

League of Women Voters
of Dallas

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A nonpartisan organization that encourages informed participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

JOINT ELECTION for CITIES and SCHOOL DISTRICTS
ELECCIÓN CONJUNTA para CUIDADES y DISTRITOS ESCOLARES

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 ELECTION DAY

SÁBADO, MAYO 4, 2019 ELECCIONE DIA

EARLY VOTING DATES: April 22 – 30, 2019

VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA FECHAS: Abril 22 - 30, 2019

For more information on the upcoming Joint Election for Cities and School Districts, see pp. 3-7.

VOTERS GUIDE FOR MAY MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL BOARD RACES

LWV Dallas, in cooperation with our sister Leagues in Richardson and Irving, is once again producing THE most comprehensive *Voters Guide* for the upcoming May elections.

This year there are 212 candidates running in 95 races for mayor, city council and school board in Dallas County. Every community from Addison and DeSoto to Seagoville and Wilmer is included. "Our motto is 'if it's on the ballot, it's in the Guide'", says project coordinator and League Board member Dorie Cranshaw.

responses and "nudging" the procrastinators to participate wouldn't be possible without the efforts of our 26 volunteer candidate "Wranglers" and their 2 Trail Bosses, Elizabeth Walley and Melanie Smith. Because of their diligence and hard work LWV Dallas expects to have an 85+% candidate response rate.

The *Voters Guide* will go live online at www.Vote411.org on April 1st and print editions will be available beginning the week of April 15th.



Contacting 212 candidates, gathering their

LWVD 81st ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan to attend the LWVD 81st Annual Meeting to be held -

Saturday, May 4 from 9am - 12 noon

The Edgemere

**8523 Thackery Street @ Northwest Hwy
Dallas 75225**

Key actions that will take place are election of officers and directors for the board, approval of the 2019-2020 budget, proposed organization

policies and bylaws changes, and decisions about a program theme for the coming year. Look for your annual meeting reports to be arriving at the end of April.

Congratulations go to Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award winner, **Miriam Foshay**, and the Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award winner, **Diane Tasian**.

Breakfast can be reserved for \$15 and free valet parking is available.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

2nd Quarter VOTER - April 2019

The 23rd Annual Susan B. Anthony Luncheon was a resounding success due to the dedicated leadership of the dynamic duo of Rebecca Acuña and Lisa Sherrod and their team of volunteers. Susybelle Gosslee received the SBA award for her long-time dedication to issues affecting the Dallas Community. The Champion Volunteer award was bestowed on Will Toler, who with his expertise as a Property Tax Consultant led the effort to help Hamilton Park homeowners to afford their childhood homes. All agreed these two award recipients were a great choice.



The Silent Auction did not disappoint anyone with the beautiful and colorful garden baskets arranged by Becky Brakke's team and an amazing selection of other items. I was delighted to participate in the selection of the plants and to "walk the pavement" with Becky, visiting potential donors. It was a great experience to find that many in the community are familiar with our mission and did not hesitate to donate.

The Susan B. Anthony Luncheon continues to be, by many accounts, the event to see long-time friends and make new ones. My heartfelt appreciation goes to all that attended the Luncheon!

I've always known that many talented and dedicated volunteers are members of the League, and I am honored to know them. On March 6, Julie Lowenberg, a new 50-year League member, was recognized at the Southern Methodist University's *Women's Symposium* with their Community Award for her work with the League of Women Voters of Dallas and the National Council of Jewish Women. Congratulations, Julie for a well-deserved recognition!

They say time flies when you are having fun as well as making an impact on our community. Can you believe we are planning the 81st Annual Meeting? It will be held on Election Day, Saturday, May 4, from 9 am to 12 pm at The Edgemere. I hope that by then you would have cast your vote early, or do so right after the meeting. We have many accomplishments by our amazing Board of Directors to share with you.

See you at the Annual Meeting!

Cecilia McKay

President - League of Women Voters of Dallas

"Oh, if I could but live another century
and see the fruition of all the work for
women! There is so much yet to be done."

