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***The Legacy and Challenge of Suffrage:
Votes for Women in Tennessee***
Brown Bag Lecture by Wanda Sobieski

PROGRAM: *The Legacy and Challenge of Suffrage: Votes for Women in Tennessee*, a Brown Bag Lecture by Wanda Sobieski

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at noon

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) In November 1917, Knoxville was scene to a tense showdown between activists for women’s votes, local law enforcement, and Tennessee lawyers. In a Brown Bag Lecture on Wednesday, March 9, Wanda Sobieski will use this story of controversy and courage as a starting point to explore the struggle over voting rights in our region. Tennessee was deeply divided on the suffrage issue, but eventually the final vote to make the 19th Amendment a reality was cast by Harry Burn, a young state legislator from McMinn County.

Wanda Sobieski is an experienced Knoxville attorney, President of Sobieski, Messer & Associates PLLC, and an adjunct professor with the University of Tennessee College Of Law. An expert on women’s suffrage movement and women’s history, Ms. Sobieski was the driving force behind the creation of the Tennessee Woman’s Suffrage Memorial on Market Square. She has been involved in many women’s organizations including the League of Women Voters, East Tennessee Lawyers’ Association for Women, Tennessee Lawyers’ Association for Women, National Conference of Women’s Bar Association, Woman Suffrage Coalition, American Association of University Women, National Women’s History Museum, and Executive Women’s Association.

The lecture is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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