 @\$45		\$2520.00	
24	TOTAL	1300	980	1100		4 @ \$22.50		\$90.00	
25									
26	ANNUAL MEET.	0	0			LWVUS PMP			
27						56 @ \$30		\$1680.00	
28	PER MEMB. PMT.					4 @ \$15		\$60.00	
29	State @ \$10	740	595	580					
30	National @ \$25	2072	1737	1740		Allowances for state delegates			
31	TOTAL	2812	2332	2320		registration est. @ \$25			
32						hotel	50		
33	VOTER					milage	\$ .40/mile (1 car)		
34	Duplication	100	50	25					
35	Postage, etc.	84	88	18					
36	TOTAL	184	138	43					
37									
38	ED ACTIVITIES								
39	Publications								
40	Purchased	25	25	0					
41	Produced								
42	Program cost			0					
43	Voter service	25	75	50					
44	TOTAL	50	100	50					
45	POSITION SUP'T								
46	Publications	50	50	0					
47	Action	50	50	0					
48	TOTAL	100	100	0					
49									
50	GRAND TOTAL	5070	4314	4143					