~ SUSAN B. ANTHONY ~

VOTING MATTERS - FORUMS

LWV Dallas is co-hosting a number of CANDIDATE FORUMS for this election. Information is as complete as possible as of 4/1/19. **Check LWV Dallas website for updates.**

As of this date, planned forums include:

LWV DALLAS CO-HOSTED FORUMS

TYPE	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	HOSTS	RSVP
<i>Dallas Mayoral</i>	4/3, Wed 7:30-9:00 AM	Texas Scottish Rite Hospital 2222 Welborn St Dallas 75219	North Dallas Chamber, LWV Dallas, GLBT Chamber, Oak Cliff Chamber, The Dallas 40	www.ndcc.org
<i>Dallas District 12</i>	4/11, Thu Noon-1:00 PM	North Dallas Chamber Bldg 10707 Preston Rd Dallas 75230	North Dallas Chamber, LWV Dallas	www.ndcc.org
<i>Dallas Mayoral Runoff</i>	5/13, Mon Noon	Belo Mansion 2101 Ross Ave Dallas 75201	Dallas Bar Assoc, LWV Dallas, The Friday Group	
<i>Dallas Mayoral Runoff</i>	5/29, Wed Noon	North Dallas Chamber Bldg 10707 Preston Rd Dallas 75230	North Dallas Chamber, LWV Dallas	www.ndcc.org
<i>Dallas Mayoral Runoff</i>	6/4, Tue 6:00 PM (doors open 5:30 PM)	Old Parkland 3819 Maple Ave Dallas 75219	Crow Holdings, LWV Dallas	

OTHER DALLAS COUNTY FORUMS

<i>Dallas Mayoral</i>	4/3, Wed 6:00-8:00 PM	Centre Court Southwest Center Mall 3662 West Camp Wisdom Dallas 75237	ReImagine Redbird	www.dallasobserver.com/event/reimagine-redbird-mayoral-forum-11597376
<i>Dallas District 13</i>	4/24, Wed 7:00-9 PM	Sudie Williams TAG School 4518 Pomona Rd Dallas 75209	Briarwood Crime Watch Neighborhood Assoc	

MAY ELECTIONS

Dallas County voters will make important decisions this May in a major local election. In addition to dozens of city council and school district elections, the Dallas County Community College District is asking voters to approve a major bond initiative. Look for details in Vote411.org and printed *Voters Guides* shortly before the start of early voting.



MAY 4, 2019 JOINT ELECTION FOR CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

<u>Last Day to Register to Vote</u>	<u>APR 4, 2019</u>
<u>First Day to Vote Early</u>	<u>APR 22, 2019</u>
<u>Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail</u>	<u>APR 23, 2019</u>
<u>Last Day to Vote Early</u>	<u>APR 30, 2019</u>
<u>Last Day for Ballot by Mail to Be Received</u>	<u>MAY 4, 2019</u>
<u>Election Day</u>	<u>MAY 4, 2019</u>
<u>Runoff Election Day</u>	<u>JUN 8, 2019</u>

V O T I N G M A T T E R S - E L E C T I O N S

From: **Dallas County Elections Department**
 Toni Pippins-Poole, Elections Administrator, CERA, CCPA
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, March 22, 2019

Upcoming Joint Election for Cities and School Districts on Saturday, May 4, 2019 Early Voting begins Monday, April 22, 2019

Dallas, Texas (*excerpt March 29, 2019*) - Enclosed you will find information and deadlines relating to the upcoming Joint Election. The following information can be retrieved by calling the **Dallas County Elections Hotline, 214.637.7937**, which is answered twenty-four (24) hours a day. If you have any questions regarding this material, please do not hesitate to contact the Dallas County Elections Department at **214.819.6300**.

All information in this Press Release is available at www.DallasCountyVotes.org.

There are thirty-one (31) entities participating in this joint election:

JOINT ELECTION PARTICIPANTS - CITIES and CANDIDATES/ISSUES TO BE VOTED ON:

