

League of Women Voters  
of Dallas

# VOTER



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

## April Is Here & It Will Be Busy!

### The April 12 & 13 Unit Meetings

will focus on women's health issues and social policy bills that are before the state legislature. Some of the bills are really beyond the pale!

Come to your unit meeting, see your friends and bring a neighbor to get the most current information about the bills that have been filed and what actions you can take.

May brings the last of the unit Meetings until the fall. It's "Do-Your-Own-Thing" time! Use the April meetings to decide how you want to celebrate spring.

**NOTE: \*The LOCATION of the April 12 Wednesday Morning Unit Meeting has CHANGED for this month only.**

The Unit Meeting will be at the East Dallas Lochwood Branch Library location near Garland Road and I-635. The unit will meet at the standard 10:00AM time, just before the noteworthy LWV General Meeting on *Election Options* beginning at 11:30AM.

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### LWVD General Meeting Election Options

Check out page 3 for details of the informative and interesting **General Meeting on Election Options** Wednesday, April 12 at 11:30AM at the **East Dallas**

**Lochwood Library** at 11221 Lochwood Blvd, near Garland Road & I-635, **NOT** the Lakewood Library.

Make sure you **RSVP** for the **LWV General Meeting on Election Options** and reserve an optional \$15 box lunch if you'd like at [lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net) or 214-688-4125.

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### LWVD 79th Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the **79th Annual Meeting** to be held Saturday, April 29 from 9AM -12 noon at The Edgemere, 8523 Thackery Street @ Northwest Highway, Dallas 75225.



Key actions that will take place are election of officers and directors for the board, approval of the 2017-18 budget, small editing changes to the bylaws, and decisions about a program theme for the coming year. Look for your annual meeting reports to be arriving after the April board meeting.

Congratulations go to Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award winner, Mildred Derrough Pope, and the Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award winner, Dr. Theresa Daniel.

Breakfast will be served, and suggested donation is \$15.

Valet parking will be available, so come early and beat the crowd.

To **RSVP** for the **79th Annual Meeting**, contact the League office at 214-688-4125 or [lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net).

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### April Unit Meetings Women's Health Issues

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[Apr. 12 ....10:00 am](#)

**Wednesday Morning Unit**  
Mildred Pope 469.235.7077

**\*East Dallas Lochwood Library**  
11221 Lochwood Boulevard  
(near Garland Road & I-635)  
Dallas 75218

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[Apr. 13 ....9:30 am](#)

**Thursday Morning Unit**

**The Episcopal Church of  
St Thomas the Apostle**

6525 Inwood Road  
Dallas 75209

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[Apr. 13 ....11:30 am](#)

**Far North Dallas Unit**

Ann Grant 972.931.5628  
Anne Tabb 972.392.7067

**Egg and I**

15203 Knoll Trail  
corner of Arapaho & Montfort/Knoll

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[Apr. 13....6:30 pm](#)

**Thursday Evening Unit**

Arline Pitt 972.243.3966

**Angela's Café**

7979 Inwood Road  
Dallas 75219



**2016 - 2017  
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK**

At the 2016 annual meeting of LWVD, we took the necessary steps to successfully convert our League to a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Since then, we have benefitted from an increase of donations since funds given to LWVD can be tax-deductible. We are grateful to all of you who have shared your resources with the League.



You can also remember the League in your will. For example, last year at the annual meeting, member Eliza Solender presented us with a check for \$20,000 that her mother, Ellen Solender, bequeathed to LWVD in her will. We were able to use the funds to cover some of the costs of the expanded *Voters Guides* that the League prepared for the November elections. We are thankful to the

Solender family for the generosity shown by their family matriarch. Ellen Solender was a great woman and a role model for all of us.

We are now planning our 2017 Annual Meeting. It will again be held at the Edgemere Retirement Facility located at 8523 Thackery Street, Dallas, Texas 75225, on Saturday morning, April 29, 2017, from 9AM to noon. At the meeting we will make some small, editing changes to the bylaws, adopt a budget, and elect a new board.

Under the guidance of Susybelle Gosslee, the Natural Resources positions were reviewed. She will discuss the edits at the annual meeting. We appreciate her devotion to the League as she generously stepped forward to help with this task. Without a Program VP for most of the year, we were fortunate that Susybelle Gosslee, Elizabeth Walley, and Linda Wassenich were willing to help plan programs and unit meetings in addition to carrying out the responsibilities of their respective positions on the League board. Nia MacKay and Ann Moy also worked on program. Thank you to all for all that you do.

