

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

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# **VOTER *for September 2016***

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**Paul Reyes and Gonzalo Robles, Zavala Historic Hispanic Initiative  
Wednesday, September 7, at Luby's Cafeteria.**

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

Paul Reyes and Gonzalo Robles will be the speakers for our September 7, 2016, meeting. The League of Women Voters of Wichita Falls has partnered with Zavala Historic Hispanic Cultural Initiative for two events this fall. The League will offer voter registration opportunities for potential new voters at "Parenting for Success" at Vernon College on September 24. Then on October 1, we will be involved with voter registration at Calle Ocho, which is a cultural event with live music, food, and contests to promote Hispanic Heritage at the Farmer's Market downtown.

Paul Reyes moved to Wichita Falls in 2001 to complete his degree at Midwestern State University. He wanted to be more involved in the community. He first became active in Partners in Education and then Zavala. He has been working with Zavala for three years and this is his first year as president of the organization.

Gonzalo Robles has been working with Hispanic families for almost 20 years. He led the University of Texas systems' original Cafe` con Leche (Coffee with Milk) initiative, an informal forum for Latino Parents to learn more about financial aid and college application procedures. **He holds both a master's degree and a bachelor's degree.** Additionally, he hosts the radio program Asuntos Hispanos on 107.9 FM MANA.

Both of these gentlemen are involved with the Zavala program and the Wichita Falls community.

**We will also have a short update on Vote 411.**

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**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.

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

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

The League of Women Voters is about voting, and in this current election season we have several opportunities to help people vote. Welcome back after our summer break. September and October will be busy for the League. Sign up to help.

First of all, LWV-WF has received a Public Advocacy to Voter Protection grant from the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. This money allows us to purchase materials and partner with community groups to promote voter registration.

We have three opportunities in September and one in October to help register new voters.. These will be outlined at our meeting. Please be ready to volunteer for some of these opportunities

**Also in October, we will host a candidate's forum for contested positions in the** upcoming election on the county, city, and school board level. We will be printing and distributing our Voters Guide about that same time. This VG will be larger and more expensive and we have no money. Therefore, we have sent out a letter asking for contributions for this effort. Anyone can contribute by writing a check to League of Women Voters Education Fund.

Please plan on coming to the September meeting as we enter this exciting season. Bring a friend.

**Bring a friend to our meeting on September 7.**

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***Feel free to forward this VOTER to your friends & associates.***

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