Town of Addison	Mayor, Member of Council 3 Places (Vote for 3)
City of Balch Springs	Mayor, Member of Council Districts 3, 5 and 7
City of Cedar Hill	Mayor, Member of Council Places 3 and 5, Special Election to fill Vacancy Place 1, Local Liquor Option
City of Dallas	Mayor, Member of Council Districts 1-14
City of DeSoto	Mayor, Member of Council Places 3 and 5, Special Election to fill Vacancy Place 4
City of Duncanville	Member of Council Place (At-Large) and Districts 1, 3 and 5
City of Farmers Branch	Member of Council Districts 1 and 4, Bond Election
City of Garland	Member of Council Districts 3, 6, 7, and 8, Special Election to fill Vacancy for Mayor, Bond Election
City of Grand Prairie	Mayor, Member of Council Districts 2 and 4, Local Liquor Option
City of Hutchins	Member of Council 3 Places (Vote for 3)
City of Irving	Members of Council Place 2 (At-Large), Districts 1 and 7, Local Liquor Option
City of Lancaster	Member of Council Districts 1 and 5
City of Lewisville	Member of Council Places 4 and 5
City of Mesquite	Sale of Park Land
City of Richardson	Mayor, Member of Council Places 1-6
City of Rowlett	Mayor, Member of Council Places 2, 4 and 6
City of Sachse	Members of Council Places 5 and 6
City of Seagoville	Mayor, Member of Council Places 2 and 4
Town of Sunnyvale	Special Election to fill Vacancy Place 6, Charter Amendments
City of Wilmer	Member of Council 3 Places (Vote for 3)

VOTING MATTERS - ELECTIONS

SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Cedar Hill ISD	Members of Board of Trustees Places 1 and 2
Dallas ISD	Member of Board of Trustees Districts 4, 5 and 7
DeSoto ISD	Members of Board of Trustees Places 1 and 2
Duncanville ISD	Members of Board of Trustees Places 1, 2 and 3
Garland ISD	Members of Board of Trustees Places 1, 2 and 3
Grand Prairie ISD	Member of Board of Trustees Place 7 and District 6
Highland Park ISD	Members of Board of Trustees Places 3, 4 and 5
Irving ISD	Member of Board of Trustees Districts 1, 3, 5 and 6
Lancaster ISD	Member of Board of Trustees Districts 3 and 6
Sunnyvale ISD	Member of Board of Trustees Places 2, 6 and 7
Dallas County Community College	Bond Election

VOTER PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS:

Texas voters must show **photo identification** or an exemption to providing Photo ID, when voting in person. Photo identification requirements, including list of identification, other forms of identification that can be presented, and exemptions, are found at www.VoteTexas.gov or <https://www.dallascountyvotes.org/election-day-voting/what-do-i-need-in-order-to-vote/>. Information on how to obtain an Election Identification Certificate can be found at www.DPS.Texas.gov/DriverLicense/electionID.htm.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-information/voter-registration-department/

In order to be qualified to vote in the May 4, 2019 Joint Election you must be registered to vote and have completed any voter updates to your current address. All applications and address changes must be mailed to Dallas County Elections, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, TX, 75207-2706 and **must be postmarked by April 4, 2019.**

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON:

Any qualified voter for the May 4, 2019 Joint Election for Cities and School Districts may vote in person at any one of the fifty-five (55) early voting locations on the dates and times indicated below:

EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES:

April 22 (Monday through Friday) - April 26	8 AM TO 5 PM
April 27 (Saturday)	8 AM TO 5 PM
April 28 (Sunday)	1 PM TO 6 PM
April 29 (Monday and Tuesday) - April 30	7 AM TO 7 PM

MAIL BALLOT & EMERGENCY BALLOT INFORMATION:

To request an Application for Ballot by Mail, eligible voters can send an Application for Ballot by Mail form or an "informal application" by mail (Dallas County Elections Dept., 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, TX 75207), fax to 214.819.6301, or email to EVAPPLICATIONS@DALLASCOUNTY.ORG no later than Tuesday, April 23, 2019. **The request must be received (not postmarked) by April 23, 2019.** Application for Ballot by Mail, related instructions and eligibility requirements are on our website at www.dallascountyvotes.org/absentee-voting.

Toni Pippins-Poole - Early Voting Clerk
Dallas County Elections
2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820
Dallas, Texas 75207

VOTING MATTERS - ELECTIONS

On March 5, the Dallas County Commissioners Court approved a plan for implementing county-wide vote centers on election day for Dallas County. That means, beginning with the November 6, 2019 Constitutional Amendment election, we will be able to vote anywhere in the county on election day as we currently do during early voting. Currently, voters may only vote at their precinct polling place, near where they live, on election day.

