

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.

CALL TO 2018 LWV TEXAS CONVENTION

Every two years, LWV Texas convenes a state Convention to which delegates and members from Leagues around the state, plus Members-at-Large, are invited.

The League of Women Voters 2018 Texas Convention will take place from Friday-Sunday, April 27-29, at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas. For more information and to register go to

<https://my.lwv.org/texas/event/convention>



As the largest League in the State of Texas, we can bring up to 32 delegates to the Convention. To date there are nine LWVD delegates registered.

If you would like to be a delegate at the convention, please

contact Cecilia McKay at cemck@swbell.net and/or the LWV Dallas office.

If you are planning to attend, please contact the League office at lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net as there might be opportunities to car pool and/or share a room.

Hope you will consider this incredible opportunity to meet other Texas Leaguers and to witness democracy in action.



APRIL UNIT MEETINGS

"Presentation and Discussion on the update study

Low-Income & Affordable Housing and the Effects of Gentrification"



[Apr. 1110:00 am](#)

Wednesday Morning Unit

[Mildred Pope 469.235.7077](#)

Meadows Conference Center

Piney Woods Room

2900 Live Oak Street

Dallas 75204



[Apr. 129:30 am](#)

Thursday Morning Unit



**The Episcopal Church of
St Thomas the Apostle**

6525 Inwood Road

Dallas 75209



[Apr. 1211:30 am](#)

Far North Dallas Unit

[Eileen Rosenblum 469.879.8801](#)

Egg and I

15203 Knoll Trail

corner of Arapaho & Montfort/Knoll



[Apr. 126:30 pm](#)

Thursday Evening Unit

[Arlene Pitt 972.243.3966](#)

Angela's Café

7979 Inwood Road @ Lovers Lane

Dallas 75219

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

First Quarter VOTER - April 2018

The League of Women Voters of Dallas has a lot to celebrate. The



Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon was a resounding success. We give thanks for the efforts of the Luncheon Co-Chairs, Rebecca Acuña and Lisa Sherrod, and their committee that made the event a great success.

At the Luncheon, we honored Ruel M. Hamilton with the Susan B. Anthony Award for providing low-income women with affordable housing in an environment that ties his developments to high schools, thus providing a chance for quality

education for their children.

We recognized the Founders of the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon, Vernie Wilton Crabtree and daughter Carol Crabtree Donovan, for their vision.

For the first time, we introduced the Champion Volunteer Award. The recipients were Nancy Lubar and Richard Marcus whom many of you might know for their tireless work to increase the number of registered voters and to encourage them to exercise their right to vote.

We thank the sponsors and guests whose support of the Luncheon helps us fulfill our mission of encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

Elizabeth Walley, Dorie Cranshaw and and their Voter Outreach team outdid themselves with a record size Voters Guide, VOTE411.org and Candidate Forums to prepare voters to make informed decisions at the Primary elections.

Finally, I thank all of you for your continued support of the League of Women Voters of Dallas. We could not do it without you.

Sincerely,

Cecilia McKay

President - League of Women Voters of Dallas

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LWV US

NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 28 - July 1, 2018

Chicago, Illinois

P R O G R A M

PROGRAM PLANNING AND LOCAL STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

On January 28 the Program Committee met to consider topic suggestions from the December Unit Meetings. These study recommendations will be presented at the Annual Meeting which will be held on Saturday, May 12, at the Edgemere at 8523 Thackery Street.

Please watch the VOTER and the website for reminders of the Annual Meeting so you can attend and participate in voting on these

recommendations.

The committee will recommend the continuation of the local update study **Low-Income and Affordable Housing and the Effects of Gentrification** for another year.

The committee also recommended that these questions from the unit meetings be added to the study's list of considerations:

- (a) How well are economic development incentives working (TIFs, MMDs, etc.)?
- (b) How effective is governmental accountability for providers of multi-family affordable housing programs?
- (c) How does City Manager Broadnax' new market value analysis (MVA) plan impact low-income housing? and
- (d) Homelessness.

No new study was recommended.

The committee also supports the LWVUS and LWVTX continuation of the advocacy campaign of **Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Redistricting** and the Texas League's **Be a Texas Voter Campaign** through education and action at the local level.

