



Save the Date:

- **Legislative Forum**
Monday, 1/27 @ 7PM
Auburn City Council
Chambers, 141 N. Ross
- **Hot Topics Lunch**
Thursday, 2/6 @ 11AM,
Toomer's Coffee
- **Hot Topics Social**
Monday, 2/10 @ 5PM,
Zazu's on Magnolia
- **Program Meeting**
Monday, 2/17 @ 6:30PM,
Auburn First Baptist
Church (use College lot)
- **Board Meeting**
Monday, 2/24 @ 5:30PM,
660 East Lane

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more information

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League of Women Voters of East Alabama

<http://lwv-eastalabama.org/>

From the President: Legislative Forum is Scheduled for Jan. 27

I am excited to announce that the LWVEA Legislative Forum will be held on Monday, January 27th, beginning at 7PM in the Auburn City Council Chambers at 141 N. Ross Street! League member Barbara Patton has graciously agreed to be our moderator.

At first, I was not very excited about hosting the forum this year as I felt a general lack of enthusiasm and interest all around and wondered if it might be a waste of time. We have accomplished so much this year and I did not want a repeat of last year's disappointing forum. However, it only took a small spark from a handful of members to get us back on track! I really should have known that you would not let me down. And, since 2014 is an election year, I was reminded again of the critical role the League plays in informing our citizens of the political process and in providing an avenue for connecting with elected officials directly.

As of this writing, this year's participants include Speaker Hubbard, Senators Beasley and Dial as well as Representatives Tuggle and Warren. I am very pleased that so many of our delegates have chosen to attend this important event, even as the Legislature is currently in session.

If you are interested in what is happening at the Statehouse, several online resources exist to help you learn more. [ALISON](#) is a great tool to see and download the bills introduced by every legislator for the past several years. Another tremendous resource is the LWV of Alabama website (www.lwval.org) where the 2014 Legislative Report is updated and posted weekly. This report lists legislation that is important to the League and updates any action taken on those bills. One may also see whether the League has taken a position on a particular bill and all of the bills may be downloaded from this site.

The Legislative Forum as well as our various debates and programming are essential to the LWV mission. The nonpartisan aspect of the League positions us perfectly to bring together all citizens regardless of one's political leanings. All members of the community are encouraged to attend the forum. It is important that our elected officials know that citizens of Lee County are interested in what they have to say. I hope to see you there!

**Respectfully submitted,
Kristen De La Fuente
President, LWVEA**

Hot Topics Social: Another Way for Members to Connect

The Hot Topics Lunches have been such a hit that it seems like a good idea to also get together after work. Starting around 5PM for a few hours on February 10th, we will meet at Zazu's Gastropub on Magnolia for a Hot Topics Social. Zazu's offers a range of beverages and food so plan to stay for dinner or just stop by to say hello before heading home. Everyone is welcome! See you there!

Auburn City School Board Meetings Scheduled

Two public hearings will be held February 24th at Pick Elementary and February 25th at Ogletree Elementary each at 6PM to present various ideas for creating new facilities and the costs of these options. The public is encouraged to attend.

Observer Corps

Observers are needed for every meeting.

- [Auburn City Council](#) - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7PM at 141 N. Ross St.
- [Opelika City Council](#) - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7PM at 204 S. 7th St.
- [Auburn Planning Commission](#) - 2nd Thursday of each month at 5PM at 141 N. Ross St.
- [Opelika Planning Commission](#) - 4th Tuesday of each month at 3PM at the Public Works Facility, 700 Fox Trail
- [Lee County Commission](#) - 2nd and last Mondays of the month at 6PM (pre-meeting at 4PM) at the Lee County Courthouse
- [Auburn City Board of Education](#) - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6PM in the Multi-Media Room at Auburn High School, 405 South Dean Road
- [Opelika City Schools](#) - 4th Tuesday of each month at 4PM in the Conference Room of the Opelika City Schools Board of Education Office (300 Simmons Street)
- [Lee County Board of Education](#) - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6PM at the Central Office at 2410 Society Hill Road, Opelika

If you are interested in becoming an Observer, contact [Kristen De La Fuente](#).