Reasons to go ahead with this change are:

- The technology is proven. More than 50 counties in this state use vote centers on election day including big counties like Collin, Lubbock and Travis. They've been doing so for years.
- Dallas County has been running vote centers during early voting for decades and knows how to do it.
- Having to travel to a precinct polling place on election day causes an unnecessary hardship and wastes time for voters who work in one part of the county but live in another. Why should a voter who works downtown have to travel to, for example, Farmers Branch, to vote when they could so easily vote in the area where they work?
- Uncounted voter hours are wasted because people don't know where their precinct polling

place is. A few years ago, we conducted an exit poll in conjunction with the statistics department of SMU on election day for a gubernatorial election. We found that 9% of the voters on that day had gone to the wrong polling place and were traveling around trying to find the right one. What a waste of time for people who were just trying to be good citizens.

Several LWV Dallas members were at the meeting to support the item. Diane Tasian and Elaine Wiant were there, and Elizabeth Walley, Bill Betzen and Harryette Ehrhardt spoke in favor.

Dallas County is also planning on changing out election equipment. It has already approved a contract for purchase of "electronic poll books", a modern version of the paper books election workers currently use to check in voters. Next comes purchase of voting equipment. Any voting equipment used by a county in Texas must be certified by the state, and the only two systems currently certified both produce "paper ballots". Therefore, any new equipment purchased by Dallas County will produce a paper ballot that can then be fed into a ballot counter. This is the "paper trail" that voters have been clamoring for.

Elizabeth Walley, VP of Voter Outreach

FUN FACT FRIDAY DID YOU KNOW?

The Express Vote and DS200 new voting equipment that will be used in Dallas County Elections will continue using paper ballot tracking and recording!

Voters can verify on screen selections, verify after printing the ballot and we can still have manual recounts and audit trails.

**THE
EXPRESS
VOTE
DS200**



**Make Your
Selections**

**Print Your
Ballot**

**Deposit
Your Ballot**

VOTING MATTERS

DALLAS COUNTY ELECTIONS VOTING EQUIPMENT HISTORY

1980

**THE
PUNCH
CARD**



1989

**THE
M100**



2019

**THE
EXPRESS
VOTE
DS200**



LWV and THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS AT KLYDE WARREN PARK



A D V O C A C Y

ADVOCACY NOTES FOR THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

All bills have been filed. The deadline for filing was Friday, March 8, 2019. Legislative term ends Monday, May 27, 2019.

House Bills - 5,730 filed	Senate Bills - 2,941 filed
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Where to look to find the needles in the haystack:

1. Texas Legislature online - tells where in the process a particular bill is:
<https://capitol.texas.gov/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSess=86R&ID=housefiled>
<https://capitol.texas.gov/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSess=86R&ID=senatefiled>
2. Bills by subject or stage of process: <https://capitol.texas.gov/Reports/BillsBy.aspx>
3. Bills by map of state (this is just one link – please be sure to select the whole thing):
https://www.januaryadvisors.com/map-of-bills-filed-by-the-86th-texas-legislature-2019/?fbclid=IwAR3lb8gU_940P1nOym6wlwmC8FfmYDfS7NDLy_kodcy-S0P1iaW0_n5AYUc

Write your elected official and tell her/him what you want:

1. Who to write: Governor, your State Senator and State Representative (EO or elected official) , committee chairs, and any member of a committee in either the Senate or House
2. Finding your state EO: <https://openstates.org/tx/>
3. Dave Lieber, The Watchdog for the *Dallas Morning News*, wrote a great article about writing your officials. See pages B1 and B9 of the March 10, 2019 issue. He recommends letters over email because they are harder to ignore. He provides these addresses:
 - a. For all State Senators:
 P.O. Box 12068
 Austin, TX 78711-2068
 - b. For all State Representatives:
 P.O. Box 2910
 Austin, TX 78768-2910
 - c. For Governor:
 State Capitol
 Austin, TX 78701

✍️ Happy letter writing! Diane Tasian, VP of Program

LWV and THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS AT KLYDE WARREN PARK (one more pic)



PROGRAM - MEETINGS

WANT TO SERVE ON THE LEAGUE BOARD?

Have you ever thought about serving on the LWV Dallas Board of Directors? Do you have an interest in program, advocacy, a particular issue, writing, public relations, fundraising, keeping the books, recruiting members? Do you know a member who may be interested? If so, please let the Nominating Committee know as soon as possible.

The Nominating Committee is looking for people who are interested in serving on the board or on a committee that a board member heads up. The board meets on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 am until noon, usually at the League office or at the Meadows Conference Center. Meeting on Saturday was done to accommodate the schedule of working board members. In the past, the board met on the first Thursday of the month at noon.