One way we will do that is by focusing on an Action Issue and by reviewing a position and shining a light on how it is an issue at the local level at each Unit Meeting beginning in March. We will also gather and discuss examples of Action such as opinion editorials and speaking to elected officials, commissions, and committees.

Please share any examples you have with us at the Unit Meetings or with me via email at diane@thetasians.com.

~ Thanks so much, Diane Tasian, VP Program



PROGRAM PLANNING: DID YOU KNOW THAT ACTION IS A PROGRAM ITEM?

Nationally, LWVUS has 51 positions on 23 topics that are grouped into four categories:

- representative government,
- international relations,
- natural resources, and
- social policy.

State and local Leagues are encouraged to use national positions to advocate on issues that affect the community at the state and local level. One of the best examples is the subject of immigration.

LWV New Mexico wanted to restudy immigration because they saw a need to modify the position. However, for the most part, the position was still relevant and acceptable.

Instead of conducting a national restudy, LWV-NM was encouraged to take a different tack. An online immigration discussion group was approved by the national board. It is moderated by Linda Wassenich and Meredith Machen, former president of LWV-NM.

Local and state Leagues are encouraged to share information with each other through the online discussion group about what's happening in their locality. When issues of concern are identified, state and local Leagues can conduct interviews and write letters to the Editor and Op-Eds to shine light on the problem areas. Sometimes just exposing a problem area to public attention is enough to cause movement toward solving the problem.

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P R O G R A M

Program Planning: Did You Know... Another example occurred years ago when the City of Dallas was considering designating public places, including restaurants, as smoke-free environments. LWV Dallas did not have a position that spoke directly to this matter, but there were national positions on air quality and public health that would allow us to speak out on the issue. We consulted with LWVUS, but we already knew that there was member agreement. We proceeded to advocate for the smoking ban with an Op-Ed, and the City Council passed the smoking ban.

Under the umbrella of The Campaign to Make Democracy Work, LWVUS is focusing on voting rights, election administration, redistricting, and money in politics. Each of these areas affect us locally; so, when Action Alerts come out, we need to write letters or make phone calls.

- To research League positions, go to <https://www.lwv.org>. Click on League Management, then click on Policies and Publications. *Impact on Issues* is the first item under that heading.
- <https://my.lwv.org/texas/positions>, the LWV TX website, features all the positions under “*Advocacy and Issues*.”

As a League, we can proactively interview our local government officials on issues that are of concern and write letters to the editor and/or Op-Ed pieces to highlight those issues. Members can increase the League’s influence by advocating the League’s positions as individuals without saying it is the League’s position, but members cannot speak for the League unless authorized by the LWVD president.

 Linda Wassenich, LWVD Board Secretary

LWVD 80th ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan to attend the LWVD 80th Annual Meeting to be held -

Saturday, May 12 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 2018-19 budget, 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, **Sandy Thornton**, and the Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award winner, the **Hon. Toni Rose**.

Breakfast will be served and parking is provided. More details to follow.

IMMIGRATION:

Understanding the Problems & Opportunities

Are you confused about immigration?

Do you want to know more than just soundbites?

What are the facts and what do we really need to know?

Speakers:

Dr. Caroline B. Brettell, Professor,
Department of Anthropology, SMU

Francisco de la Torre Galindo,
Consul General of Mexico, Dallas

Chris Salcedo, Veteran Broadcaster WBAP,
author and political analyst

Thursday, April 12, 2018, 7 PM

King of Glory Lutheran Church

6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas TX 75254

(No reservation required)

VOTING MATTERS

LWV DALLAS PRODUCES LARGEST, MOST COMPREHENSIVE VOTERS GUIDE

LWV Dallas worked hard for two months to bring Dallas County voters a *Voters Guide* for the March 2018 Primary Elections. A group of 17 volunteer candidate “**wranglers**” contacted 239 candidates from both the Republican and Democratic parties for races from Congress to Precinct Chair including all the State Rep and judicial candidates in between.

