

League of Women Voters
of Dallas

VOTER



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

GENERAL ELECTION **ELECCIONES GENERALES**

NOVEMBER 06, 2018 ELECTION DAY

06 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2018 ELECCIONE DIA

EARLY VOTING DATES: October 22 – November 02, 2018

VOTACION ADELANTADA FECHAS: 22 de Octubre – 02 de Noviembre de 2018

LAST Day to Receive Applications for Ballots by Mail	October 26, 2018
ULTIMO Dia para Recibir Solicitud de Voto por Correo	26 de Octubre de 2018

Early Voting Dates & Times / Votacion Temprana Las Fechas y Horarios

October 22 (Monday through Friday)	October 26	7 AM – 7 PM
<i>22 de Octubre (Martes hasta Viernes)</i>	<i>26 de Octubre</i>	

October 27 (Saturday)	7 AM – 7 PM
<i>27 de Octubre (Sabado)</i>	

October 28 (Sunday)	1 PM – 6 PM
<i>28 de Octubre (Domingo)</i>	

October 29 (Monday through Friday)	November 02	7 AM – 7 PM
<i>29 de Octubre (Martes hasta Viernes)</i>	<i>02 de Noviembre</i>	

UBER is giving free rides and LIFT is giving 50% off rides to polling locations for Early Voting and Election Day. They both involve using a promo code.

DART is giving free rides to polling locations on Election Day. All of their modes are included.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

3rd Quarter VOTER - October 2018

As we mourn the recent passing of our dear Dottie Box, a member of the League for 68 years, I ponder the lost opportunity of getting to know those members around us who have made great contributions to the



League and set the path for us to follow. I had the honor of interviewing Dottie for the 1st Quarter VOTER published in April and consider myself blessed for having had the chance to spend time with her. I am reminded of one of my favorite Garth Brooks songs "Tell someone that you love just what you're thinking of if tomorrow never comes." "And avoid that circumstance where there is not a second chance to tell them how you feel."

The Board retreat was held on August 4. The theme was "How to be an Effective Board Member." My thanks go to Julie Lowenberg who led the retreat and Miriam Foshay who provided insights on fiduciary responsibilities. I am also grateful to our Office Administrator Fran Morris who helped put together a very informative booklet.

Helen Keller said: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Such is the picture before my eyes when I see the fabulous collaboration of my Board to put together membership events. A team led by Diane Tasian assembled a stellar panel of speakers on August 30 to speak on School Finances. Now the Board is busily arranging Candidate Forums from now until the November elections. Stay tuned.

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer. Say it isn't so! However, we are gearing up to an exciting Fall. If you want to help in any way, please contact us.

Thank you for all you do for the League and Making Democracy Work.

Sincerely,

Cecilia McKay

President - League of Women Voters of Dallas

V O T I N G M A T T E R S

NOVEMBER ELECTION

November's election is shaping up to be one of the most important of our lifetime based on the issues at stake. The schedule for Dallas County voters is as follows:

- Friday, Oct 26 Last Day to Apply for a Ballot by Mail
- Monday, Oct 22 Start of Early Voting
- Friday, Nov 2 Last Day of Early Voting
- Tuesday, Nov 6 Election Day

Find your most convenient early voting location at www.dallascountvotes.org/upcoming-election-information/ or call 214.819.6300 or 214.688.4125.

In addition to Democratic and Republican candidates nominated in this spring's primaries, several Libertarian candidates will be on the ballot (County Judge, County Commissioner Pct 2) and three write-in candidates have been approved (US Congress District 5, Texas State Rep District 109, and District Judge 203rd Judicial District).

LWV Dallas's www.Vote411.org was loaded the first of October and is available. Spanish language translations of legislative candidate responses are provided. The printed [Voters Guide](#) is available in libraries, schools and other locations now.



A D V O C A C Y

Secure Voting In Dallas County - Dallas County's computerized registration and election systems should be up-to-date, efficient and secure. The equipment currently in use is aging so the county is looking to replace it in the near future. The need for secure election hardware, software and processes is highlighted by reports of election hacking attempts and the simple mischief of computer identity theft we all struggle with.

It is of supreme importance that the systems that make our democracy work not only be secure and accurate but that they facilitate the process for voters rather than bog it down.