The LWVD board is a working board. Board members are expected to work on their assigned portfolio, write articles for the VOTER, attend board meetings, and support the League's activities in their entirety. Don't kid yourself; there is work to be done.

At the same time, the benefits of serving on the League's board are enormous. Besides the usual of learning about issues, gaining new skills, and making new friends, you will be providing a service to our community, state and nation that is critical to the survival and advancement of our democracy. We know our nation is not perfect, but democracy is better than any alternative. Working through the League, you can empower voters and defend democracy.

If you have any questions or want to explore the idea of board service more thoroughly, please contact chair Eileen Rosenblum (eileen.rosenblum@gmail.com; 469-879-8801) or Linda Wassenich (LindaVote@gmail.com; 214-368-5305).

APRIL UNIT MEETINGS

The April 10 & 11 Unit Meetings will discuss 2 subjects:

1. The Texas Legislature - This session will end on May 27, 2019. Please see the related article on pg. 8 on advocacy and finding your elected officials and tracking bills. We will look at bills that the LWV Texas advocates are supporting
2. Our local Elections Update on Candidates and Issues. Election Day is May 4.
 - By the time you receive this VOTER, the LWV Voters Guide is available at Vote411.org and the printed Guide will be ready the week of April 15.
 - If you are planning to attend the League's Annual Meeting on May 4, you may want to vote early. Early voting begins Monday, April 22 and ends Tuesday, April 30.

Apr. 10 10:00 am
Wednesday Morning Unit
 Diane Tasian 214.850.7054
Elaine Wildman Home
 Entrance Lobby
 550 East Ann Arbor
 Dallas 75216

Apr. 11 9:30 am
Thursday Morning Unit
 Susybelle Gosslee 214.732.8610
The Episcopal Church of
St Thomas the Apostle
 6525 Inwood Road
 Dallas 75209

Apr. 11 11:30 am
Far North Dallas Unit
 Eileen Rosenblum 469.879.8801
The Egg and I
 15203 Knoll Trail
 Arapaho & Montfort/Knoll
 Dallas

Apr. 11 6:30 pm
Thursday Evening Unit
 Arline Pitt 972.243.3966
Angela's Café
 7979 Inwood Road
 Inwood & Lovers Lane
 Dallas 75219

GENERAL AND UNIT MEETING DATES & TOPICS

Apr 10/11 Unit Meetings - Texas Legislature and
 Local Elections
 May 4 81st Annual Meeting
 May 8/9 Unit Meetings - Do Your Own Thing!
 NO Unit Meetings - June, July & August



D E V E L O P M E N T C O R N E R

HOW CAN YOU GIVE TO THE LEAGUE?

A quick look at the Donor Honor Roll shows a number of ways that you can give to the League. A memorial gift or a gift in honor of someone is always appreciated by the League, the honoree, and the family of the one being remembered. Honor gifts are a great way to recognize someone's birthday, a wedding anniversary, the birth of a child or grandchild—and a new League member.

Gifts to the Scholarship Fund help a person join and participate in the League. Scholarship gifts are particularly helpful to members who are on a fixed income and young members who may be just starting out and dealing with student loans. You can also make a gift to the Scholarship Fund to pay the dues of a specific person whom you know wants to be a member or would like to renew.

In fact, you can pay the dues of a family member or friend as a way of encouraging that person to learn more about and participate in the League.

Another important way you can support the League is to leave a bequest to the League in your will. You can specify an amount, or you can state a percentage of the residual of the estate after the designated gifts have been made.

The League is the only organization that was involved in the fight for women's suffrage and is still in existence 99 years later. Your gift to the League will help ensure that the League can continue to serve the public 100 years from now with critical, unbiased, nonpartisan information to help Make Democracy Work.

To leave a bequest to the League in your will, you can use the following wording:

UNRESTRICTED BEQUEST: "I give to the League of Women Voters of Dallas, Texas, the sum of \$_____ for its general purposes."

SPECIFIC ASSET BEQUEST: "I give my (specify personal property item(s) and/or real property) to the League of Women Voters of Dallas, Texas."

BEQUEST OF RESIDUARY ESTATE: "I give to the League of Women Voters of Dallas, Texas, _____ percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, for its general purposes."