Through dogged determination and persistence, LWVD can boast a 76% candidate response rate for the legislative and judicial races. In addition to the races the local League covered, the State League provided responses for the statewide races like US Senator and Governor. “The League has covered more races than the *Dallas Morning News* or any other organization this primary season”, boasts Vote411 Coordinator Dorie Cranshaw. The product of the group’s hard work was available on the website www.Vote411.org which provides a personal ballot for each voter.



Additionally, Voter Services VP Elizabeth Walley coordinated the printing of 13,000 hard copy guides that were distributed to libraries, colleges, schools, churches and other public institutions free of charge prior to the start of early voting. The printed guide ran 100 pages: a record! “It’s wonderful to see so many candidates interested in running for public office” said Ms. Walley. She proudly stated, “It’s one of the main jobs of the League to educate Voters about candidates”.

There wasn’t much time available to sit back and admire their work, however. These intrepid League leaders and their volunteer “**wranglers**” have been working hard on the *Voters Guides* for the municipal elections in May. There are at least 85 contests slated in communities from Addison, Garland, Highland Park, Richardson to Sunnyvale which are being covered.

If you would like to serve as a candidate “**wrangler**” in an upcoming election (about a 4-6 hour time commitment spread over a one-month period), please contact **Dorie Cranshaw** directly at doriebigd@aol.com.

STUDENT VOTING IN AMERICA’S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT IN ELECTIONS

By Katherine Savers McGovern, At-Large Board Member

It’s generally accepted that students in colleges and universities are more likely to become involved in protests than to actually register to vote AND then to actually vote in “mid-term” or “presidential” elections.¹ However, there is a movement at many higher education institutions across America to change that dynamic, *i.e.*, to energize college students to get into the habit of voting at every election. The question is how.

Farah Stockman's article, “*How College Campuses Are Trying to Tap Students’ Voting*

Power” shares some strategies which are working. The University of Michigan, lead by its political science department, has challenged its “Big Ten football rivals to a competition to see which school can get more students to vote in the midterms.” In 2016, only 14% of the eligible, registered University of Michigan students voted. Michigan’s challenge to its Big Ten football rivals is intended to increase the student vote participation in the 2018 mid-terms.

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¹ See, March 3, 2018 New York Times “*How College Campuses Are Trying to Tap Students’ Voting Power*” By Farah Stockman. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/03/us/students-voter-turnout.html> ; See also “National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE),” 2016 - 2012 Report, Institute for Democracy & Higher Education at Tufts University’s Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life. <https://idhe.tufts.edu/research>

Student Voters... As discussed in the *New York Times*' article on what some colleges are doing to encourage the habit of voting by the students,² the implication(s) of college students vote may be significant.

- The new emphasis on voting — among a population that tends to vote Democrat — comes as the nation gears up for a high-stakes midterm election. It is unclear whether the efforts to increase student turnout will impact the nation's political map. Among the students who vote, many cast absentee ballots for districts where they grew up.
- But, about three dozen House races considered competitive this year were won in 2016 by margins smaller than the number of college students living in the district.
- Representative Darrell Issa, a California Republican, won by 1,621 votes in a district with more than 51,000 students. More than half attend the University of California, San Diego, which has set up a student-organized "voter access" committee to push turnout in the fall.
- Representative Claudia Tenney, a New York Republican, won by 15,178 votes, a number smaller than the student body at Binghamton University, which is giving out prizes — such as foosball tables or television sets — to the residence hall that registers the highest percentage of voters.

²Not telling them how to vote

³E.g., Southern Methodist University, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Arlington, Paul Bryan College, The University of Dallas, University of North Texas at Dallas.

See footnote¹. "How College Campuses Are Trying to Tap Students' Voting Power" link for full discussion.

In Dallas County, in addition to the seven Dallas County Community College District campuses, there are several public and private four-year colleges and universities,³ none of which are listed as participating in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), a nationwide effort to gather and analyze student voting patterns, lead by Tufts University. The LWVD has established an active voter registration program on several of the DCCCD campuses, but does not have data to assess whether and to what extent students who are registered actually voted either in Dallas County or by mail in the area where they are registered.

