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**SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- State Convention  
May 1-3, 2015
- National Council  
June 18-21, 2015

**CALL TO CONVENTION OF THE  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALABAMA**

**Let the Sunshine In!**

**May 2-3, 2015**

**Hilton Garden Inn  
2555 Hilton Garden Drive  
Auburn, AL 36830**

[Make your room reservation](#)

**by April 10 to get the**

**LWVAL Convention 2015 discount!**

*You do not want to miss LWVAL Convention 2015! This is a wonderful event for ALL - not just League delegates. ALL League members (and the public) are invited and encouraged to attend.*

*(additional information on page 2)*



**LWVAL's 2015 Transparency in Government Award**

At the convention LWVAL will award the inaugural "Transparency in Government Award" honoring political leaders who have championed open and inclusive government in Alabama. We are calling for nominations due by March 21. The nomination form is available on the website at <http://convention2015.lwval.org/transparency-award/index.html>.

**Crime and Punishment in Alabama: The Court System, The Prison System, and Alternatives to Incarceration**

On Saturday, May 2, there will be in-depth discussion of the Alabama Prison System with an expert panel. We'll explore solutions to the problems plaguing prisons, ways to bring about a more just court system, alternatives to incarceration, and more.

*(see page 3 for information on panelists)*

## **CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, May 1**

East AL LWV will host a reception on Friday, May 1, 2015 for League members and their guests at the home of East AL LWV member, Kristen De La Fuentes.

### **Saturday, May 2**

8:30 – 10:00 Registration at the Hilton Garden Inn with light buffet and coffee

10:00 - 12:00 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch Buffet

12:30 – 1:30 Presentation of Transparency Award (Please continue to enjoy your lunch while we celebrate transparency.)

1:45 – 3:00 Panel Discussion Part 1: Crime and Punishment in Alabama: The Court System, The Prison System, and Alternatives to Incarceration

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:30 Panel Discussion Part 2: Crime and Punishment in Alabama: The Court System, The Prison System, and Alternatives to Incarceration

4:30 – 4:45 End of Day Announcements

6:00 - Dinner Dine Around – Hosted by LWVEA and on our own

### **Sunday, May 3**

8:30 – 9:30 Brunch buffet for registered guests

9:30 – 10:00 Speaker: Peggy Appler, LWVUS Liaison

10:00 – 11:30 2nd Plenary Session

11:30 Adjourn Convention

11:31 Brief Meeting of new LWVAL Board

## SATURDAY'S PANELISTS

### Crime and Punishment in Alabama: The Court System, The Prison System, and Alternatives to Incarceration

Confirmed panelists (thus far) are:

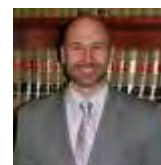
**Miriam Shehane** - Founder of Victims of Crime and Leniency (VOCAL), a leading advocacy organization for criminal victims and their families.



**Cam Ward** - Senator of Alabama District 14, Chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and President of the Alabama Law Institute. He heads the Alabama Prison Reform Task Force.



**Bennet Wright** - Executive Director of the Alabama Sentencing Commission. He serves as the Commission's liaison to the Alabama Legislature and co-chairs the Commission's Standards Committee tasked with developing the State's sentencing guidelines.



**O. L. "Pete" Johnson** - Retired District Court Judge, Panel Moderator. He founded and presided over the Jefferson County Drug Court and helped establish other drug courts in AL. He currently holds alternative courts for veterans and students.

## PROPOSED SLATE OF LWVAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2015-2017

**President:** Anne Permaloff, Montgomery  
**First vice president:** Kathy Byrd, Tuscaloosa  
**Second vice president:** Scarlett Gaddy, Tuscaloosa  
**Secretary:** Ann Moss, E. AL  
**Treasurer:** Kristen De La Fuente, East AL.

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 Gina Finnigan, Mobile  
 Brenda Boman, East AL  
 Ida Tyree-Hyche, Greater Birmingham  
 Kim Bailey, Tuscaloosa  
 Jeanine Normand, Baldwin Co.