Thanks to SBA Chair Dominique Torres and Co-Chair Lisa Sherrod, we had a wonderful Susan B. Anthony luncheon. Thanks also to Becky Brakke for coordinating the auction and raffle. Debbie Branson, our luncheon honoree, gave a speech that included a stirring call to action. As a result, members handwrote letters at the March units to our federal and state representatives on the priorities set by LWVUS and LWVTX. Talking points provided by Linda Wassenich, Susybelle Gosslee and Elizabeth Walley helped unit resource people provide background information at unit meetings. If you have not contacted your representative, please consider writing a letter, email or text. If you need a copy of the talking points, please contact the office or me.

As I prepare to pass the gavel to our very capable President-Elect Cecilia McKay, I want to thank Cecilia for all she has done to make these last two years a success. Another special thank you goes to Rose Harp for volunteering to become VP of Membership, a position that had been vacant for several years. Rose recruited Jane Daboub; and as a committee of two, they call and welcome new members and present them with an LWV lapel pin.

I especially want to thank you, the membership, for your support during these past two years. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting so I can thank you in person.

Best regards,  
*President, Eileen Rosenblum PhD*



LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS  
OF DALLAS

PRESENTS

# ELECTION OPTIONS

We've always done it the same way but it doesn't have to be like that. Hear pros and cons of local election alternatives intended to improve voter participation and save money (instant runoff, local elections in Nov). Also learn why last Nov's electoral college vs popular votes diverged so widely, and what alternatives are available to states.

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Wednesday April 12, 2017**

**Lochwood Branch Library**  
**11221 Lochwood Blvd**  
**Dallas TX 75218**



**Dr Matthew Wilson**  
Southern Methodist  
University

**RSVP & Reserve**  
**Optional \$15 Box Lunch:**  
[lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net)  
**(214)688-4125**

**Dan Eckam**  
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of Texas



**Toni Pippins-Poole**  
Dallas County  
Elections

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

With 350 members as of this month, LWVD is one of the largest Leagues in the nation. We can be proud of our membership growth, along with the many activities we sponsor and programs we present. We do need to emphasize this when representing ourselves as a national non-partisan organization who gives you the "real news" about candidates and voting. In a time when citizens are earnestly searching for truth in the democratic process, we earnestly strive to make democracy work.

During the past month, we have been advising members that receiving their VOTER newsletter and other notices by email would save time and money for our League. Printing and postage continue to be more expensive with each passing year. Those who do not have email service and all 50-year members will continue to receive the newsletter by regular mail.

Members who simply prefer to have the VOTER mailed will be charged \$10 per year for the newsletter and other notices that are sent through the mail. Please leave a message at 972-233-8870 and give your name, email address and phone number if you are willing to switch from a mailed, print copy to an emailed VOTER.

Other activities and plans of Membership include the following:

- Have a calling committee in order to disseminate information, remind members of dates and happenings, and help organize carpools for members who no longer drive. We would like to accomplish this through our units, so please let Membership know if you would like to volunteer to call a group.

- Distribute pins to our new members. Please let us know if you missed getting yours.
- New member packets are still in the planning stages because of our move to a new office space, which affects printing and distributing items with an updated address.
- Revised Membership Brochures will be available in May. Cecilia McKay has worked hard to update this brochure, and it is one of many items that have received her careful attention this year.

The updated, printed 2017-2018 YEO (*Your Elected Officials*) will be available after the May 6 Election. Please watch for it online also.

LWVD is interested in celebrating and honoring our FOURTEEN 50-YEAR MEMBERS. The history they can share with us is a priceless gift. Our goal is to begin interviewing these Senior Leaguers as soon as possible after our Annual Meeting at the end of April. If you are interested in helping Membership with this project, please let us know.

Three unsung heroines, **Ann Adams, Lea Frailey and Alice Johnson**, have been coming for years to the office each month to update files, renew memberships and mail many of the notices you receive from the office. Please join us in thanking them for the many hours spent on our behalf.

Thank you from Membership.