We can help Dallas County by voicing our support for secure and efficient systems to elected officials and writing letters to the editor. There will not be any federal support for election systems coming to Dallas County as there was during the last major election system changeout, so local or state funds must be raised. It will be an expensive endeavor.

Let your officials know that you want them to do what's necessary. Now is the time to voice your opinion if you care about the quality of these systems going forward.

VOTING MATTERS

Excerpt from 9/25/2018 Press Release

Most though not all LWV Dallas voter outreach activities this year have focused on new young voters. To prepare voters for the fall election, from mid August through late September LWV Dallas volunteers have:


1. Registered 1,300 voters, nearly all students, at 70 events,
 2. Made presentations to students in 25 classrooms, and
 3. Conducted 6 sessions for groups of educators on teaching young people about the political process and motivating them to participate.
- These activities are scheduled to continue through October 31.

In addition, for the remaining weeks before the election, LWV Dallas volunteers have:

1. Activated www.Vote411.org, a comprehensive online Voters Guide, during the first week of October.
2. Printed and distributed between 10,000 and 20,000 comprehensive paper Dallas County Voters Guides before the start of early voting in libraries, schools and neighborhoods around the county.
3. Cohosted public candidate forums with the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce: Details can be found on the LWVD website and facebook.

New this season is a series of lessons for classrooms called Be A Texas Voter. The series was co-produced by the LWV Texas and the Dallas County Community College District. It is all online (www.beatexasvoter.org), free and designed to both educate and motivate young people. We are promoting this series to high school and community college teachers.

The LWV Dallas is riding the crest of enthusiasm generated by the November election but believes that true civic engagement requires not a seasonal effort but ongoing commitment to our form of participatory government. Consequently, our efforts to educate and inform will not cease after November 6 but will continue until every single eligible person is educated, registered and voting.

 Elizabeth Walley, VP of Voter Outreach
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VOTING MATTERS

A Small Sampling From Voter Registration and Voter Education Events



23RD SUSAN B. ANTHONY LUNCHEON

2019 Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon and Silent Auction

What Do We Do?

The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in their democracy through:

- ✓ An annually updated brochure detailing *How to Contact Your Elected Officials (YEO)*
- ✓ Meet the Candidate Forums
- ✓ Helpful Website
- ✓ *Voters Guide*
- ✓ VOTE411.com
- ✓ Election Day Hotline
- ✓ Voter Registration of Citizens
- ✓ Issue, Candidate and Education Forums

Dear League Members and Friends,

The League of Women Voters of Dallas respectfully asks you to support our efforts to strengthen our citizen-led democracy by contributing items and gift certificates to our annual fundraising event, the Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon and Silent Auction, to be held on February 7, 2019.

Do I need a photo ID to vote? Where do I vote? How do I get non-partisan candidate information? These are questions that the League office is continually fielding.

As voters struggle to keep pace with changing voting requirements, the League is busy providing more non-partisan voter services than ever. Your contributions help us continue our work.

We look forward to your favorable consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Co-Chairs Lisa Sherrod at lcsherrod@yahoo.com, Rebecca Acuña at rebecca.acuna@gmail.com or Silent Auction Chair Becky Brakke at bbindal@aol.com or 214-363-0921. A donor form is included on page 8 for your convenience.

Together we can make democracy work for all citizens!

Sincerely,

Lisa

Lisa Sherrod

Rebecca

Rebecca Acuña

Becky

Becky Brakke

SBA Luncheon Co-Chairs

Silent Auction Chair

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23RD SUSAN B. ANTHONY LUNCHEON

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Susan B. Anthony
SILENT AUCTION***WINE, CHEESE & CHOCOLATE BASKETS**WORKS OF ART***JEWELRY***MASSAGE & SPA & SALON GIFT CARDS***RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS***THEME BASKETS***MOVIE & THEATRE TICKETS***SYMPHONY & OPERA TICKETS***MORE RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS****SPORTS TICKETS****WEEKEND GETAWAYS***LUNCHEON OR TEA OR DINNER WITH A SPECIAL GUEST*and **VOLUNTEERS****SURPRISE US !****FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE POSSE ANY TIME
TO HELP OR CONTRIBUTE****BECKY BRAKKE 214-363-0921****REBECCA ACUÑA 956-206-5853****LISA SHERROD 202-351-9825****CECILIA MCKAY 214-500-8848**

Your talent could be of such help with the preparations for this auction. Be a willing volunteer for the auction - table monitor, cashier, helper... Be part of the team that puts the flower baskets together.