The LWV Dallas Board has decided to increase its efforts at area college campuses to encourage voting. These efforts, in addition to voter registration and election information, may include support and mentoring for LWVD college clubs to more actively energize fellow students to vote through education, forums and advocacy about the power of each person's votes, particularly for the mid-term elections. Increased voter participation rates for the 18-25 year olds would help to push back the steady decline in voter participation which began in 1960. Voting is integral to a viable Democracy and getting out the vote continues to be the LWVD's mission.



(Bundles of Voters Guides ready to be distributed at the Living Faith Covenant Church)



(Volunteers help the League with Voters Guides)


VOTING MATTERS

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

What is a Primary? A Primary is a nominating election for the major political parties. There are two separate ballots – one for Democrats and one for Republicans. The winners are the respective party's nominees who will advance to the November General Election when the future office holders will ultimately be selected.

The issues to be decided in this year's elections are huge. Whether your elected official supports or opposes tolled lanes to alleviate highway congestion, whether they are for or against school vouchers, whether they support or oppose a wall along the Mexican border - These are some of the issues that will be determined in this year's elections.

Once a person decides to participate in our great democratic experiment by voting, then many questions come to mind. When do I vote? Where do I go? How do I know who to vote for? The League of Women Voters recommends three websites where voters can find most of the basic information needed to be a voter. The image below describes these websites.

 Elizabeth Walley, VP Voter Outreach



BE A TEXAS VOTER!

For the past year, LWV Dallas has been working with professionals in online education at Dallas County Community College District's LeCroy Center to produce a series of lessons on voting. Each of the six lessons in the series consists of a short video accompanied by reading materials, classroom discussion topics and exercises. Topics covered include how and why people should vote and also more challenging topics like gerrymandering, the Electoral College and alternative election systems.

The purpose of the project is to provide comprehensive materials for Texas classrooms

to motivate young voters and boost their participation in elections. One of the videos in the series called "Does My Vote Matter" features a young Dallas woman who, in a flash of insight, figured out the importance of voting. Shown at the Susan B. Anthony luncheon, it garnered positive feedback from viewers.

When the series is complete it will be made available for community college and high school classrooms throughout Texas. A careful rollout is being planned to ensure that teachers and students realize maximum benefit from the videos.

 Elizabeth Walley, VP Voter Outreach

VOTING MATTERS

LOCAL VOTERS GUIDE MAKES HISTORY



For the first time **EVERY** municipal race, **EVERY** ISD trustee election and **EVERY** bond issue/charter amendment election in Dallas County will be covered in the **LWV Dallas' online Voters Guide: Vote411.com**. Large cities like Carrollton, Garland and Mesquite and smaller towns like Wilmer and Ovilla are having their town council races included in the Guide: 18 cities in total.

Also, we are covering five ISDs including DISD and DCCCD. In total 144 candidates are being contacted to be included.

If you want to see if your town has a race, go to www.Vote411.org and enter your address to see all the races that will be on your ballot on May 5th.

Thanks to all the candidate "**wranglers**" whose work made this project possible.



MAY 5, 2018 JOINT ELECTION FOR CITIES AND SCHOOLS

Last Day to Register to Vote	APR 05, 2018
First Day to Vote Early	APR 23, 2018
Last Day to Receive Applications for Ballots by Mail	APR 24, 2018
Last Day to Vote Early	MAY 01, 2018
Election Day	MAY 05, 2018



"VOTE TODAY" SIGNS

Get your reuseable, double-sided "**VOTE TODAY**" signs now to have in time for Early Voting.

We only have about 25 left. They are \$5 for (1) sign or \$20 for (5) signs.

If you would like to have your signs delivered, contact Bill Betzen at bbetzen@aol.com or [214-957-9739](tel:214-957-9739).

Vote Today



VOTING MATTERS

VOTER OUTREACH IN DALLAS COUNTY

Karen Bassett headed teams of volunteers who went into Dallas County colleges and high schools in January and February to make sure young voters were prepared for the March midterm election. Students came to tables at six of the community college campuses and Texas Women's University to register and get information about the election, and volunteers made presentations in classrooms at three community colleges and a large Mesquite high school.

Students in the classrooms saw a video from the "Be A Texas Voter" educational series produced by the LWV Dallas and DCCCD, and heard about how and why to vote. In all, nearly 600 students were registered and an estimated 1,500 heard the presentations. Feedback was positive.