***A Hearty Welcome to NEW League Members*** LeAnne Baird, Katelyn Bassett, Monique Black, Christopher & Kathy Burge, Sheri Campbell, Sondra Channell, Terri & Jeff Dumas, Brenda Finch, Elizabeth Frizzell, Kelly Geigner, Johanne Grinde, Courtney & Carol Hogan, Susan Iannaccone, Julie Ihrig, Rosalyn Katz, Theresa Kavi, Martha Linyard, Helaine Marberry, Chris Martin, Krista Martin, Catherine Miller, Kara Murphy, Jaime Olin, Barbara Powell, Nicole Rodgers, Jessica Roy, Elisabeth Rutledge, Norma Shosid, Diane Sloan, Kim Staman, E. The Realities, Alisa Volpi, Melanie Voss, Ashley Washington, Rebecca Wilson, Wanda Wilson, Carol Winkelman and Stephanie Woods.

If you see a name you recognize, invite them to your unit, a general meeting, a forum or any other activity you think they may enjoy. Welcome new members!



## EDUCATION CORNER



### Districts of Innovation

Submitted by Bill Betzen 12/15/16

Districts of Innovation (DOI) were created at the end of the 2015 legislative session by the Texas Legislature. Alleged to be an alternative to Home Rule, the DOI process will allow school districts to be freed of some of the Texas Education Agency requirements.

The description below is from the Texas Education Agency DOI page and is followed by pages of details.

[http://tea.texas.gov/Texas\\_Schools/General\\_Information/Innovation/Districts\\_of\\_Innovation/](http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/General_Information/Innovation/Districts_of_Innovation/)

*“H.B. 1842 (84th Session of the Texas Legislature) in part amended Chapter 12 of the Texas Education Code (TEC) to create [Districts of Innovations](#). Districts are eligible for designation if certain performance requirements are met and the district follows certain procedures for adoption as outlined in Statute. The designation provides the district will be exempt from certain sections of the TEC that inhibit the goals of the district as outlined in the locally adopted Innovation Plan.”*

At the 12-14-16 Dallas ISD Board meeting, the board approved starting the DOI process by the minimum super-majority trustee vote possible, 6 to 3. DISD will now begin to study becoming a District of Innovation. The process involves committee formation, study, public meetings and input, and eventually another super-majority trustee vote in April or May.

If you google “[Districts of Innovation Texas](#),” you will find multiple web sites on this topic that provide information, some in support and some against it. Some of the hits are from some of the 60 districts now in the same process as DISD. That number is changing constantly as the DOI alternative is only 18 months old. The TEA site above is the central information source.

The Association of Texas Professional Educators has a detailed web site about the history and procedures behind the DOI that is more critical of DOI. See <https://www.atpe.org/en/DOI>. It includes a section titled “[Concerns about Innovation Districts](#).”

The District of Innovation process is now in motion in Dallas ISD. You will be hearing about it in the media as it develops over the next few months.

### Privatization and Vouchers

The Detroit Free Press published this article in May 2016 about the state's academic decline since 2003. This time period covers the era of Betsy DeVos, who has been a big proponent of vouchers for private schools and privatization of public schools in Michigan and who is the newly confirmed Secretary of Education in the Trump Administration.

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/education/2016/05/18/michigan-students-sliding-toward-bottom/84535876/>

“In 2003, Michigan ranked 28th in fourth-grade reading. In 2015, the state was ranked 41st.”

“We’re certainly not on track to become a top 10 state any time soon,” said Amber Arellano, executive director of the Education trust-Midwest, a non-partisan education research and policy organization based in Royal Oak. “It’s totally unacceptable for the economy, for business and especially for kids themselves.”

Among the 2015 NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) results highlighted in the report:

- Michigan ranked 41st in fourth-grade reading, down from 28th in 2003.
- The state ranked 42nd in fourth-grade math, down from 27th in 2003.
- It ranked 31st in eighth-grade reading, down from 27th in 2003.
- It ranked 38th in eighth-grade math, down from 34th in 2003.

The report is focused on the fourth-grade reading results because of how crucial it is for students to be able to read well by the end of third grade though students have also struggled in math.

The achievement problem crosses demographic lines. Consider how various demographic groups in Michigan compared with similar demographic groups nationwide in fourth-grade reading in 2015: White students in Michigan ranked 49th, higher-income students in Michigan ranked 48th, and black students in Michigan ranked 41st.

**The problem?** “Many other states are outpacing Michigan, which has posted mostly stagnant - and in some cases declining - results.”

## EDUCATION CORNER

One of the LWV Texas priorities is to oppose legislation that would allow tax dollars to be used to provide vouchers so students could attend private schools. This essay was written by Sue Legg, Education Director of the LWV Florida.