### Nominations:

**Chair:** Leonette Slay, Greater Birmingham  
**Elected members:** Andrea Pennington, Mobile;  
 Louvenia Graham, Montgomery

Respectfully submitted March 2, 2015

Ruth Gynther, Chair  
 LWVAL Nominating Committee

As we all know, this is our Convention year and we are completing preparations for a great convention May 2 – 3, 2015. We are accelerating very quickly toward the big weekend that will be hosted by our East Alabama League at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn. Don't miss out on the discounted group rate for rooms at the Hilton Garden. The deadline to reserve rooms at the discounted rate is April 10<sup>th</sup>. East AL LWV will be hosting a reception for those who are coming on Friday at the home of Kristen De La Fuente. We always look forward to sharing social time together. We are excited about the two areas of concentration for Convention 2015, transparency and the justice system. We will be awarding our first Transparency Award to the individual, group, or elected official that has contributed most this year to insuring transparency in government. Our panel discussions for Saturday afternoon will address Alabama's justice system and potential reforms. Our panelists cover a wide area of

expertise within the field and will provide great insight into the problems and potential solutions in the justice system.

February 14<sup>th</sup> was the League of Women Voters 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. In celebration of the event, Elisabeth McNamara authored an article that appeared in the Huffington Post highlighting the accomplishments of the League and detailing six benefits Americans have received due to the work of the League. See the article [Six Ways the League of Women Voters Has Impacted Your Life](#) for more. Take a moment and consider how the League has impacted your life. I know that the League has impacted my life in many more than six ways. March has been a busy month for League members. Many of our members participated in events associated with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bloody Sunday. It is also Women's History Month and we have celebrated the contributions of the many women who came before us. We have been highlighting the contributions of women all

month on our Facebook page. If you utilize Facebook and have not "liked" our page, please do so. [LWVAL on Facebook](#) We keep you apprised of important changes in state and national government and celebrate the work of our Leagues. International Women's Day has come and gone but we continue to recognize the work of women worldwide to make women's lives better. The League of Women Voters contributes to that work and has a rich history of working to empower women around the world. In case you missed it check out [League Delegates Attend the Commission on the Status of Women](#) for more information.

As we look toward the Convention, remember Kathy Byrd [kcbyrd@aol.com](mailto:kcbyrd@aol.com) will need an estimate of the number of members from each League planning to attend from Local League Presidents by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Join us on the Plains for a great Convention on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## LWVAL 2015 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Updated, March 15, 2015

Below is a summary wrap-up of LWVAL legislative action this past week. View the full Legislative Report here, <http://www.lwval.org/takeaction/legreport2015/index.html>.

As we reported last week, LWVAL is supporting SB21 as part of our ongoing effort to encourage greater government transparency. This bill would strengthen the AL Open Meetings Act by defining and prohibiting serial meetings. We're glad to report that it has been placed on the Senate calendar.

LWVAL favors SB137. The bill would prohibit certain public officials from lobbying for 2 years after leaving office. This would increase government accountability, and the bill is consonant with League positions on ethics and lobbying.

There are several bills of interest before the legislature in the area of education. the League opposes SB101. We think the bill misrepresents the decision-making process that was used in relation to Common Core (and other curriculum decisions). The bill would re-establish control of education in AL to state and local agencies. We believe that curriculum requirements should be determined by those directly responsible for and knowledgeable about education such as the Alabama Department of Education, State Board of Education, accreditation agencies, etc. We are glad to see the introduction of HB270, a bill that would repeal the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013 which we believe weakens public education rather than taking steps to improve it. SB45, aka the School Choice and Student Opportunity Act, has passed the Senate and is now in the House. The League has no position on Charter Schools but has established guides it believes are important to consider. (To view those guides, see LWVAL position on Education, Section VII.) The bill is highly contested along party lines.

The League has taken no position but is studying SB67. This is a very complex criminal justice bill that "redefines felony classes and creates a new class, redefines or adds new definitions of crimes, outlines new practices/procedures for the Department of Corrections and Board of Pardons and Paroles, and much more."

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## **PROPOSED LWVAL PROGRAM 2015-2017**

1. Re-adoption of [League Principles](#) and [LWVAL Program as adopted for 2013-2015](#).

2. Elimination of Health Care Study.

*Comment: Health Care Study has been completed, consensus taken, and position adopted.*

3. Continuation of the development of a Facts and Issues on Energy Use in Alabama. Determine whether a study on one or more specific aspects of energy use in Alabama should be initiated as a formal study.