Volunteering to help with the auction is a wonderful way to meet Leaguers and have FUN!

23RD SUSAN B. ANTHONY LUNCHEON

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS**23rd Annual Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon, February 7, 2019****Silent Auction Donation Form**

Company or Individual: _____

Please print name exactly as it should appear in the auction.

Contact Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

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Thank you for your generous support!

P R O G R A M & E D U C A T I O N

LWVD UNIT MEETINGS

In September we discussed Misinformation and Social Media. We enjoyed viewing one of the "Be A Texas Voter" videos and discussing the curriculum that has been developed for it. The "Be A Texas Voter" video series was created by our own Elizabeth Walley in partnership with the La Croy Center of the Dallas County Community College District.

We also viewed another video on how sophisticated video manipulation has become. Thanks to member, Katherine Homan, for sharing it!

Also, a chart by MediaBiasChart.com which shows many of the popular news organizations and websites on two spectrums was shared, one of partisan bias from "very liberal to very conservative" and another ranging from "original fact reporting" to "Contains Inaccurate/Fabricated Info". Also discussed were an article from the March 8, 2018, issue of *The Atlantic* titled "The Grim Conclusions of the Largest-Ever Study of Fake News" and

another article from the September 5, 2018, *New York Times* "Can You Spot the Deceptive Facebook Posts?". If you missed the September unit meeting you can find information about it on our website.

In October we will discuss Property Taxes. This is a huge and highly contentious subject. The content isn't fully developed as of this writing, but one tool we will discuss is on the website TXSmartSchools.org. It is a powerful way to become informed on how your school district is doing in comparison to other similar school districts in Texas.

November units will review our position on the environment, get a recycling update, and review our position and some Facts and Issues on affordable housing and gentrification. (The Nov. 8 general meeting will be on affordable housing.) Typically, the unit meetings are on the second Wednesday and Thursday of the month. So, in November the unit meetings are on November 8th and 14th.

The NOVEMBER UNIT MEETINGS will be a Recycling/Environment Update and reviewing our position on Affordable Housing and Gentrification. Please note the dates of the November Unit Meetings.

Nov. 14 10:00 am
Wednesday Morning Unit

Meadows Conference Center
Piney Woods Room
2900 Live Oak Street
Dallas 75204

Nov. 8 9:30 am
Thursday Morning Unit

**The Episcopal Church of
St Thomas the Apostle**
6525 Inwood Road
Dallas 75209

Nov. 8 11:30 am

Far North Dallas Unit
Eileen Rosenblum 469.879.8801
The Egg and I
15203 Knoll Trail
Arapaho & Montfort/Knoll
Dallas

Nov. 8 6:30 pm

Thursday Evening Unit
Arlene Pitt 972.243.3966
Angela's Café
7979 Inwood Road
Inwood & Lovers Lane
Dallas 75219

In December the units will conduct the first step of Program Planning and celebrate the holidays. Program Planning is the greenest part of the grass-roots foundation for the League of Women Voters. This is when our members tell us what they want to learn more about. The issues are collated and presented at the annual meeting for member approval. There are many ways to address the issues. First, a committee compares the requested issues with our positions to see if they are adequate for advocacy and, if so, they become the content for the next year's September-May unit meetings and general programs. At times

our local positions are not adequate for advocacy on a specific issue and a study may be recommended. Sometimes the issue is related to state or national law; and, if so, the issue is sent to them for consideration.

This process is a primary way the League remains relevant and fulfills its vision of building participation in the democratic process; studying community issues in an unbiased manner; and enabling people to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.

 Diane Tasian, Program VP

PROGRAM & EDUCATION

AUGUST 30, 2018, EDUCATION GENERAL PROGRAM REPORT

The first general program for this year was titled “Does Current State and Local Funding Provide for a Quality Education?”. Please go to our website to view videos of both the lunch and evening programs, a PowerPoint by Dr. Lori Taylor, handouts, links, and questions and answers our panelists graciously addressed after the events because we ran out of time to field all questions.