### Not All Choices Are Good Choices: History of Florida's Tax Credit Program

According to a Tampa Bay Times report, Jeb Bush, in a televised debate when he was running for governor in 1994 and was asked what he would do for black voters, said, "It's time to strive for a society where there's equality of opportunity, not equality of results. So I'm going to answer your question by saying 'probably nothing'." Faced with criticism, he helped establish Florida's first charter school in Miami, and the school choice movement in Florida began.

In 1998, John Kirtley, a venture capitalist, personally funded private school scholarships to low-income children. He took the idea to then Representative Joe Negron, who is now the President of the Florida Senate. Jeb Bush was governor, and the state's voucher and corporate tax credit scholarship programs began.

Florida's constitution, however, prohibited the direct or indirect transfer of money from the state treasury to private schools. In 2006, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that vouchers paid by the treasury were unconstitutional. Florida corporate tax credits (FTC) became the vehicle to fund what initially were private school scholarships for children from disadvantaged families.

Corporations could donate owed taxes to Step Up for Students, a private non-profit organization which issued tuition warrants to qualified parents. These FTC scholarships have also been litigated. According to Politico, in 2016 Betsy DeVos paid one million dollars through her foundation to send thousands of children to Tallahassee for a rally against the FTC scholarship lawsuit. In 2017, the Florida Supreme Court determined the lawsuit lacked standing and declined to rule on the constitutionality issue.

Step Up for Students is the management organization for the Florida Tax Credit scholarship program. John Kirtley is Chair of the Board and founder. Its President, Doug Tuthill, achieved notoriety in a 2011 video when he revealed that over one million dollars was spent in every other election cycle on local races. The strategy is to make low-income families the face of the program and target black ministers to support the program. Step Up for Students has grown into a \$500 million dollar operation. It currently allocates nearly 100,000 FTC scholarships to over 1,700 of Florida's private schools.

In addition, it administers the Gardiner scholarships for students with severe disabilities and the Alabama Opportunity Scholarships. The FTC scholarships program alone costs \$422,648,470. Administrative expenses total about \$5 million dollars, but other budget categories include \$4 million dollars for communications and advocacy programs related to Step Up's advocacy for choice mission including RedefinEd, its newsletter.

Audit findings in 2015-16 noted that Step Up was lax in its recovery of funds from private schools that received tuition warrants from students who did not enroll. In 2016, this amount was \$252,363. Auditors also noted that Step Up failed to conduct required financial background checks on all private schools participating in the program.

The engine of the choice movement is Jeb Bush's Foundation for Excellence in Education (ExcelinEd). It provides model legislation, rule-making expertise, implementation strategies, and public outreach to 38 states. Betsy DeVos was a board member until she was confirmed as the U.S. Secretary of Education. Eighty-two percent of FTC students attend religious schools. The FTC program does not target struggling public schools. Only 25% of FTC students are from public schools that had 'D' or 'F' school grades. A few well-connected, wealthy Floridians launched a movement that nearly twenty years later has earned extraordinary publicity and grown exponentially.

Yet, traditional public schools continue to outperform charters or FTC private schools. Communities most impacted by school choice experience a downward spiral. Schools are underfunded and become more segregated. This is not a model for the nation to follow.

Get more information:

<https://dianeravitch.net/2017/03/12/sue-legg-the-origins-of-floridas-tax-credits-for-constitutionally-banned-vouchers/>



**Expanding Our Reach:  
LWV VOTERS GUIDE & VOTE411  
for May Election**

By Dorie Cranshaw, Vote411 Coordinator

A group of League members were VERY busy these last few weeks putting together a *Voters Guide* for the upcoming May 6, 2017, municipal elections.

This time around LWVD covered:

- 6 ISD elections
- 8 City elections
- 54 Individual races
- 126 Candidates

A group of member volunteers (also known as “Wranglers”), contacted each of the candidates and became that candidate’s point of contact with the League during the process.

The following volunteered to help in this effort: Leigh Bailey, Kelly Geigner, Julie Ihrig, Theresa Kavi, Audrey Moorehead, Jaime Olin, Susan Read, and Diane Tasian, as well as Board members Nia MacKay, Cecilia McKay and Elizabeth Walley.

*(Editor’s note: Several of these volunteers just joined the LWVD this year.)*

The long-term goal of the League is to cover every race in every election. We are well on our way to achieving this goal with the help of our volunteer wranglers.