*Comment: Progress on this Facts and Issues began during 2013, but was put aside while the League members focused on transparency and accountability issues in rate determination by the Alabama Public Service Commission.*

4. Deletion of "Examination of whether a Facts and Issues publication is warranted."

*Comment: This phrase is an apparent carryover of Item #4 from 2011-2013 Proposed LWVAL Program.*

5. Initiate an update study of criminal justice.

*Comment: Alabama's prison system is bursting at the seams and face possible federal takeover; overcrowding of prisons is exacerbated by mandatory prison sentencing of nonviolent offenders for whom alternative sentencing might be more appropriate; the juvenile justice system often fails to meet the objective of rehabilitation. The LWVAL positions for Criminal Justice were adopted in 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1979, with updates in 1995 and 2003.*

6. Updating the Charter School Study with a focus on the empirical research on success/failure of charter schools that has developed since the original study. Such research together with information on which charter school formats have worked best could lead to new consensus process.

*Comment: Recommended by LWV Montgomery and adopted by LWVAL Board as a recommended 2015-2017 program item. The Montgomery discussion noted that there is renewed interest in charter schools nationally (also vouchers) and now there are both liberals and conservatives discussing them in a positive light. Biracial groups have formed nationally to push school reforms, including charter schools. Also, legislative proposals could surface again in Alabama, and we have no position, just some guidelines. Interest among members and the public is still present.*

7. A study leading to consensus on alternative energy and alternative energy policy – wind, solar, biofuels, etc.

*Comment: Recommended by LWV Montgomery and adopted by LWVAL Board as a recommended 2015-2017 program item. The concern here is that there are legislators and regulators in this state who would like to block development of such energy sources, and we need to be informed about these sources, their potential, how well existing policies have worked, etc. Interest in unbiased information is needed. Too often both supporters and opponents present much biased information that reflects their desires, not factual evidence in a pro/con format.*

## **FIRST CALL TO LWV NATIONAL COUNCIL 2015**

**When:** June 18-21  
**Where:** Leesburg, VA (closest airport: Dulles International)  
**Who:** Two State League Leaders from each state

Dear Presidents of State Leagues, the LWV of the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, ILOs and the National Board:

Please save these important dates: June 18-21, 2015, and plan to attend Council 2015, along with another leader from your state. We invite you to join us at this National Council of Leaders for critical conversations about the state of our democracy (including issues of money in politics and protecting voting rights) and how the League can be most effective in the rapidly changing landscape around public engagement. Council also provides you with training to help you increase your impact as a state League leader.

2015 marks the LWV's 95th anniversary! With the theme "Celebrating our past, Embracing the future," this thought-provoking and future-oriented Council will focus leagues nationwide on:

Celebrating our successes

What have we accomplished since our founding in 1920?

How does our expertise and influence keep us relevant in today's world?

Building momentum towards our 100th anniversary

How can we maximize on our unique strengths and skills?

How can we use 2015-2020 to highlight our continued relevance?

Setting ourselves up for powerful impact

What can we learn from external specialists and each other about trends in civic engagement and changes in our operating culture?

How well are we adapting and what do we still need to do??

Council will take place at The National Conference Center<<http://www.conferencecenter.com/>> (near Dulles Airport), 18980 Upper Belmont Place, Leesburg, VA. The all-inclusive registration fee (program, individual sleeping rooms, all meals, airport shuttle) is \$750 per person.

Additional information and registration details will be available on the LWV member resources site<<http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/council-and-convention/council-2015>> in January 2015.

Yours in League,  
 Elisabeth G. MacNamara, President, League of Women Voters of the US

(First Call to Council as directed by LWVUS Bylaws<<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/bylaws-and-certificate-incorporation>>).

### ***Program Idea!!***

*Kristen De La Fuente from the East AL LWV has purchased a DVD entitled "United States of ALEC". It was produced in 2012 by Moyers & Company. The DVD was shown at one of their program meetings and was very well received. If you are interested in borrowing it, please contact her at [klondi1@yahoo.com](mailto:klondi1@yahoo.com). It can also be viewed online at <http://billmoyers.com/episode/full-show-united-states-of-alec/>.*



**SELMA: #MARCHON BY IDA TYREE HYPHE**

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I traveled to historic Selma, AL to support #MarchOn to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bloody Sunday. I participated with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Upsilon Eta Omega Chapter in attending the Martin and Coretta Scott King Unity Breakfast and attended worship service at Historic Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church where Eric Holder, United States Attorney General, was speaker. My sorority conducted a Voter Registration Drive and members marched across the Edmund Pettis Bridge with over 80,000 people. It was a memorable day.







