

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS**

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# **VOTER *for October 2016***

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**Officers Jeff Hughes and Brandie Banda, Wichita Falls Police Department,  
Public Information Office**

**Wednesday, October 5, at Luby's Cafeteria.**

**Go thru lunch line prior to noon call to order.**

"Current Issues: Wichita Falls Police Department"

Officers Jeff Hughes and Brandie Banda will be presenting a program about current issues in the WFPD at our October meeting. Along with the issues affecting the department they wish to bring our group up-to-date about, we have asked them to address the training and preparation our officers receive in terms of dealing with citizens of different races, religions and English language skills as well as those who may have mental health issues. This has been an issue in other communities, and it will be interesting to hear how the WFPD is ensuring our community members and our officers remain safe in volatile situations.

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**MEMBERSHIP?**

Welcome new members David and Karyl Barbosa! We're so happy to have you. And welcome back, Martha Hall!

**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.

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**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.

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**CANDIDATE FORUM**

We have some local contested races this year. The League will be hosting a nonpartisan Candidate's Forum on Wednesday, October 12, beginning at 7 PM in the City Council Chambers. It would be nice to have a good turnout of League members and other interested citizens. As usual, the city will be broadcasting the forum on their cable channel and will make it available on their website.

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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP REGISTER VOTERS?**

We have some voter registration events coming up. Talk to Kaye Holland if you are willing to participate.

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**NEXT MONTH'S MEETING**

Roddy Atkins, Executive Director of Helen Farabee, is scheduled to be our program speaker in November. This program ties in directly with our mental health study this year.

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**THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT..... Kaye Holland**

Since we met in September, the LWV-WF has been busy. We have participated in five voter registration drives, which include the Martin Luther King Center, MSU Constitution Day, Fiestas Patrias Jamaica, Parenting

Conference at Vernon College, and Calle Oche. We have had two television interviews, one presentation to the Downtown Rotary, and an ongoing voter registration display at the Wichita Falls Public Library. We have had a presence in this voting cycle. I want to thank all the members who have come forward to help and beat the drum for our organization. I also want to thank the organizations who asked us to participate in their events.

At the upcoming October meeting, I will have signup sheets for delivery of the Voters Guides throughout Wichita County. We do not know exactly when that will happen, but we will be ready. We hope to order as many as our finances will allow. Speaking of money, if you, as a member, want to contribute to the VG and have your name added as a contributor, then please make a check out to the League of Women Voters-Wichita Falls Education Fund (LWV-WF). It has to have the Education Fund designated to be counted for the VG. This donation needs to be done as soon as possible as the VG will be printed in early October.

Then on October 12, we will sponsor the Candidate's Forum for the contested County Commissioners positions, Wichita Falls Mayor, and School Board positions. That forum will be in the City Council Chambers at 7 p.m. Please help if you can that night. This will be telecast on Time Warner Cable and streamed on the Wichita Falls City website.

Starting in October, we will begin our study on mental health issues in this area of North Texas. Our program will be Jeff Hughes from the Wichita Falls Police Department with an emphasis on their training of officers to deal with mental health issues.

Circle your calendar for October 5, and we will see you then.

**Bring a friend to our meeting on October 5.**

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