Bequests are generally placed in the long-term reserves of LWV Dallas and used as decided by the Board of Directors. Donors who wish to set up an endowment or designate their bequest for a specific purpose are encouraged to discuss those plans with the board's President or Director of Development.

DONOR HONOR ROLL

Please join me in thanking the following people for their generous contributions to LWV Dallas. This list does not include those who bought tickets or sponsorships for the Susan B. Anthony luncheon, raffle tickets or silent auction items.

Memorials: In Memory of Joyce Lockley: Barbara Materka

In Memory of Jody Furnish: Julie Lowenberg

In Memory of Ginny Whitehill: Rosie Stromberg

In Memory of Pat Vaughan: Julie Lowenberg, Fran Morris, Judith Shure, Ann Ross,
Barbara Materka, Kayla Vaughan, Rosie Stromberg, Pat Sabin, and Jane Pak

Scholarships: Eliza Solender and Cat and Mack Turner

Patron Member: Anna Brining

Program Contributions: Lynn Davenport, Dr. Terri Nelson Dumas, and the Hon. Mavis Knight

Corporate Rebates and Matching Gifts: Kroger Community Rewards Program,
Albertson's-Safeway/Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program, and Pepsico

Undesignated Contributions: Linda Allen Goode, Ruth Alhilali, Judy and Sam Coats, Kelly Drablos,
Agnes Ellsworth, Susybelle Gosslee, Trish Houck and Lyssa Jenkins, Jim Nugent, Pat Mitchell,
Jane Pak, Essie Reed, Joan Ridley, Pat Sabin, Jerry Weiss, Cal and Claire Buie Chaney, Kay Irvin,
the Hon. Ann Margolin, Annabelle Catterall, Adrienne Drapkin, Diane Risser, and Arline Pitt

M E M B E R S H I P I N F O



We Would Like to Give a Warm Welcome to NEW League Members since Jan. 1 -

Robin Lederer	Jennifer Duval	Eric Khozindar
Linda Lydia	Will Toler	Norma & Gaston Aguilar
Martha Johnson	Belinda Berg	Jeana Foxman
Lanell Mantey	Gladis Eudabe	Sandra Youngblood
Molly Rooke	Ann Herbage	Natalie Potter
Anna Brining	Patricia Munoz	Patricia Hogue

Invite a new member to your Unit Meeting April 10&11, to the Annual Meeting on May 4, and any other activity you think they may enjoy. Show them what the League's about. Welcome new members!

LWVD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renew your membership, or check that it hasn't lapsed, plus make sure we have your current contact information. To check if you are current, call (214) 688-4125 or email lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net.

You may pay online at www.lwvdallas.org or mail a check to LWV Dallas, 6060 North Central Expwy, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75206. Thank you.

LWVD MEMBERSHIP DUES

Effective June 1, 2018, dues are as follows:

Individual Member - \$75/per year

Student Member - \$25/per year

Household Members - \$112.50/per year

Patron Member - \$150/per year

(Individual mem \$75, + Additional

Benefactor Member - \$500/per year

Household Member \$37.50)

Scholarship Member - *please call*

LWVD MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY *(updated 3/31/19)*

The current, updated LWVD Membership Directory is online. Please let the office know if you are a League member and would like a printed copy or if you have any changes to your contact information. Thank you.

Call 214-688-4125 or email lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net.

**Tom Thumb/Albertson's
Good Neighbor Program**

Good Neighbor #: **2917**

4th Quarter Payment: **\$95.67**

Donate While You Shop!
www.Smile.Amazon.com
Click "change your charity",
Type "League of Women
Voters of Dallas"

**NEW: Kroger
Community Rewards**
Community Rewards #: **95073**
Quarterly Payment: **\$37.99**

50-YEAR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LONG-TIME MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT "JULIE and MICHAEL LOWENBERG"



Julie and Michael Lowenberg just joined the elite group of 50-year League members. Julie is a native of Dallas. She lived on Walnut Hill when it was the northernmost street of Dallas!

As a lawyer, Julie taught the first Gender Discrimination and the Law classes at Southern Methodist University's Law School during the early 1970s. At the time, textbooks were being rendered almost obsolete by groundbreaking U.S. Supreme Court decisions that granted women unprecedented opportunities.

Lowenberg subsequently began her second career as a volunteer with the League of Women Voters, working at the local and state levels to improve women's lives and to secure their civil liberties.