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## **SELMA: PAST & PRESENT BY ELIZABETH RAPPAPORT**

I was two months short of my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, a high school senior, when I joined the Selma to Montgomery voting rights march. My parents, holocaust survivors, were of different minds on permitting me to go. Neither denied the grave injustice of disenfranchisement on the basis of race. My father worried that if “something happened” to me, he would feel responsible. My mother simply said that “if it is so important to you, you should go”. I know nothing of discussions they might have had outside my hearing, nor did I ever ask them. My sense then and now is that my mother prevailed. And so I became part of a small group from my suburban Chicago synagogue that joined people from several African American churches in the city riding a chartered bus into the Deep South. There were four teens in our group. I was the only girl.

I have few memories of the 1965 march. As an integrated group riding together on the bus, we were warned that once we were in the South, people in the bus stations might be hostile. The women went into the restroom as a group and stayed together until all were ready to return to the bus. Sunday morning in Selma, the weather was bright and sunny, but cold. We walked over the bridge and then 8 or 10 miles along the road and as it began to get dark, we huddled together to stay warm until we were transported back into Selma. We slept in Brown’s Chapel on the wooden pews. The church was crowded; somebody found space to rest on top of an upright piano at the front of the church to the left of the pulpit. In the morning, we got back on our bus and returned to Chicago.

Ten days ago, I returned with friends to Selma to celebrate and to rededicate ourselves to the struggle to secure full voting rights, without barriers, for all citizens. In 1965, marchers were unwelcome troublemakers who required the protection of military police and National Guard troops. Fifty years later, we were welcomed and greeted with warm appreciation for being ‘foot soldiers’ on the 1965 march and for returning to Selma. We had a reunion with people we hadn’t seen for nearly 50 years, we made new friends, and met the next generation of people who will continue the movement toward ‘liberty and justice for all’.



Martha Morgan and living legend Annie Pearl Avery



Remembering Viola Liuzzo







Leading the way! Twice she carried the flag all the way from Selma to Montgomery. The first time when she was 8!



Reaching Montgomery



## SELMA: A FAMILY AFFAIR BY LINDA VERIN

My mother, Beatrice Verin, was a wonderful person that believed all people should be treated with dignity; your life is richer the more people you know from different cultures, religions and races. A housewife in a middle class suburb of Chicago in 1965, she was horrified by the beatings she saw on the News during “Bloody Sunday”. She decided to go to Selma to bear witness to the atrocities. My father forbade her as he worried for her safety but she could not be dissuaded. My father allowed my brother, age 18, to accompany my mom, I’m sure in part, to watch out for her. I was 15 and, much to my chagrin, was left home to care for my two younger sisters.

My mom & my brother, Richard Verin, joined a couple buses organized by clergy from Chicago for the long trip to Selma. I was very, very proud of my mother even when one of my friends’ mothers, who was actually from Selma, said to my mom in a not nice tone, “We know how to take care of our people. You don’t need to go down there.”

Richard mostly remembers people coming up over and over to shake his hand and thank him for coming. He slept on a pew in the Church the first night. I think they might have camped the second night. They did not walk all the way to Montgomery but walked part of the way. He was young and did not feel the danger; he simply felt he was doing the right thing. Having grown up in Chicago he had no real knowledge of separate drinking fountains, African-Americans having to sit in the balcony of the movie theatre, etc. After all, we were from the Land of Lincoln and we were taught in history class that we won the Civil War and were on the right side of history.

I know Selma deeply influenced him as after college he went to South Africa and was possibly the first person to film an interracial theatre group. Selma influenced our whole community as Martin Luther King Jr. was invited with his entire choir to come to our Temple. I worked for the Reverend Jesse Jackson in Operation Breadbasket as well as many other interracial projects.

Richard, now living in Viet Nam, decided to return to Selma (flying 36 hours) for the 50th Anniversary Commemoration. He and two other foot soldiers who originally traveled on the bus with him came to remember the march. My mother’s four children as well as two grandchildren went to march in Selma to recognize her heroism.

Richard said he was humbled by the experience. In no way did he feel like a hero; he did it to stand up for others the first time and to recognize everyone who had sacrificed so much the second time. He is now a citizen of Australia where voting is mandatory and you are fined if you do not vote. He does not understand Americans that do not vote; especially with what African-Americans and women went through to get the vote. Another foot soldier, Liz Rappaport came from Philadelphia because she [believes that the 2013 Supreme Court decision weakened the 1965 Voting Rights Law and that barriers to full enfranchisement, both new and old, exist throughout our country; the struggle for voting rights continues](#). All three foot soldiers were interviewed live on CNN as well as CBS42 in Birmingham. Liz said on camera that what is happening with voting rights now is not just wrong; it’s ugly.

