

The Montgomery Voter

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The Presidents' Message

by

Rosalind Toles and Anne Permaloff

Welcome back to what promises to be an extremely busy League year. Several different activities are already on the schedule.

1. The Montgomery Board of Registrars has again asked the League for assistance on city election day.

At this point we must assume the election will be held on Tuesday, August 28th even though that date is on hold and sign people up to work.

Those who were notified by email and who have already signed up, please keep that date and the times you volunteered on your calendar.

We need volunteers to work from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. As before the duties will be answering the phone and assisting voters with such problems as identifying their correct voting location and determining if they are registered to voter.

Because all registration is now hooked into a central state computer, those working will need to have a short training session (about 20- 30 minutes) on the Thursday or Friday before the election.

This is a great way for the League to be visible. It is also a good way to get a friend involved, a friend you would like to get involved in League.

Please volunteer for a 2 to 4 hour period of time. Let Anne Permaloff know as soon as possible if you can and the times you are available. This is a fun way to serve your community and perform a major function of the league, voter service.

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2. All three League levels are engaged in studies that are moving toward consensus building; we will be participating in all three.

National is involved in an immigration study. Materials have been in recent editions of *The Voter*. Some material on the topic is in this edition of *The Montgomery Voter*. More will be presented and discussed at upcoming LWVM General Meetings and in future LWVM *Voters*.

The LWVAL soon will be sending out its first materials related to its study of initiative and referendum. The study is being done this year in order to insure development of a position on the topic in case there is a constitutional convention in the near future.

Here in Montgomery the Local Government Study Committee will continue its work. Some of our General Meetings will be devoted to presentation of materials on local government and discussion of those materials.

3. The LWVAL is also asking for assistance with pre-session interviews of each Local League's legislative delegation.

As you can see a lot is happening. The LWVM's ability to participate in all these activities depends upon the cooperation and active support of the membership. Your participation is essential. The Board cannot do it alone.

Please join in. The first step is to send in your membership renewal. A membership form is part of this *Voter*. Encourage a friend to join the League, and bring the friend to our Membership Recruitment Meeting in October. Part of this meeting will be devoted to a presentation related to the Local Government Study.

Volunteer for: committee work, to assist the Local Government Study, to observe and report on local government meetings or assist the state League by observing and reporting on Legislative committee meetings, or to conduct legislative interviews. All these activities and more are a great way to meet people, learn more about League, and to serve the community.

We'll expect to see you at the first General Meeting in September.

Member News

Long-time LWVM member and former president Sadie Penn is in the Tyson Health and Rehabilitation Center, 2020 N. Country Club Drive, Montgomery (Facility Phone #: 263-1643).

Sadie, Get well and come back soon.

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Darlene Chandler, currently a librarian at Maxwell AFB, has accepted a medical librarian position at Fort Bragg. She will be moving within the month.

We send our best wishes and hope you enjoy the new job. We'll miss you.

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Announcements for Member News should be sent to: Anne Permaloff, 637 Horseshoe Curve, Pike Road, AL 36064 by the first Friday of the month.

LWVM 2007-2008 Calendar

Unless indicated LWVM Board and General Meetings
are held at The Church of the Ascension, 315 Clanton Street
(Smaller meeting room near the entrances to the lower level.)

August 28 – LWVM assisting at Montgomery County Board of Registrars, 7a.m.-7p.m.

September 1 – **Annual membership fees due.**

Send your check and filled in membership form (available in this *Voter*)

September 5 – Board Meeting, noon - 1 p.m.

September 19 – General Meeting, noon - 1 p.m. Introduction to the year's activities, including the LWVUS Immigration Study and Consensus, the LWVAL Initiative and Referendum Study, the LWVM Local Government Study, and legislative interviews.

October 17 – General Meeting, noon – 1 p.m. New Member Recruitment Meeting; Informational presentation related to local government study.

November 7– Board Meeting, noon – 1 p.m.

November 21 – General Meeting, noon – 1 p.m. Informational presentation and discussion of immigration as part of the lead up to consensus for development of a new LWVUS position on immigration.

December 19 – Holiday Party and Potluck Luncheon, noon – 1:15 p.m.

January 2 – Board Meeting, noon - 1 p.m.

January 16 General Meeting – noon - 1 p.m. Consensus meeting on immigration for LWVUS position development

February 20 – General Meeting – noon - 1 p.m. Informational presentation and discussion on local government.

March – Board Meeting, noon - 1 p.m.

March – General Meeting, noon - 1 p.m. Focus of meeting to be announced.

April – Board Meeting, noon - 1 p.m.

April – General Meeting, noon - 1 p.m. Focus of meeting to be announced.

May – Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Location to be announced)

The Current Race and Ethnicity of the U.S. and Alabama

As the League examines immigration issues this year, it is important to have correct factual information. Therefore, the following data are supplied to show the current racial and ethnicity identification of the Alabama population. This material was taken from <http://www.censusscope.org>.

“On the 2000 Census questionnaire, ‘race’ and ‘Hispanic ethnicity’ were listed as separate questions. A person of Hispanic ethnicity is anyone who identifies with that social group, and can be of any race. This can make data on race and ethnicity difficult to interpret.”

“Race data is also difficult to compare from Census to Census because categories have changed over time. For example, the 2000 Census was the first to offer the category ‘Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander,’ and those people could have responded in a number of different ways in previous years. It also allowed respondents to select more than one racial category. On earlier Censuses, multiracial individuals were asked to choose a single racial category, or respond as ‘Some Other Race.’”

ALABAMA POPULATION BY RACE

	1980		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	3,893,888	100.00%	4,040,587	100.00%	4,447,100	100.00%
Total Hispanics	33,299	0.86%	24,629	0.61%	75,830	1.71%
White*	2,855,558	73.33%	2,960,167	73.26%	3,125,819	70.29%
Black*	983,696	25.26%	1,017,713	25.19%	1,150,076	25.86%
American Indian and Eskimo*	7,583	0.19%	16,221	0.40%	21,618	0.49%
Asian*	9,726	0.25%	21,217	0.53%	30,989	0.70%
Hawaiian and Pacific Islander**	-	-	-	-	1,059	0.02%
Other*	4,026	0.10%	640	0.02%	2,623	0.06%
Two or More Races*	-	-	-	-	39,086	0.88%

*Non-Hispanic only. **In 1980 and 1990 "Asians" includes Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

The above data show that the Hispanic population in Alabama doubled between 1980 and 2000, but the number start out very small and still is very small. The state’s largest racial minority is black with the figure remaining at about 25% for the three censuses.

ALABAMA POPULATION BY NATIVITY AND CITIZENSHIP

(The U.S. Census includes all residents of the United States, regardless of citizenship status.)

Nativity and Citizenship Status, 1990-2000	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	4,040,587	100.00%	4,447,100	100.00%
Total Native Population	3,997,054	98.92%	4,359,328	98.03%
Born in US	3,972,410	98.31%	4,328,395	97.33%
Born in Same State	3,067,607	75.92%	3,262,053	73.35%
Born in Different State	904,803	22.39%	1,066,342	23.98%
Born Outside US	24,644	0.61%	30,933	0.70%
Total Foreign Born Population	43,533	1.08%	87,772	1.97%
Naturalized	21,391	0.53%	32,200	0.72%
Non-Naturalized	22,142	0.55%	55,572	1.25%

In 2000 less than 2% of the state's population was foreign born. Just under 75% of the population was born in Alabama. Now, compare the numbers for Alabama to the number in the table below which show the racial and ethnicity numbers for the U.S. in 2005.



Hispanics at Mid-Decade

Table 1. Population by Race and Ethnicity: 2000

Universe: 2000 and 2005 Household Population

	2005 population	2000 population	Percent of 2005
Hispanic	41,926,302	34,494,801	14.5
Native Born	25,085,528	20,488,299	8.7
Foreign Born	16,840,774	14,006,502	5.8
White alone, not Hispanic	192,526,952	189,520,003	66.8
Black alone, not Hispanic	34,410,656	32,036,110	11.9
Asian alone, not Hispanic	12,331,128	9,893,205	4.3
Other, not Hispanic	7,203,781	7,693,277	2.5
Total	288,398,819	273,637,396	100.0

Nationally, Hispanics compose over 14% of the population. Blacks who do not identify as Hispanic are now just under 12% of the population.

Membership Application/Renewal (Mail to: Ursula Nolte, 3318 Lexington Rd.,
Montgomery, AL 36106)

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

FAX: _____

E-Mail: _____ (Please print)

Member Category:

- Individual \$50.00
 Full-Time Student \$25.00
 Household Member \$25.00*

Name of Household Member: _____

*First member of the household must pay full membership fees;
the household receives only one copy of all League mailings.

Donations to the LWVM or the LWVM Education Fund:

LWVM: Amount: _____

LWVM Education Fund:* Amount: _____

*Ed Fund donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Policy Areas of Major Interest. (For example, constitutional reform; education;
transportation; environment; governmental reform)

Check the appropriate box if you would like to volunteer for the following committees, or
call Co-President Anne Permaloff to discuss your interest and/or learn about these
committees.

Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nominating	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Govt Study	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Observer Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>