

League of Women Voters  
of Dallas

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

VOTER





**Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers, and attendees who made this year's Susan B. Anthony Luncheon such a success!**



**September 26, 2020  
Celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
Amendment Luncheon**



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## From the President's Desk

This is a busy time for the League! I am so proud of the accomplishments of our members and volunteers!

Thank you, Barbara Larkin for shepherding the many voter registration volunteers! Thank you, Elizabeth Walley for leading the production of another excellent Voters Guide and Vote411.org. It's available in both English and Spanish. Thank you, Lisa Sherrod and Rebecca Acuna and your team of volunteers for another wonderful Susan B Anthony Luncheon!

The Susan B Anthony Luncheon was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone who participated! A proclamation commemorating the Susan B Anthony Luncheon signed by Rafael Anchia, TX HD 103, Terry Meza, TX HD 105, Victoria Neave, TX HD 107, Carl Sherman Sr., TX HD 109, Toni Rose, TX HD 110, Angie Chen Button, TX HD 112, and Rhett Andrews Bowers, TX HD 113, was presented.

The recipient of the Susan B Anthony Award, Lois Finkelman spoke of her experiences championing the environment before it was an "issue" and the principles and work it took to reach agreement on divisive issues. Thank you so much Lois! You are an inspiration to us all. The Champion Volunteer Award went to Karla Garcia. As the youngest DISD Board member and its first Latina, Karla has built on her IGNITE US volunteer actions and gotten an early start on a public service path. She spoke movingly about the challenges Latinas and many people in her district face.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities in March:

1. At the March unit meetings we will provide a listing of books and movies relating to voting rights. Please bring your own suggestions. And, help us select and develop a schedule for enjoying them.
2. On March 19 will be the program **Women's Vote: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**. See the information about it elsewhere in this VOTER.
3. On March 22 at 3:00pm is an event to which our members have been invited to attend as special guests: New Texas Symphony Orchestra's "**Celebrate Women**" concert will be held at Moody Performance Hall. This is a free concert and will be the final performance in the New Texas Symphony's "Made in the Americas" series under the direction of Dr. Kathryn D. Brown. We will have a voter registration and information table. <https://my.lwv.org/texas/dallas/event/north-texas-symphony-celebrate-women-concert>
4. You may also be interested in the **Women's History Month Film Series** at the Dallas Holocaust Museum / Center for Education & Tolerance. They are on all five Sundays, beginning March 1, at 4:00 pm. The first one is *Suffragette*. You can find the information on their website: <https://www.dhhrm.org/programs-and-events/> It appears the screening is free, but there is a parking expense.

The Primary Election will be held March 3; the Local Joint Election will be May 2.

The LWVD Annual Meeting will again be held at The Edgemere located at 8523 Thackery, Dallas 75225, on Saturday morning, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to Noon. Planning for the meeting is moving into high gear and we will be sending out volunteer opportunities in the next couple of weeks.

## SUSAN B. ANTHONY RECAP

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### [Celebrating 100 Years of Building Bridges to Democracy for Women: The 2020 Susan B. Anthony Luncheon](#)

The League of Women Voters of Dallas celebrated the League's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our annual Susan B. Anthony Awards luncheon held on Thursday, February 13 at the Lakewood Country Club. Three-time luncheon Co-Chairs Lisa Sherrod and Rebecca Acuña planned an event that helped to bring in the most revenue ever raised at a League luncheon! Selywn Rayzor and Cecilia Boone served as Honorary Chairs, bringing in their networks and new attendees.

State Senator Nathan Johnson and a majority of the Dallas delegation of the Texas House of Representatives, including Rafael Anchia, Rhetta Bowers, Angie Chen-Button, Terry Meza, Victoria Neave, Toni Rose, and Carl Sherman, were in attendance to present a resolution honoring the League's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Long-time league supporters Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins and Commissioner Elba Garcia were also present.

Luncheon Co-Chairs touted the voter registration and education efforts at Dallas County Community Colleges spearheaded by our Director of Voter Registration, Barbara Larkin, and Elizabeth Walley.

More than 250 attendees looked on as the Hon. Lois Finkelman received the Susan B. Anthony Award and DISD Trustee Karla Garcia was honored with the grassroots Champion Volunteer Award. Trustee Garcia humbly told attendees that although she was being recognized, she did not consider herself special; that every student in Pleasant Grove has the potential to do great things. Nominated by the National Council of Jewish Women because of her decades of service to the citizens of Dallas, the Hon. Lois Finkelman urged attendees to remain involved in democracy and hold our elected leaders accountable.