Footnote: The three foot soldiers that went back to Selma with me - Richard Verin, Liz Rappaport & Bob Loeb - all attended the same synagogue in suburban Chicago. They went on buses from Chicago led by clergy of all denominations. They might have been the youngest with this group.

Liz’s parents were both doctors in Austria; one day around 1940 they had a job and the next day they didn’t. They escaped to another European country & then needed to leave there for safety so made their way to the U.S. This surely must contribute to Liz’s heartfelt desire to forward civil rights to all people.







Richard Verin with Luci Baines Johnson (president Lyndon Johnson's daughter)



Richard Verin with Congressman John Lewis





## **THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN VOTING RIGHTS BY HATTIE KAUFMAN**

I participated in the webinar from the Brennan Center for Justice on Threats and Opportunities in 2015 in the area of voting rights. As you can imagine, there were more threats than opportunities to report.

In the last 4 years, 21 states have passed laws that have restricted voting. These have included photo ID requirements and shortening the period of early voting, for those state that did allow early voting. In several states, including Texas, Kansas, Arizona, North Carolina, and Ohio, these new laws are being challenged in the courts or are in the appellate stage. Other states have prefiled bills to add these restrictions.

Another area of restriction is the requirement of proof of citizenship. In Alabama, this was enacted, but has not been implemented.

On the positive side, in nine states, there are pre-filed bills to allow on-line voter registration. In three of these states, (California, Rhode Island and Delaware) these would include allowing registration on the same day as voting. Advocates in five states (Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, and Wyoming) have efforts underway to lift the life-time ban on voting post-incarceration.

The bipartisan Presidential Commission on Election Administration has come out with 19 recommendations for reforming the election process. These include:

- \*Modernization of the registration process through expansion of online voting and expansion of intra-state collaboration to improve accuracy of voting roles.
- \*Expansion of early voting and use of suitable, well-equipped polling places
- \*Efficient management of polling places and equitable allocation of polling place resources
- \*Reform of hardstand-setting and certification process for new voting technologies and adoption of widely available off-the-shelf technology

The full report can be found at [www.supportthevoter.gov](http://www.supportthevoter.gov).

Mobile members enjoy the sunset at the Grand Hotel



## SPOTLIGHT ON.....BALDWIN COUNTY BY BARBARA CADDELL

The Baldwin County league came into our spotlight because it is making a "comeback". Several years ago, it was all but moribund but over the past two years it has experienced a dramatic 71% increase in membership. How did this happen? Lynne Switzky, the local league president, was determined that the league was too valuable an organization to let die. Her dogged determination and inclusion of the whole board in the task of membership development have begun to reap results. They began slowly, committing to regular meetings and events. All members are invited to board meetings, allowing good exchanges of ideas and facilitating planning. They invited friends and new members of the community; they partnered with the neighboring Mobile league for some events. They worked to offer a diverse range of opportunities for members to learn things, enjoy the local community, and have fun in general. Although many members live in Fairhope, the league held events and meetings in other parts of the county.

Here is a partial list of the past year's activities:

1. Panel Discussion on the Medicaid Extension and Affordable Care Act
2. Boat tour of Weeks Bay accompanied by staff of the Weeks Bay Foundation
3. "Green Drinks" night at a local brewery
4. Christmas Party at the Grand Hotel
5. School Superintendent presented on the ways the Baldwin County School System is dealing with current growth and the need for a tax increase
6. League Birthday Party and showing of "America's Amazon" (film that explores the riches of the Mobile Delta)
7. Earth Day voter information booth

To be sure, the Baldwin League faces many challenges: lack of a single membership chair, loss of some new members who moved out of the state, difficulties with being a single league in a large county - the list is long. The lesson that Baldwin County can teach us is that we can never give up!!



Symposium on Medicaid expansion

Tour of Weeks Bay



## LWVAL 2015 LEGISLATIVE REPORT - CONT'D

We have found several bills that could affect elections and campaign finance. Here are the bill that LWVAL favors. The League supports SB221 which would reduce the number of names required for independent and third party candidates to gain ballot access. This encourages additional candidates to run for office and increases the openness of the political process. LWVAL supports HB177. The bill would require that an absentee voter be notified if his/her ballot is not counted and explain why. LWVAL also supports HB204. This bill would remove the provision for free copies of voters list to legislators. Currently, legislators may receive, at no cost, two copies of the printed list of voters in their districts. Others need to pay for these lists. If this law passes, legislators would have to pay for the lists. This would eliminate an incumbent's unfair advantage. The League supports HB254. This bill would allow the Secretary of State to provide lists of registered voters, at no cost, to other states that will provide their lists for free to AL. In general League supports inter-state cooperation in cleaning up voter lists. LWVAL is opposing SB148. We believe it would be detrimental to the election process. This bill would shorten presidential election deadlines for applying for primary inclusion, applying for a certificate of nomination, and for withdrawing one's name from the ballot.