In 1969, a neighbor invited her to a Unit meeting which were then hosted by League members in their homes. That she became an ardent volunteer for the League is an understatement. Julie became involved in studies, voter services at the Local and State levels, as Organization VP and held the position of LWV Women's Health Issue Chair for twenty-five years. Her efforts, testimonies, and action alerts supported the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. Julie became LWV Dallas President in 1987 and served for two terms. In 1998, she was elected President of the LWV Texas Board.

Over the years, Julie's volunteerism has not gone unnoticed. Among her recognitions, she received the then known as *Maura Award – Women helping Women* from the Dallas Women's Foundation (now the Texas Women's Foundation). In recognition of her many years of dedicated volunteerism for the League and in the community, Julie received the *Susan B. Anthony Award* in 2010. This March, Julie received the *Community Award* at the Southern Methodist University's Women's Symposium.

While Julie was involved in her many endeavors, her very supportive husband Michael was also making his mark in the community. He has been legal counsel for two firms, most recently for Foley Gardere. Michael has been awarded the *Super Lawyer* designation for 2003 to 2013. This is a designation of top-rated practicing attorneys selected through extensive evaluation. It is said that Michael is passionate about helping clients solve their issues as quickly as possible. He is a loyal and diligent advocate, as well as a skilled negotiator – an expertise that clients value when they are seeking to avoid litigation. Numerous non-profit organizations have benefitted from Michael's expertise.

Julie and Michael will celebrate 54 years of wedded bliss in June. They have one daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren.

According to Julie, her best experiences in the League have been meeting great people and her long tenure as Women's Health Issue Chair.

When asked how she would complete the sentence "I wish the League would...", without hesitation she said "I wish the League would be able to clone the many wonderful, dedicated volunteers I have met over the years." She also said she wishes the League could afford to have an Executive Director.

 Cecilia McKay
LWV Dallas President

I N M E M O R I A M

In Memoriam

~ *Patricia Ann Vaughan* ~

November 26, 1941 – January 3, 2019

Pat Vaughan was a member of the League for 35 years. She served in many capacities, as President, Program and Organization Vice Presidents, Nominating Committee Chair, unit leader, and chair of several committees. She was well versed in how the League worked and was a valued member of the board in whatever position she held.

She received her Masters Degree in Recreation and Park Administration from Indiana University. Pat worked for many years with Camp Fire in various locations and served as the Assistant Executive Director and Director of Camping for the Lone Star Council of Camp Fire in Dallas. She was active in her church, The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle; the Texas Women's Foundation; and the Women's Council of Dallas County.

Pat was greatly appreciated for her generous philanthropy to LWV Dallas and LWV TX. She received the President's Meritorious Service and the Myrtle Bales Bulkley Awards in recognition of many years of exceptional service to the League and the community. She also served on the board and contributed to the Texas Women's Foundation and received the Maura Award.

She established the Jonesville Foundation in her hometown to help others, especially to empower women and children to achieve lifelong success. Pat has left her mark on all of us, and we will miss her very much.



In Memoriam

~ *Bessie Weed* ~

October 17, 1929 – January 29, 2019

Bessie Weed was a 26-year member of the League of Women Voters. She served on the Board and was the Advocacy Vice President during the 1998 controversy over the Trinity River Bond Proposal. Bessie also served as a unit leader of the Far North Dallas unit for several years and was active in several committees.

Bessie received her Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Texas Austin School of Social Work. She worked for Hope Cottage, the VNA and UTD, among other agencies.

She was a member of the Women's Council and attended the Health and Human Services Coalition meetings, and she served on the Dallas Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Bessie will be missed.



In Memoriam

~ *Mrs. Essie (Richard) Reed* ~

December 30, 1933 – February 25, 2019

Mrs. Essie Reed was an active, lifetime member of the League of Women Voters of Dallas for 56 years. She served on the State Board and attended state and national conventions and local unit meetings regularly. Essie was a very active member in the areas of voter rights, voter education and voter registration for many years. She and her husband John marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Essie received her Masters Degree in Children's Literature from Texas Women's University and began her career with the Dallas Public Library where she worked as a children's librarian. She was the first African American librarian to work with the public and opened and managed three public libraries in Dallas.

She attended Saint Phillips Episcopal, Saint George Episcopal and Saint Anne Episcopal and worked with the "Daughters of the King."