Once again, Becky Brakke and the Silent Auction committee did an outstanding job selecting a banquet of lush greenery to complement an array of auction items. Luncheon guests mingled while bidding on spectacular items, including dinner with local elected officials, Southwest Airlines tickets, and Dallas Mavericks basketball game passes, all of which raised funds for the League's programming on voter educational and advocacy resources.





## SUSAN B. ANTHONY RECAP

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### Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Silent Auction

Once again the Garden Room at the Lakewood Country Club came alive with the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Silent Auction. Twenty-five stunning garden baskets created by our own team of League members and friends, filled tables near the window wall and enhanced each of the other merchandise tables. The room came alive with animated conversation as attendees shopped the auction items.

What does it take for a successful Silent Auction?

It begins with a commitment from 10 brave League members who walked into businesses and restaurants without an introduction and convinced managers to contribute gift cards or merchandise. It takes League members who can successfully pursue two round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines and four fabulous tickets to a Mavericks game. It takes League members who open up their homes for a wonderful dinner or catered lunch. And it takes other members who knit fabulous toddler sweaters, give a stunning example of their own artistic talent, donate home baked tea cookies from a secret recipe and create or share from their own jewelry collection.

Theater and symphony tickets, suffragist items, delicious chocolates, a congressional cookbook, a zoo package, spices, décor items, designer bags, Susan B. Anthony coin necklaces, pet supplies and theme baskets rounded out this year's fabulous Auction.

And every Auction needs volunteers to handle a check out process. A team of seven League members were ready with calculators, price readers, pens and paper for a seemingly flawless organized checkout in the nearby board room.

Thank you, Thank you Silent Auction Volunteers.

Becky Brakke

## SUSAN B. ANTHONY RECAP

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### Thank you to the following silent auction donors:

Asian Mint	La Madeleine French Bakery & Café
Ralph Austin Jewelers	Lovers Seafood & Market Grill
Becky Brakke	Lucky Dog Barkery
Sally Branch	Lucky's Cafe
Susie Cakes, Dallas	J. McLaughlin
California Pizza Kitchen	Mel Crews
Linda Camin	Nia MacKay'
Cantina Laredo Dallas	Katherine McGovern
Castle Gap Jewelry	Cecilia McKay
Corner Bakery	Park Hill Portraits
Dallas Grill Cheese Co.	Pei Wei Asian Diner
Dallas Mavericks	Potpourri of Silk Café
Dallas Symphony Orchestra	Betty Reiter, Inc.
Dallas Zoo	Eileen Rosenblum
Dallas Winds	Roti Modern Mediterranean
Hon. Harryette Ehrhardt	Salum Restaurant
Elements of Massage at Preston Hollow	Southwest Airlines
Hon. Lois Finkelman	Sandy Thornton
Flower Child	Starting Strength Dallas
Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner District 4	Thai Noodle wave
Ann Herbage	True Food Kitchen
Hopdoddy Burger Bar	Visit Dallas
Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson	Kate Weiser Chocolates
Dr. Scherry Johnson	Woodlands American Grill
Kid Biz	Donna Young



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## VOTING MATTERS



### **LWV** TEXAS PRIMARIES MARCH 3, 2020

Register to vote by Feb. 3,  
Vote Early Feb. 18 - Feb. 28  
Apply to vote by mail by Feb. 21

**Be a Texas Voter!**  
**Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy!**

GO TO [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG) FOR YOUR VERY OWN NONPARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE



#### **Voters Ride Free on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

A valid voter registration card is a free ticket to ride Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3.

This is a long-standing tradition by DART to help make it easier for people to get to the polls. On election day riders can ride DART bus, light rail, Paratransit, or Trinity Railway Express commuter rail between CentrePort/DFW Airport station and Union Station, by showing a valid voter registration card.

Additional details about DART services are available at [DART.org](http://DART.org) or by calling Customer Information at 214-979-1111.

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## MEMBERSHIP

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### REMEMBER THE LEAGUE IN YOUR WILL

One hundred years ago, on February 14, 1920, the League of Women Voters was created in anticipation of the adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to help women learn about voting. Ever since, it has been helping people learn about the issues and what the candidates' positions are on the issues. It has been fighting to protect people's right to vote, to preserve fair and honest government, and to promote the rule of law and international cooperation around the world.

If these are things that you value, consider making a gift to the League through your will. You can leave a fixed amount of money or a percentage of your estate to the League. You can also give from your IRA if you are 70½ without paying taxes on that money. Contact Linda Wassenich at [LindaVote@gmail.com](mailto:LindaVote@gmail.com) or 214-368-5305 if you have questions or want the wording for making a bequest ever since in your will.

### WANT TO SERVE ON THE LEAGUE BOARD?

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.