Voter registration at Eastfield College



Voter registration at Brookhaven College



Voter registration at a high school



Students registered to vote

MEMBERSHIP

In Memoriam

Anne Tabb

December 9, 1930 - February 23, 2018

It was with heavy hearts that we announced the passing of our dear Anne Tabb, an active 54-year League member. She served as co-chair of the Far North Dallas Unit meeting for many years. She was always willing to serve, and she did it with grace and dedication. Anne will be missed.

A visitation was held at Northaven United Methodist Church on Friday, March 16, 2018. A memorial service was held at Northaven UMC on Saturday, March 17, 2018, with a reception that followed at the church.

If you would like to reach her family, please email her daughter Harriet (hatabb1234@gmail.com) or granddaughter Anne (tabb.anne@gmail.com).

For a full obituary of her amazing life go to:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/obituary.aspx?n=anne-marie-tabb&pid=188312558>



A Hearty Welcome to NEW League Members

Adrianna Maberry, Chelsea Keller, Nancy Lubar, Richard Marcus, Jo Tuck, Ben Bascombe, Heather Lowe, Mary Lou Alford, Denise Dometrovich, Demetria McCain, Karen Muncy, Berge Tasian, Kathryn Busch, Tamika Jones Abendroth, Lynda Begnaud, Mary Courtney, Shannon Fitzgerald, Bryan Kilgore, Amy Martin, Scooter Smith, Hon. Valencia Nash, Anne Oleszczuk, Susan & Leonard Cedars, Sally & John Collins, Marion Terry, Lula Westbrook and Sally Branch.

If you see a name you recognize, invite them to your unit, a general meeting, a forum, a voter registration event or any other activity you think they may enjoy. Welcome new members!

OUR MEMBERSHIP ELVES

Three unsung heroines, **Ann Adams, Lea Frailey and Alice Johnson**, have been coming for years to the office each month to update member files, renew memberships, mail many of the notices you receive from the office and help with whatever needs doing.

Please join us in thanking them for the many hours spent on our behalf.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The current, updated LWVD Membership Directory is online. If you are a League member and would like a printed copy, please let the office know.

SPOTLIGHTS

LONG-TIME MEMBER "DOTTIE BOX"

When it comes to longevity as a member of the Dallas League, there is no doubt that Dottie Box gets the prize. She joined the LWVD in 1950, that makes her a 68-year member of the League!

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Dottie for this interview in March to learn about her life and her experiences with the Dallas League. She was born and raised in Dallas. Her love for the theater brought her to New York City where she worked as a drafting designer. She resided at the Bristol Hotel in the Rockefeller Center area described as "a happening place" in those days. She and a friend attended opening days fanfare for many Broadway plays (the actual performances were for the very elite), and they were able to meet many of the performers. But her love was in Dallas where she came back to marry her longtime friend.



Dorothy served as Chair of the Membership Committee and was a very active volunteer for one of the Units. She started to phone members to ask them to attend Unit meetings and is credited with boosting attendance to the meetings and membership in the League. Her creativity showed when she gathered enough green stamps to buy a coffee machine for the meetings. Dottie said that she believed in the power of a personal touch to keep members engaged. Just yesterday, some of the current Board members discussed that very issue. Seems that the personal touch, when it comes to members' interest, is always effective.

Dottie was always willing to lend a helping hand in any way that was needed. At many meetings she was a one-person welcoming committee. She received the President's Meritorious award from Katherine Homan in 2006 for her "devoted service to the LWVD that is above and beyond the norm, over a period of years." That is a very accurate description of the person Dottie was in the League. Katherine said that Dottie was creative, had great initiative and a sparkling personality.

She is not a person to drop names, however, she mentioned to me that Sarah Weddington was a good friend who stayed with her while she was in Dallas doing research in preparation for the *Roe v. Wade* case.

Dottie has two boys and three grandchildren and lives independently in Dallas.

 Submitted by Cecilia McKay



BOARD MEMBER REBECCA ACUÑA is a Director of Government Affairs for PepsiCo, responsible for state and local relations in Texas. Prior to joining PepsiCo, she was the Executive Director of the Latino Center for Leadership Development, a national leadership organization that creates a pipeline of policy-makers and thought-leaders.