The education issue committee assembled a panel of experts who helped us understand multiple sides of the issue and some unintended consequences of the state funding formulas. Their hard work bore great fruit in this program. Please share the links for this with your friends.

View the material in relation to the LWV Texas position and ask your Texas elected officials to get back to historical levels of funding. Here is the funding portion of the position:

“The League of Women Voters of Texas supports a school finance system that would provide taxpayer equity and an equitable distribution of funds to ensure that all Texas school children receive a high quality education.

Specific measures that we support include:

- a sufficient level of state support to Texas public schools to ensure that all Texas school children receive a high quality education;
- a guaranteed tax base yield approach for part of the local enrichment, to mitigate spending disparities resulting from differences in wealth among school districts in Texas; however, the League believes some unequalized local enrichment should be allowed within a substantially equalized system;
- equalized state assistance to districts for essential capital outlays;
- taxpayer equity in the form of state equalization aid to local districts allotted in direct proportion to local tax effort;
- state established minimum local expenditure levels with joint state-local financing (known as the foundation school approach) that includes:
 - adequate salaries to attract and retain qualified teachers and/or teaching personnel;
 - adequate funding of the basic allotment, which provides for operations and programs for special categories of students, specifically vocational education, compensatory education, special education, kindergarten, and gifted and talented; and
 - maintenance of a weighted approach to distribution of state school finance money to meet individual student needs.”

 Diane Tasian, Program VP



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

DONATIONS

We are grateful to the following for their donations since the beginning of the fiscal year:

Benefactor—Kay Irvin

Patrons—Molly Van Ort, Pat Sabin, and Cal and Clare Buie Chaney

Program—Diane Tasian, Bill Betzen, and Lynn Davenport

Memoriam—Michael Baron in Memory of Helene Greenwald

General—Patti Crumley, Sari Bahl, Courtney and Carol Hogan, and Audrey Curtis

HOLIDAY GIFTS

We're approaching that time of the year when everyone is putting together lists of people to whom you want to give a gift. You may know exactly what you want to get for that special person, in which case you're lucky.

However, thinking outside of the box (literally), you can give that special person a gift membership in the League of Women Voters. In doing so, you will strengthen the League's voice and provide educational information to that special person.

Just think—you don't have to worry about guessing the right size or color or offering too many calories to your friends and loved ones.

FY 2018 DONOR HONOR ROLL

Please join me in thanking the following individuals who in the previous fiscal year have given \$100 or more or have given more than one time. This list includes donors through the Susan B. Anthony luncheon. All donors have been recognized in the VOTER during the year.

\$5,000+ Cecilia and Garrett Boone Fund of the Dallas Women's Foundation

\$2,000+ Carol Barger, Cecilia McKay, Drs. Eileen and Harvey Rosenblum, and Pat Vaughan

\$1,000+ Serena Connelly, Julie and Michael Lowenberg, Pat Sabin, Jan Sanders, Elizabeth Walley, and Linda and Mark Wassenich

\$500+ Ruth Alhilali, Carol Donovan, Susybelle Gosslee, Kay Irvin, The Hon. Harryette Ehrhardt, Dr. Mona Hersh-Cochran, Trish Houck and Lyssa Jenkins, Cheryl Pollman, and Sandy Thornton

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\$100+ Ann Adams, Karen Bassett, Drs. Rebecca and Paul Bergstresser, Bill Betzen, Dorie Cranshaw, Louise Dometrevich, The Hon. Theresa Daniel, Dr. Scherry Johnson, Marilyn Mathis, Katherine McGovern, Jane and Dick Orrock, Lucy Polter, Lakshmi Pratap, Judy Shure, Jo Tuck, Molly Van Ort, Liz Wally, Connie Webb, and Carol Winkleman

In addition, the following gave more than once during the year: Shirley Cooper, Janet Eickmeyer, Barbara Materka, Dr. Barbara Morchower, and Fran Morris.

M E M B E R S H I P



We Would Like to Give a Warm Welcome to NEW League Members

Lisa Shirley	Alice Laussade	Kristen Derocha
Phyllis Glazer	Cindy Steiner	Michele Valentino
Kelly Drablos	Donna Young	Jeanine Michna-Bales
Maxie Hardin	Cricket Griffin	Hon. Kevin Felder
Erica Lemon	Barbara Larkin	Carol Farquhar

Invite a new member to your unit meetings, to the Education programs in November and any other activity you think they may enjoy. Show them what the League's about. Welcome new members!