In 2006, Essie received the Susan B. Anthony Award, an annual award presented to "a woman who exemplifies the characteristics of Susan B. Anthony." These characteristics include "independence, persistence, determination and dedication in obtaining equal rights for all." Her commitment to the League never wavered. Essie has made a difference, and we will miss her.



23RD SUSAN B. ANTHONY LUNCHEON

A SPECIAL SILENT AUCTION

Again this year, 27 Garden Baskets drew guests into the Silent Auction room with a promise of Spring. Thanks go to the team who selected plants and came to Becky's home to assemble them in baskets - Ann Ross, Becky Brakke, Maria Davila, Cecilia McKay and Patti Crumley.

Asking restaurants, shops and specialty stores for donations and gift cards is a special talent that requires persistence, humor and a friendly




smile. Thank you, Katherine McGovern, Laura Estrada, Sally Branch, Julie Lowenberg, Cecilia McKay, and our Co-Chairs Rebecca Acuña and Lisa Sherrod, who collected over 60 items.

Unique contributions caught guests' eyes: five collectable Susan B. Anthony coin necklaces created by Cecilia McKay, two beautiful Shetland lace shawls expertly hand-knitted by Ann Folz and colorful, bright toddler items hand-knitted by Linda Camin. Harryette Ehrhardt found a way to once again host a memorable formal dinner for 10 in her Swiss Avenue home. And Cecilia and Garrett Boone offered to host a dinner for 8 guests at their high-rise apartment.

For the first time there were four items in the RAFFLE: an Omni Dallas Hotel package; Dinner at the Mansion; a California Stay at Carlsbad Inn and Beach Resort with American Airline Advantage Miles; and Dallas Cowboys Home Game Tickets.



It takes many resourceful people to produce a Silent Auction. On-site volunteers at the luncheon helped set up items, package items for winners, checkout and clean up. Thank you to everyone who had a part in this.

 Becky Brakke, Silent Auction Chair

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APRIL, MAY & JUNE 2019 CALENDAR

APRIL 2019		
1 - 7	Monday	VOTER 2nd Quarter publication. Mail and email.
2	Tuesday	Vote411.org Online
6	Saturday 10:00 - Noon	LWVD Board Meeting (League members welcome) LWVD Office, 6060 N Central Expwy, 5th Floor, Dallas 75206
10 - 11	Wednesday - Thursday	Unit Meetings - Texas Legislature and Local Election
11	Thursday	DEADLINE for Annual Meeting materials to be sent to members
12	Friday OFFICE CLOSED	Day off
15	Monday	Tax Day
19	Friday OFFICE CLOSED	Good Friday
21	Sunday	Easter
22	Monday	Earth Day
22 - 30	Monday	EARLY VOTING BEGINS for Municipal Elections
23 - 25	Tuesday - Thursday	reserved for General Meeting - TBD
24	Wednesday	Administrative Professionals Day
26 - 28	Friday - Sunday	Earth Day Celebration, Fair Park, 1121 First Avenue, Dallas
30	Tuesday	EARLY VOTING ENDS for Municipal Elections

MAY 2019		In 2018 early voting ended for Municipal Elections on May 1 Municipal Elections were held on May 5.
4	Saturday 7:00am - 7:00pm	ELECTION DAY Municipal Elections
4	Saturday 9:00am - noon	ANNUAL MEETING- The Edgemere, 8523 Thackery Street @Northwest Hwy, Dallas
5	Sunday	Cinco de Mayo
8 - 9	Wednesday - Thursday	Unit Meetings - "Do Your Own Thing" (various locations & times)
12	Sunday	Mother's Day
17	Thursday	SUSO (Speak Up Speak Out) civics engagement fair, UTD campus
27	Monday OFFICE CLOSED	Memorial Day

JUNE 2019		NO Unit meetings in June 2019, No General Meeting NO National Convention in 2019; NO LWV TX Council Meeting in 2019
1	Saturday 10:00 - Noon	LWVD Board Meeting (League members welcome) LWVD Office, 6060 N Central Expwy, 5th Floor, Dallas 75206
11	Tuesday 5:00pm	VOTER 3rd Quarter (July, August, September) articles DUE
14	Friday	Flag Day
16	Sunday	Fathers' Day

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LWVD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that inclusiveness enhances its capability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVD affirms its commitment to reflecting diversity in its membership, board, staff and programs.

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