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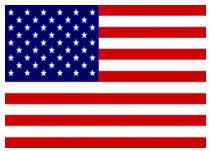
# The Voter

*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."*

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## ***Annual Meeting! Mon., June 8—5:30 pm—Fletcher Library***

### **Our speaker for the Annual Meeting**

We are pleased to have **LRSD Superintendent Baker Kurrus** as our guest at our Annual Meeting. Mr. Kurrus was recently appointed to lead the district after it was taken over by the State Board of Education.

Mr. Kurrus is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Arkansas, and received his Juris Doctorate from Harvard University. Mr. Baker has been a practicing attorney and businessman in Little Rock for over 30 years. He served on the Little Rock School Board from 1998-2010. He was the recipient of ViPs' Jane Mendel Award in 1996.

In addition to his role as a Little Rock School Board member, he was council attorney and president of the Quapaw Area Council Inc. of the Boy Scouts of America and is currently on the board of directors for CHI St. Vincent.

***Submitted by Carol Young***

### **Education Issues**

LWVOTERS PC continues to cover the wide ranging public education issues in the three public school districts of Pulaski County. We are observing the meetings of the Financial Advisory Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by the Arkansas Dept. of Education for the Little Rock School District. We support actions to keep the district financially viable as it looks forward to losing state desegregation funding. We recommend that the District follow their strategic plan developed several years ago with input from patrons and community. We look forward to hearing of steps being taken by the state Dept. of Education to improve education outcomes in the six "distressed" schools. Lynn Parker, Nell Mathews, Catherine Barrier, Elaine Scott, Ruth Bell and Carol Young are some of our members following these issues.

We also observe meetings of the Arkansas Board of Education sub-committee studying public school district boundaries in Pulaski County. The committee will make recommendations on Pulaski County school district boundaries to the full Arkansas Board of Education in June. Committee discussion to date focuses on possible creation of Sherwood and Maumelle School Districts, and expansion of NLR School District boundaries. Anne Fulk, Lynn Parker, Ruth Bell observe the sub-committee meetings.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULASKI COUNTY  
BUDGET - Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (July-June)**

		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>TO-DATE</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Dues - Members		\$2,500.00	\$2,570.00	\$2,500.00
Development	Operating/General Fund	\$3,000.00	\$3,035.00	\$3,000.00
	LWVUS-Education Fund	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
	ARCF (LWV Endowment)	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$700.00
	Pay Pal		\$0.20	\$0.00
Grants	LWV Ed Fund - Publication Grant	\$0.00		
	LWV Ed Fund - Voter Grant	\$650.00		
	LWV Ed Fund - County Judge Forum	\$0.00	\$2,240.93	
	LWV Ed Fund - Office Manager Grant	\$2,250.00		
Program	Climate Change	\$0.00		
Bank Balance Forward		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$15,400.00</b>	<b>\$12,646.13</b>	<b>\$11,200.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
LWVUS Dues		\$2,000.00	\$579.50	\$600.00
LWVAR Dues		\$500.00	\$322.50	\$300.00
Donations	ACF Endowment	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00	\$500.00
	LWV Education Fund	\$2,500.00	\$3,729.52	\$2,000.00
Office Operations	Includes: Supplies, Maint, Equipment,		\$234.23	
	Rent & Insurance, Postage (incl. bulk mail permit)			
	Telephone, Directory printing, Web page			
	Office Manager	\$2,250.00	\$596.25	\$1,000.00
	Pay Pal		\$0.20	
	Bank Service Charge	\$20.00	\$20.00	
American Legion (Girls State)		\$200.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Voter	Printing	\$0.00	\$176.76	\$200.00
Development	Finance Drive	\$25.00	\$328.01	\$300.00
Voter Services				
Candidate Questionnaire/	Guide to Elected Officials	\$900.00		
	National LWV Convention	\$0.00		\$900.00
	Climate Change	\$0.00		
	County Judge Candidate Forum	\$0.00	\$1,889.24	
	Return to LWVUS-Ed Fund			
Projects	Watch Party	\$0.00		
Misc. Board & Committees		\$0.00		
Meetings		\$250.00	\$25.00	\$250.00
Local (Holiday, Annual,	Lunches), State, & National		\$60.16	
Balance Forward		\$0.00		\$4,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$11,395.00</b>	<b>\$10,543.51</b>	<b>\$11,200.00</b>
	Bank account balance 5/12/2015		\$2,987.99	
Arkansas Community	Foundation Endowment Fund		\$46,519.94	
Arkansas Community	Foundation Education Fund		\$550.00	
League of Women Voters	Education Fund - Pulaski Co.		\$5,220.87	

### PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM ISSUES:

- Encourage people to become new voters and encourage participation in the voting process
- Protect the Lake Maumelle watershed from increased erosion that brings contaminants into the lake and reduces the water quality of this drinking water reservoir.
- Monitor the following issues and retain as Action Items:
- For governing bodies in Pulaski County, foster cooperation among administrative structures, services, revenue, and disbursement;
- Land use, land alteration, landscape requirements, zoning, infrastructure, sign and billboard regulations, practices, and policies;
- Provision of adequate park and open spaces;
- Public schools in the County should provide education to meet the needs of all its students, should be open to all children, and should be adequately financed.
- Seek new membership with particular emphasis on young (less than 40 years old) and of minority status (people of color).

### Annual Meeting Agenda - June 8, 2015

Call to Order

Minutes from December 8, 2014

Budget Presentation

Committee Reports

Education- Ruth Bell, Catherine Barrier, et al

Environment- Nancy Clark and Kathleen Oleson

Observer Corps-Ruth Bell and Kathleen Oleson

Voter Service- Carol Young

Report from State Convention-Jean Pennucci and Candy Roman

Appointment of New Leadership Team Member

Adoption of the Program for 2015-2016

Other Business

Adjournment

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### Leaguers Lives

CAROL YOUNG and MINDY MERRILL are celebrating their birthdays by running the Bay to Breakers 12K race in San Francisco, California.

Others of our members are celebrating educational achievements. SHANNON CHAMBERLIN is reaching her goal of a Ph.D in Education from UALR. JO PAULUS is receiving a B.A. from UALR forty years after leaving Hendrix to pursue a career in banking. LUCY ANDERSON, who joined LWVPC while in high school, is newly graduated from Auburn University's Business School. She has accepted employment with an insurance company in Columbus, Ga. Her sister, April Anderson Sinha, received an MBA from Rice University and is moving to Atlanta to work with a consulting firm there. Their mother, ANNIE BELL, aunts SUSAN LEON and CHARLOTTE CRAWFORD, and grandmother RUTH BELL are proud of their accomplishments. TRICIA and ROGER WEIDLING are very pleased with their daughter's graduation from Cabot High School where she was an outstanding student.

Not all our members are sharing happy times. We extend our deepest sympathy to LU SMITH upon the death of her son, Gordon, following an extended illness.

Our longtime member, JEAN SAUDERS, died recently. Jean was a strong LWVoters supporter, serving as Board member, committee member, always interested in and supportive of our issues and actions.

Let us know about your life by e-mailing to [rfbell@aristotle.net](mailto:rfbell@aristotle.net) or by telephoning to 225-2538.

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
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**Leadership Team**

<b>Convener/Spokesperson</b>	<b>Carol Young</b>	<b>663-1381</b>
<b>Financial Management</b>	<b>Janet Berry</b>	<b>228-2210</b>
<b>ViPS Chair</b>	<b>Nell Matthews</b>	<b>413-9433</b>
<b>Action Chair</b>	<b>Ruth Bell</b>	<b>225-2538</b>
<b>Office Manager &amp; Voter Editor</b>	<b>Kater Reynolds</b>	<b>614-9647</b>
<b>Program Coordinator</b>	<b>Margaret Eckart</b>	
<b>Member Communications</b>	<b>Annie Bell</b>	

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*Join Us!*

***Annual Meeting***

Monday June 8, 2015  
5:30 pm  
Fletcher library

**Speaker:** LRSD Superintendent  
Baker Kurrus

**Agenda** to include:

Budget  
Vote on Proposed Local Program  
Issues for next year (see inside)  
Next Leadership Team