LWVD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time - we are reconciling our membership roster for the upcoming PMP numbers. Renew your membership, or make sure it hasn't lapsed, and we have your current contact information. To check if you are current, call (214) 688-4125.

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
Household Member \$37.50)

Benefactor Member - \$500/per year

LWVD MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY *(updated 10/5/18)*

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.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

LONG-TIME MEMBER SPOTLIGHT "ELEANOR SUTHERLAND"

Eleanor Sutherland has been a member of the League of Women Voters of Dallas since 1966. During her 52 years with the League she has done it all and has no regrets. She moved to Dallas from Peoria, Illinois. Soon after, she attended a volunteer recruitment event where the League had a signup table. Eleanor thought joining would be a good way to meet friends in a new city. She joined and in fact cultivated long-time friendships that she treasures to this day.

Eleanor was President of the LWVD from 1975-77, she was an active member of the Awards Committee, and she also served as the League's office manager. More recently, she was the Editor of our VOTER Newsletter. She left her position on the Board as VOTER Editor one year ago at the ripe age of 97. During one of the Board meetings when the upcoming 100th birthday of the League in 2020 was being discussed, she promptly reminded us that it will be her 100th birthday also!

Eleanor attended the Women's Equality Day celebration in August where she was recognized as the oldest attendee and received a proclamation and a paperweight. Mayor Mike Rawlings could not believe she was born in 1920, the same year the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote was passed!

When asked what she considers her best experience in the League, Eleanor said she vividly recalls Dottie Box standing up at Annual Meeting and saying that "we ought to study how our city of Dallas looks." This led to the study and recommendations on Urban Planning that still remain as local League positions, a task that she enjoyed very much.

Eleanor recalls fondly that she married her childhood friend. She has a devoted son, Derek.



I asked Eleanor how she would finish the sentence "I Wish the League Would ...".

In her inimitable humorous style she said, *"Would've, could've, should've! Let's plan on the future, the past is gone, I've done it all with no regrets."*

 Cecilia McKay
LWV Dallas President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBARA!

Long-time League member Barbara Materka's 98th birthday is on Christmas Day! Send your birthday wishes to Barbara online.

Email Barbara at barbara@materka.com or the League office at lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net.

MEMBER LAGNIAPPE

HIGHER HEIGHTS HOSTS EVENT TO PROMOTE VOTER ENGAGEMENT & STRATEGY FOR MIDTERM ELECTIONS ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Dallas League board member Lisa Sherrod attended an event on Martha's Vineyard by the Higher Heights organization which focuses on national voter engagement for women in the African American community.



The event was moderated by attorney and author Tanya Lewis Lee, wife of director Spike Lee, and included newly elected Atlanta Mayor Keisha Bottoms. They had a fireside chat on Engaging Voters for the midterms.



LWVD's Lisa Sherrod, Mayor Keisha Bottoms & Tanya Lee

League member Lisa Sherrod spoke with them afterwards where they discussed the Dallas League's **Be A Texas Voter** initiative. They were excited to hear about it.



Lisa, Mayor Bottoms & Tanya Lewis Lee



MEMBER LAGNIAPPE

In Memoriam

~ *Dorothy (Dottie) Baldwin Box* ~

November 17, 1924 - August 14, 2018

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Dottie for an interview in March to learn about her life and her experiences with the Dallas League. Dottie Box joined the LWVD in 1950, making her a 68-year member of the League! She was born and raised in Dallas, but 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 was credited with boosting attendance at 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. 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 was 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 was 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 had two sons and three grandchildren.

In Memoriam

~ *Barabara Smyth Turner* ~

February 7, 1935 – October 6, 2018

Barbara Turner, 83 years, died surrounded by her family, October 6, 2018 in Dallas. She was always willing to volunteer and lend a helping hand.

Long-time League member Barbara is survived by life partner Pat Vaughan, daughters Shelley Turner (Loy Harris) of Richardson and Jill Turner (Keith Bradsher) of Dallas, and granddaughters Anna and Emma Harris of Richardson.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Dallas.