In support of efforts to protect the environment and our natural resources, the League favors SB225. This bill that would help ensure that most of the settlement fines from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill that the state received are disbursed to economic and environmental restoration projects in Mobile and Baldwin Counties. The bill could help prevent the diversion of money designated for environmental restoration to other uses. This bill could protect those funds in the yearly struggle to create a budget without adequate revenue, when designated funds are often raided for other purposes.

The League of Women Voters of Alabama will continue to focus on government transparency and accountability, water resources, and education as top issue priorities. Throughout the session the League will observe legislation that impacts League positions and take action as priorities, opportunities, and resources dictate. See the complete LWVAL 2015 advocacy priority list and follow the LWVAL Legislative Report for all the action during the 2015 regular session of the Alabama legislature.

There are two positive developments in the area of tax reform. One bill, SB119, would require an annual report to the legislature of tax exemptions. Understanding the amounts of revenue lost through such exemptions and which entities receive this special treatment is an important step toward reforming the tax system. The amended bill is on the Senate calendar. Another bill, SB142, would require combined reporting of corporate income tax by business with related entities (e.g., subsidiaries) Both of these bills support the League's position that AL's system of taxation should be broad, equitable and efficient for the taxpayers of the state.

### IN MEMORIAM

***E J Stephens*** was a lifelong League member in Birmingham and served as president of LWVGB from 1983 to 1984. She passed away on December 22, 2014.

***Kathy Bolland*** was a longtime League member in Tuscaloosa and served as Voter editor/board member at local and state levels. She passed away on February 23, 2015. To honor her life, contributions to a scholarship in her name can be sent to The University of Alabama, c/o the Kathleen Bolland Memorial Scholarship Fund, Box 870122, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487



**REGISTRATION FORM 2015 LWVAL CONVENTION**  
**Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, Alabama**  
**Saturday, May 2-Sunday, May 3, 2015**

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 LOCAL LEAGUE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION**

LWVEA will host a reception on Friday, May 1, 2015 for League members and their guests at the home of LWVEA member, Kristen De La Fuentes. The event is free but all those planning to attend should indicate their intent below:

<b>Friday Night Reception</b>	<b>Yes, I will attend.</b>	<b>No, I will not attend.</b>
League Member		
Guest		

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES:**

<b>CATEGORY OF FEE</b>	<b>PRICE EACH</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>
Two-day Registration with Meals	\$55	
Saturday Only, with Meals	\$40	
Saturday Only, No Meals	\$15	
Sunday Only, No Meals	\$15	
Saturday Luncheon Buffet (Not attending the other sessions)	\$20	
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		

**Payment due by April 15, 2015** to LWVAL Treasurer Lynne Richardson, 6029 73rd Place East, Cottondale, AL 35453 Email: [elsies29@att.net](mailto:elsies29@att.net) Phone: (205) 556-4951 **Cancellations must be sent no later than April 19, 2015**  
 . Questions – contact Kathy Byrd [kcbyrd@aol.com](mailto:kcbyrd@aol.com) or 205-758-2137.

**Traveling to Convention and Need a Hotel?**

Rooms are available at the convention site, the [Hilton Garden Inn, 2555 Hilton Garden Drive Auburn, Alabama 36830](#). To make reservations, contact the hotel at 1-334-502-3500 or visit [LWVAL Room Reservations Hilton Garden Inn](#) **Be sure to make your room reservation at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn by April 10 to get the LWVAL Convention 2015 discount!**

**\*\*Local League Presidents are requested to contact [kcbyrd@aol.com](mailto:kcbyrd@aol.com) with an estimate of the number of attendees from their League by no later than April 15, 2013.**

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Jeanine Normand, Director  
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**ABOUT THE LEAGUE**

The League of Women Voters is a citizens' organization that has fought since 1920 to improve our government and engage all citizens in the decisions that impact their lives. We operate at national, state, and local levels through more than 800 state and local Leagues, in all 50 states as well as DC, the Virgin Islands and Hong Kong.

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**League of Women Voters Mission Statement**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**League of Women Voters Education Fund Mission Statement**

The League of Women Voters Education Fund works to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government to increase understanding of major public policy issues.