**The online version of the *Voters Guide* is available NOW at [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org).** Look for a limited number of printed *Voters Guides* to be distributed at area libraries, colleges and other community venues April 18.

Financial support to help us print and distribute more *Voters Guides* is always appreciated, and your contributions are tax-deductible.

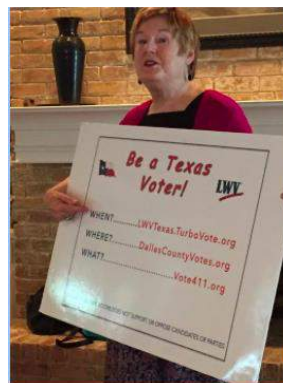


**Voter Services**

Since the November election, voter services has had a higher than expected number of requests for assistance. A number of groups have asked for guidance on voter registration, getting out the vote and political activism in general.

Usually after a major election like November 2016’s Presidential election, voter fatigue sets in. This year, however, has been different.

Most recently, the LWV Dallas has been asked to assist with several voter registration projects in anticipation of the May local elections.



(left) Elizabeth Walley of LWV Dallas talking to a group about voting.

Please respond if you can help to Elizabeth at [ewalley1@gmail.com](mailto:ewalley1@gmail.com) or [214.695.1361](tel:214.695.1361).

**May 6, 2017 Joint Election**

Last Day to Register to Vote	APR 06, 2017
First Day to Vote Early	APR 24, 2017
Last Day to Receive Applications for Ballots by Mail	APR 25, 2017
Last Day to Vote Early	MAY 02, 2017
Election Day	MAY 06, 2017

**VOTE TODAY Signs**

Get your reuseable, double-sided “**VOTE TODAY**” signs now to have in time for Early Voting.

They are (1) sign for \$5 or (5) signs for \$20. If you would like to have your signs delivered contact Bill Betzen at [bbetzen@aol.com](mailto:bbetzen@aol.com) or [214-957-9739](tel:214-957-9739).

**Let us know if YOU can help TUESDAY, APRIL 18 at 10:00 a.m.  
with distribution and mail-out of printed *Voters Guides*  
in the League office at 2720 N Stemmons Freeway, Suite 812, Dallas.**

**DONOR HONOR ROLL**

Please join me in thanking the following people who have contributed to LWVD since the last VOTER.

Benefactor: Carol Barger

Patrons: Ruth Alhilali, Elisabeth Rutledge, Katherine McGovern, Elaine Wiant and Wanda Wilson

In Honor of Debbie Branson, Dominique Torres, and Fran Morris by Linda Wassenich

In Memory of Dr. Jack Ehrhardt by Dorothy Masterson and Linda Wassenich

Scholarships: Dorothy Masterson and Michael Wimbish

Donors: Sandi Hebley, Gwen McKinney, JoDee Nell, Benjamin Rush, Alice Johnson, Kathryn Tucker, Paul Heller, Julie Ihrig and Tom Thumb/Albertson's Good Neighbor Program



**APRIL 15**

We all know what must happen on April 15. It's the deadline to file our income tax returns.

Here are some things you need to know that may help you and the League if you itemize your deductions:

- Since LWVD is now a 501(c)3 organization, your dues and all contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.
- A bequest to the LWVD may reduce the tax liability of your estate.

As always, please consult with your tax lawyer or CPA to decide what kind of gift is in your best interest. Contact Linda Wassenich at [214-368-5305](tel:214-368-5305) or [LindaVote@gmail.com](mailto:LindaVote@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**Got a Minute?**



The League office has a few items that you can volunteer for, such as distributing the *Voters Guide*, helping with updating our valuable YEO, distributing the VOTER, answering and returning phone calls.



You name it. These are some of the ways the League office serves the public and our membership.



Consider this a call to all for volunteers at the office.

The Editor Volunteer



*2017 Susan B. Anthony Luncheon & Silent Auction Pictures*



*SBA Chairs Dominique Torres & Lisa Sherrod, Cecilia McKay and Eileen Rosenblum*



*Beautiful Flower Baskets at the Silent Auction*



*SBA Registration*



*Silent Auction Winner of Football & Jersey*



*Selling Raffle Tickets for a Fantastic Vacation*



*Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Table & Stage*



*Excited Crowd at the Silent Auction*



*Getting to Know You...*

OFFICIAL NEWS FROM THE EPA --- February 03, 2017 | 3:19 PM

## The EPA Has Started to Remove Obama-Era Information

The Environmental Protection Agency's website has begun to transform under the Trump Administration.