M E M B E R L A G N I A P P E

In Memoriam

~ Women's Rights Activist, Virginia (Ginny) Whitehill ~

July 9, 1928 – September 15, 2018

Virginia Whitehill joined the League of Women Voters of Dallas (LWVD) soon after she and her late husband James moved from New York. She was a 55-year member of the League and an ardent supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, a subject dear to the heart of her mother Myrtle Bales Bulkley. The LWVD established the Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award in 1989 to "recognize a member's many years of exceptional service to the LWVD and to the community." Virginia was given the award in 1998.

Virginia, "Ginny", was a tireless reproductive rights activist. After the 1973 landmark Roe vs. Wade decision she figured the war was won. She was at the Supreme Court when the oral arguments were presented ahead of the 7-2 ruling that secured the legal right to abortion. But, Whitehill quickly realized activism was like tending a garden, said close friend Gail Griswold of Dallas. Even though the Supreme Court's decision was a major victory for abortion rights, Whitehill learned she would have to keep fighting for them for the rest of her life.

"Ginny came from a line of strong women, and I think her mother also had a big personality and a lot of conviction. Whitehill considered birth control as vital to women as the right to vote, and she devoted hours volunteering with Planned Parenthood to help educate others", Griswold said.

"Whitehill was 'indefatigable' in her belief that if women didn't have freedom of choice in their reproduction, there could never be gender equality", said friend Cecilia Boone of Dallas.

"Whitehill was quick-witted and polished, 'a marvelous conversationalist,' who knew many people and delighted in connecting them with one another", Boone said. Whitehill was known to stuff her purse full of brochures for events and organizations around North Texas so she could share them with others and encourage them to get involved.

"Although I was star-struck by Ginny, she always found ways to make me feel like a shining star instead. That was her gift, reminding us the importance not of what she thought and did, but of what we thought and did", said Katherine Homan of Dallas.

"Ginny was a force of nature! When she saw a need, especially a need to help advance women, she



organized, recruited, inspired, and insisted until that need was met. That is her legacy to us: Commitment to good causes, energy and ongoing effort", said Becky Sykes of Dallas.

Virginia not only spoke about the injustices against women in her days, but she did something about it. She was a co-founder of the Dallas Women's Coalition, Women's Issues Network, Dallas Women's Foundation, Women's Southwest Federal Credit Union, Dallas Women's Political Caucus, Veteran Feminist of America (Dallas) and the Women's Equality Action League. She promoted women's issues and was a supporter of The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future.

Whitehill was honored with such awards as Profiles in Leadership from Southern Methodist University Women's Symposium, Planned Parenthood's Champion of Choice Award, the Women's Council of Dallas County Distinguished Service Award and the Women Helping Women Maura Award of the Women's Center of Dallas. She was named a Mount Holyoke College Distinguished Alumna, and received the Texas Women of Courage Award from the Association of Women Journalists. She was named a Woman of the Century by the Texas Women's Chamber of Congress in 2000.

M E M B E R L A G N I A P P E

Virginia Whitehill, In Memoriam continued... In 2014, Whitehill was interviewed for a documentary about women's rights, *She's Beautiful When She's Angry*, about the birth of the women's liberation movement in the 1960's.

Virginia instilled the spirit of volunteerism in her two daughters. Patty Whitehill, who lives in Florida, described her mother as a "white-gloved feminist activist." She and Margaret Whitehill-Boynton of Georgia, stood by their mother's side in her final days. Notes may be sent to Patty Whitehill and Margaret Whitehill-Boynton at CC Young Overlook, 4833 W Lawther Drive, Apt 207, Dallas, TX 75214.

Brandi Andrade, who appeared as Susan B. Anthony at LWVD luncheons, said to Katherine Homan: *"Ginny was such a marvelous woman--a boon to our city, and to me personally, as I know she was for countless others. So many good things happened in my life as a result of knowing her--including getting to know you. May we all grow up to be like Ginny."*

League Members Attend Women's Equality Day Celebrations



Eleanor Sutherland, showing paperweight she received from the City of Dallas at the 2018 WED Celebration, Pat Vaughan and Fran Morris



Dottie Box, Lorraine Raggio & Eleanor Sutherland at the 2007 WED Celebration



counter clockwise: WED 2018 Eleanor Sutherland, Libbie Lee, Theresa Daniel & Fran Morris