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](mailto:eileen.rosenblum@gmail.com); 469-879-8801) or Linda Wassenich ([LindaVote@gmail.com](mailto:LindaVote@gmail.com); 214-368-5305).

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### Reminder! League of Women Voters Texas Convention 2020

April 17-19 in Austin, Texas (Registration due April 1<sup>st</sup>)



## UPCOMING

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UNIT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup>

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### LWV Dallas General Program: *Women's Vote: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

March 19, 2020

Time: Starts 11:30 AM - Ends 1:30 PM

Place: Midway Hills Christian Church, in the Community Room, 11001 Midway Road, Dallas, TX 75229.



This program will begin with Patty Jantho's skit, *"We Hold These Truths"* which reviews the long struggle to get the vote. Following the skit Elisabeth MacNamara, recent past President of the LWVUS, has been invited to speak about the League. She will discuss recent League successes and challenges as well as goals for the future.

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### North Texas Symphony: Celebrate Women Concert

March 22, 2020

3:00 PM

Moody Performance Hall

**Celebrate Women**  
New Texas Symphony Orchestra  
Free Concert  
March 22, 3:00  
Moody Performance Hall

NEW TEXAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
DR. KATHRYN D. BROWN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
AMERICAN SONGS  
CELEBRATE WOMEN  
LET'S CELEBRATE  
Free Concerts for All!  
NEW MADE IN THE AMERICAS  
ISO SEASON 16 | 2019-2020  
Performances held Thursdays, 3 PM, Moody Performance Hall  
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This is a free concert and will be the final performance in the New Texas Symphony's "Made in the Americas" series under the direction of Dr. Kathryn D. Brown. The concert will feature music written by women, and a special video of an original song by Dolly Parton about the 19th Amendment

# CALENDAR

DATE	DAY / TIME	EVENT / LOCATION
<b>MARCH 2020</b>		Women's History Month
3	Tuesday	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</b>
4	Wednesday	SMU's 55th Annual Women's Symposium, SMU Hughes Trigg Student Center, 3140 Dyer Street, Dallas
4	Wednesday, Midnight	Board reports due, lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net
7	Saturday, 10:00 - Noon	LWVD Board Meeting (League members welcome) Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas, TX 75204
8	Sunday	International Women's Day
11 - 12	Wednesday - Thursday	Unit Meetings - Content TBD
12	Thursday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class - PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS ABOVE
15 - 21	Third week of March	2020 Census questionnaire letters will be mailed this week. When you receive your notice please go online and respond. (2020 Census staff hope 70% of population will respond online.)
19	Thursday, 11:30am - 1:30pm	General Program: <b>Women's Vote: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow</b> Patty Jantho's play, "We Hold These Truths" and Elisabeth MacNamara, President of LWV US from 2010-2015, on LWV's recent successes and goals for the future. Midway Hills Christian Church, Community Room, 11001 Midway Road, Dallas, TX 75229. Lunch for purchase.
26	Thursday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class - PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS ABOVE
28	Saturday, 10:00am - 11:00am	Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class - PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS ABOVE
31	Tuesday	Equal Pay Day
		Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class - PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS : 1520 Round Table Drive, Dallas, TX 75247 (near Stemmons & Regal Row)
DATE	DAY / TIME	EVENT / LOCATION
<b>APRIL 2020</b>		
1	Wednesday	<b>2020 CENSUS DAY</b>
1	Wednesday, Midnight	Board reports due, lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net
2	Thursday	Last day to register to vote to participate in May 2nd Joint Election
4	Saturday, 10:00 - Noon	LWVD Board Meeting (League members welcome) Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak Street, Dallas, TX 75204
8 - 9	Wednesday - Thursday	Unit Meetings - Content TBD
9	Thursday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class - PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS ABOVE
10	Friday <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
11	Saturday, 10:00am - 11:00am	Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class - PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS ABOVE
12	Sunday	Easter
16	Thursday, 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class - PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS ABOVE
17 - 19	Friday - Sunday	<b>LWV TX Convention, Austin, TX</b>
20	Monday	<b>EARLY VOTING BEGINS</b> for May 2nd Joint Election
22	Wednesday	Earth Day
23 - 26	Thursday - Sunday	EarthxConference, Fair Park, Dallas, TX
28	Tuesday	<b>EARLY VOTING ENDS</b> for May 2nd Joint Election
29	Wednesday, Midnight	Board reports due, lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net
<b>SAVE THE DATES:</b>		
May 16, 2020	Saturday, 9:00am - Noon	Annual Meeting, The Edgemere
June 25 to 28, 2020	Thursday - Sunday	LWV US 54th National Convention, Hyatt Regency and Liaison Hotel - Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
September, 26 2020	Saturday, Luncheon	100th Anniversary Celebration of the 19th Amendment