LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

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VOTER for November 2016

Roddy Adkins, Helen Farabee Wednesday, November 2, at Luby's Cafeteria.

Go thru lunch line prior to noon call to order.

"Mental Health Services in Wichita County"

Roddy Adkins is the Executive Director of the Helen Farabee Centers.

Helen Farabee Centers specialize in providing access to community-based treatment and support services for persons with severe, persistent forms of mental illness and persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Serving North Texas since 1969, the Center operates more than 20 program sites within our 16,655 square mile catchment area. Each month our Centers provide or coordinate behavioral health and/or mental retardation services for more than 7,000 people and, in many cases, their families.

This presentation ties in with our study topic for 2016 - 2017.

MEMBERSHIP!

The League Year runs from July 1st to June 30th. Individual member dues remain at **\$60** per member. Dues for a family (couple) are **\$90**. Per Member Payments (PMP) required by the State & National Leagues require us to remit virtually all of these dues on to them. Therefore, donations from members, friends, & others are essential for us to issue Voters Guides during each election season. If you haven't renewed your membership for this year, please do! Your League needs you!

Either bring your dues (and contributions) to a meeting, or mail to the treasurer at our P.O. Box 4034, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308. Make checks payable to LWV-Wichita Falls.

ELECTION REMINDER

We have an election coming up! Just a reminder that during meetings, no campaign buttons or partisan commentary by members. We do a pretty good job overall, but it is easy to get wrapped up in our passion for a particular candidate or party during election season.

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT..... Kaye Holland

Our November meeting comes before Election Day this year. Usually we meet the day after the elections. That feels different, but everything about this election is different. We have distributed 7,500 Voters Guides. That number is much higher than in previous years. We'll soon know how popular they have been, but it looks as if they have been picked up by many voters so far.

A big thank you to all who distributed Guides throughout Wichita County in a few hours. Again, thank you to everyone who showed up and helped with the Candidate's Forum. It was truly a group effort.

There are some of our members who will work in the upcoming election, so it is not over. We applaud that effort also.

Even though it seems that we could take a break, we have some work ahead. We are doing a study on mental health issues, and some of you will be serving on this committee as we move forward. This is a serious topic and we look forward to hearing more on this issue with our November speaker, Roddy Atkins. See you next week. Bring a friend.

Kaye Holland

Bring a friend to our meeting on November 2.

Feel free to forward this VOTER to your friends & associates. Feedback to Penny Miller at <u>pdmiller.lwv@gmail.com</u> or <u>940-867-9761</u>