CALENDAR & EVENTS

GENERAL AND UNIT MEETING DATES & TOPICS

Nov 8	General Meeting – <i>Affordable Housing and Gentrification</i>
Nov 8 Thu	Recycling/Environment and Affordable Housing & Gentrification Update
Nov 14 Wed	Recycling/Environment and Affordable Housing & Gentrification Update
Dec 12/13	Program Planning and Holiday Party
Jan 9/10	Unit Meetings - <i>TBA</i>
Feb 7	23rd Annual Susan B. Anthony Luncheon and Silent Auction
Feb 13/14	NO Unit Meetings
Mar 13/14	Unit Meetings - <i>TBA</i>
Mar 28	General Meeting - <i>TBA</i>
Apr 10/11	Unit Meetings - <i>TBA</i>
May 8/9	Do Your Own Thing!
May 11	Annual Meeting



SAVE - THE - DATE

LWVD Speakers Panel Discussion

Can You and Your Family Afford to Live in Dallas?

Understanding Housing in Dallas

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. (with lunch)

Northaven United Methodist Church

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (with snacks)

El Centro West Dallas Community College

(More details will follow.)

SAVE - THE - DATE

23rd Annual Susan B. Anthony Luncheon

Thursday, February 7, 2019

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lakewood Country Club

6430 Gaston Avenue

Dallas 75214

Tom Thumb

Good Neighbor Program

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NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019 CALENDAR

Legend:	Unit Meetings	
	General Meetings and Programs	
	Board Meetings	
NOVEMBER 2018		
1	Thursday	Richard Rothstein (author of The Color of Law) to speak to Inclusive Communities Project
1	Thursday	All Saints' Day (Christian holiday)
2	Friday	EARLY VOTING-ENDS for November 6 General Election
2	Friday	All Souls Day (Christian holiday)
3	Saturday, 10:00 - Noon	LWVD Board Meeting (League members welcome) Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas 75204
4	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time ENDS
6	Tuesday 7am - 7pm	GENERAL ELECTION DAY
7	Wednesday	Diwali (Hindu holiday)
8	Thursday 11:30am & 6:15pm	General Meeting - "Can you and your family afford to live in Dallas? Understanding Housing in Dallas" 11:30am Northaven United Methodist Church, 6:15pm El Centro West Community
8, 14*	Thursday, Wednesday	Unit Meetings - "Recycling update; possible Housing/Gentrification consensus discussion" (*note Dates are on different weeks)
12	Observed on Monday	Veterans Day
21	Wednesday	The Prophet's Birthday (Muslim holiday)
22 & 23	Thursday & Friday	OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day & Friday after
DECEMBER 2018	No General Meeting	
1	Saturday 10:00 - Noon	LWVD Board Meeting (League members welcome) Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas 75204
2	Sunday	Advent begins (Christian holidays)
3 - 10	Monday - Monday	Hanukkah (Jewish holidays)
4	Tuesday 5:00pm	VOTER 4th Quarter articles DUE
6	Thursday	St. Nicholas Day (Christian holiday)
7	Friday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
12 & 13	Wednesday & Thursday	Unit Meetings - "Program Planning & Holiday Party" (various locations & times)
24 & 25	Monday & Tuesday	OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
26	Wednesday	Kwanzaa begins
JANUARY 2019		
1	Tuesday	OFFICE CLOSED New Years Day
1	Tuesday	Kwanzaa ends
2 - 7	Wednesday	VOTER 4th Quarter publication. Mail and email.
5	Saturday 10:00 - Noon	LWVD Board Meeting (League members welcome) Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas 75204
6	Sunday	Epiphany (Christian holiday)
7	Monday	Orthodox Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian holiday)
9 & 10	Wednesday & Thursday	Unit Meetings - TBD
14	Monday	Orthodox New Year (Orthodox Christian holiday)
15	Tuesday	Makar Sankranti (Hindu holiday)
21	Monday	OFFICE CLOSED Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed (banks, schools & government offices closed)
21	Monday	Tu B'Shevat (Jewish holiday)
22	Tuesday	NEED TIME National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Birthday Luncheon featuring Ellen Goodman at the Westin Galleria, 13340 Dallas Parkway, Dallas
22 - 24	Tuesday - Thursday	(These days reserved for) General Meeting - "Redistricting"
31	Thursday 5:00pm	PMP (per member payment) numbers DUE to LWV-US

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