From the AU Daily:

Wayne Flynt first speaker in Honors College series on poverty Jan. 23

The Honors College has adopted the theme of poverty awareness this semester and has incorporated it into honors courses and into its film and lecture series called "k(NO)w poverty?" The series kicks off Thursday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in Langdon Hall with a lecture titled "The Other America: Poverty 50 Years On" by Wayne Flynt, an emeritus professor in the Department of History at Auburn. Upcoming events include: Paulette Dilworth, Auburn assistant vice president for access and community affairs, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.; Lisa Pierce, founder and director of Alabama Rural Ministry, Feb. 6, 6 p.m.; Dale Quinney, executive director of the Alabama Rural Health Association, Feb. 10, 3 p.m.; and the film, "A Place at The Table," Feb. 26, 6 p.m. All events are open to the public. Nonperishable food donations will be accepted at each event and the Honors College will take the items to the various food pantries.

For more information, contact Ken Thomas at (334) 844-5860 or kdt0011@auburn.edu.

Gloria Steinem to be guest of honor at Annual Women's Studies Awards Luncheon Feb. 19

The Seventh Annual Women's Studies Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Feminist activist Gloria Steinem will be the guest of honor and speaker. Awards will be given to Auburn University faculty and students and members of the community for their achievements in women's and gender studies and for making a difference in the lives of women. Seats for the luncheon are \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of eight seats. The deadline for reservations is Feb. 10. To submit a reservation, go to this [website](#). For more information about the luncheon or about nominating someone for an award, call the Women's Studies Program office in the College of Liberal Arts at (334) 844-1974 or go to this [website](#).

Our 2013 - 2014 Membership booklets are now available

Many of you have received them already. If you have not, please contact Jan Widell at widelja@charter.net to arrange to receive your booklet. Although every effort was made to ensure that the information is accurate, there are four corrections to be made. Please check your booklet to be sure that you have this information.

1. Carol Womer's email is carollcsw@knology.net
2. Add Dottie Marcinko (marcidk@auburn.edu)
3. Add Joan Colburn (joancolburn@yahoo.com)
4. Add Clifford Flood (caflood@asabe.org)

Let Jan Widell know of any other necessary corrections. Thank you for your help!

Calendar of Events

We want to see you! Add these events to your calendars and get involved!

January 27 (Monday) - Legislative Forum Please join us for this important forum as the LWVEA poses questions to several members of the Lee County delegation, including Speaker Hubbard, Senator Beasley, Senator Dial, Representative Tuggle and Representative Warren. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend. Auburn City Council Chambers, 141 N. Ross St., from 7-9PM.

February 6 (Thursday) - Hot Topics Lunch We will meet at Toomer's Coffee on South College from 11AM until 12:30PM. All members are welcome and encouraged to visit and chat.

February 10 (Monday) - Hot Topics Social We will meet at Zazu's Gastropub on Magnolia starting at 5PM. All members and friends of the League are welcome and encouraged to visit and socialize. Please stop by when you can! We will be there for a few hours.

February 17 (Monday) - Member Meeting The proposed topic is Advocacy. This is a great way to follow up on our Legislative Forum. The details are still in the works but the purpose is to discuss the best ways to get your point across to elected officials. More information to follow. Auburn First Baptist Church beginning at 6:30PM.

February 24 (Monday) - Board Meeting The LWVEA board will meet at 5:30PM at 660 East Lane, Auburn. All members are welcome to attend.

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March 17 (Monday) - Member Meeting The proposed topic is to view Bill Moyers' "The United States of ALEC" that originally aired on PBS. More details to follow. Auburn First Baptist Church beginning at 6:30PM.

March 24 (Monday) - Board Meeting The LWVEA board will meet at 5:30PM at 660 East Lane, Auburn. All members are welcome to attend.

April 26 (Saturday) - City Fest The LWVEA will register voters and increase awareness of the Photo Voter ID Law. More details to follow.



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Membership Dues - Any time of the Year

Your dues go towards the functioning of the League of Women Voters at local, state and national levels. Locally, we use our portion of dues to send members to state and national conventions and councils as well as funding for voter services literature and registration drives.

Individual members \$55.00

Household of two \$82.50

Please send checks made payable to "LWVEA" to our Treasurer:

Laura Hill, 1317 Clearmont Cir., Opelika, AL 36801

About the League of Women Voters of East Alabama...

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots, nonpartisan, political organization that "has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of

government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy." Membership is open to men and women 18 or older.

Individual, family and student memberships are available. Join us today and help make a difference in the East Alabama area!