Ms. Acuña has also served in leadership roles in political campaigns and federal and state government in Washington, D.C., and Texas. A veteran of the Texas State capitol, Ms. Acuña served as a Chief of Staff and Communications Director for three members of the Texas House of Representatives.

She was the first Latina tapped as statewide Press Secretary for a major-party gubernatorial campaign in Texas. She also served as Communications Director for a Texas Member of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Raised in Laredo, Texas, Rebecca is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She serves on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Dallas and on the Board of Directors for the Child Care Group.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY RECAP

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SUSAN B. ANTHONY RECAP

101 PLANTS, 46 BASKETS AND 5 DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

On Tuesday during the week of the SBA Luncheon, five volunteers met at the wholesale nursery with baskets in hand. During the next three hours, the volunteers made selections from the wide selection of plants trying to find “just the right combination” for each basket.

The team then brought the baskets and plants to Becky Brakke's home to finalize the process of making the baskets presentable using liners, moss and other special touches. This team worked tirelessly for five more hours.

Final result: 101 plants for 46 beautiful garden baskets.



A big thank you to the 5 tireless volunteers:

Patti Crumley
Cecilia McKay
Becky Brakke
Diane Tasian
Laura Estrada *(not shown)*

Laura Estrada with raffle tickets and a guest.



SUSAN B. ANTHONY RECAP

The League of Women Voters of Dallas held its Twenty Second Annual Susan B. Anthony Awards Luncheon on February 8 at the Lakewood Country Club.

Lisa Sherrod and Rebecca Acuna served as co-chairs for the event.

Regina Montoya was mistress of ceremonies for the event, which experienced its largest attendance in the luncheon's history.



SBA Co-chairs Rebecca Acuna and Lisa Sherrod

The League recognized Mr. Ruel Hamilton for his leadership and support of DISD and other critical support service programs in the Dallas community. Additionally, Nancy Lubar and Richard Marcus were honored for their grassroots advocacy on voter engagement with the National Council of Jewish Women. Vernie Crabtree and Carol Donovan received a special honor as founders of the SBA luncheon.



Nancy Lubar, Lisa, Richard Marcus, Cecilia McKay & Rebecca



Regina Montoya, Lisa, Rebecca, Vernie Crabtree, Cecilia & Carol Donovan

Luncheon guests enjoyed mimosas while bidding on items, such as dinner with local elected officials, Texas Bowl game tickets, South African art and gift cards from dozens of local restaurants, which raised money for the League's program to help educate the public on voter education and advocacy.

League board members



The delightful floral arrangements continue to be a hit with League members and luncheon attendees, and we are thankful to Becky Brakke and Laura Estrada for all their help in making this happen. As one last highlight, we should mention our excitement about having students from Roosevelt High School join us at this year's SBA.



Rep. Helen Giddings, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins & Regina Montoya



Honoree Ruel Hamilton w/admin & students from Roosevelt High School

SUSAN B. ANTHONY RECAP

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS THANKS THE TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING OF THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY LUNCHEON

The 2018 Luncheon Committee

Rebecca Acuña - Co-Chair

Lisa Sherrod - Co-Chair

Becky Brakke, Laura V. Estrada,
Cecilia McKay, Eileen Rosenblum,
Sandy Thornton, Elizabeth Walley
and Linda Wassenich

The 2018 Silent Auction Committee

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We appreciate the many known and unknown volunteers who participated before, during and after the luncheon to make the day a wonderful experience for all.

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In Memory: of Richard Morris by Fran Morris, and of Vivian Castleberry and Marvin King by Pat Sabin and Linda Wassenich

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REMEMBER THE LEAGUE IN YOUR WILL

You know how important the League's work is. It's never more obvious than during election time. People look for the *Voters Guide* and go online to VOTE411.org. You contribute time, talent and resources to bring the League's work to the most number of people possible.

You can make sure that your support for the League continues beyond your lifetime with a bequest to the League in your will. A bequest is the easiest type of planned gift you can make. All you have to do is include the following wording in your will or in a codicil to your will. The exact wording is:

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