*This article was originally featured on [Climate Central](#).*

A group of researchers have found what are likely the first steps in a major overhaul of a site that's been [closely watched](#) since President Trump's inauguration on Jan. 20. Federal climate plans created under former President Obama, tribal assistance programs, and references to international cooperation have been stricken from the site.

A mention of carbon pollution as a cause of climate change has also been removed and adaptation has been emphasized, indicating an attempt to separate the cause of climate change from the response. Some of the changes — like removing mentions to programs and task forces that have run their course as well as broken links — are housekeeping, according to an agency statement.

### Lunch With Commissioner Theresa Daniel

Lucky bidders at the Silent Auction at the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon won the opportunity to have lunch with Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel at the home of LWVD President Eileen Rosenblum.

The Commissioner discussed her concern for the many inmates in the Dallas County jail who are in need of psychiatric care. One priority for her is to develop more appropriate solutions to this situation. We also discussed Parkland Hospital and how proud we can all be of the new hospital. Visitors are coming from all over the United States to see it because it is an outstanding example of what a county hospital could be.

We also learned that Dallas County is considering implementing voting centers and online registration to facilitate the voting process for citizens.

Attendees enjoyed the luncheon and the opportunity to get to know one of our county commissioners more personally. We are also pleased that Commissioner Daniel is a long-time member of the League.



*Standing: Cal Chaney, Rose Harp, Pat Vaughan, Elaine Wiant and Claire Buie Chaney;  
Seated: Jane Daboub, Eileen Rosenblum, Commissioner Theresa Daniel and Barbara Coleman*

## A P R I L 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>APRIL</b> 1
2	3	4	5	6 Board meeting 11:45 am League office	7	8
9	10	11	12 <u>Wed. Unit Mtg</u> Women's Health <b>General Mtg</b> Election Options <i>(see pg. 1)</i>	13 <u>Thu. Unit Mtgs</u> Women's Health  <i>(see pg. 1)</i>	14 Good Friday Holiday  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	15
16 Easter	17	18 <i>Voters Guide</i> distribution HELP <u>in office, 10am</u> May <i>VOTER</i> Articles DUE Income Taxes Due	19	20	21 Earth Day Celebration <i>(Fair Park Apr. 21-23)</i>	22
23	24 <b>Early Voting BEGINS</b>	25	26	27	28	29 <u>Annual Mtg</u> The Edgemere <i>(see pg. 1)</i>
30	May 1	2 <b>Early Voting ENDS</b>	3	4 Board meeting 11:45 League office	5	6 <b>Saturday, May 6 ELECTION</b>

The League office will be CLOSED Friday, April 14, for Good Friday.

### Mark-Your-Calendars and Participate!

<b>LWV Dallas</b> <b>79th Annual Meeting</b> Saturday, April 29, 2017 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	<b>LWVD General Meeting</b> <b>"Election Options"</b> Wednesday, April 12, 2017 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>May 6, 2017</b> <b>Joint Election</b> Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
<b>Tom Thumb/Albertson's</b> <b>Good Neighbor Program</b> Good Neighbor #: <b>2917</b> 4th Quarterly Payment: <b>\$119.37</b>	<b>Donate While You Shop!</b> <b>Smile.Amazon.com</b> Click "change your charity", Type "League of Women Voters of Dallas"	<b>Kroger</b> <b>Community Rewards</b> Community Rewards#: <b>95073</b> <b>NEW:</b> Sign up at Kroger

# Join the **League of Women Voters of Dallas**

*where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.*

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters of Dallas (LWVD), in both its values and practices, affirms its belief in, and commitment to, diversity and pluralism.

LWVD welcomes any person to participate in any activity of LWVD, regardless of gender, race, religion, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or political persuasion.

LWVD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making.

LWVD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that inclusiveness enhances its capability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVD affirms its commitment to reflecting diversity in its membership, board, staff and programs.

## ***It's not for women only!***

### Membership Levels

\_\_\_\$60/year Individual \_\_\_\$30 additional member at same address  
\_\_\_\$150/year Patron \_\_\_\$500/year Benefactor  
\_\_\_Scholarship information available upon request. Call 214-688-4125  
\_\_\_\$25/year Student \$\_\_\_ Contribution to LWVD Scholarship Fund

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail your payment to -  
League of Women Voters of Dallas**

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Dallas, TX 75207

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Dallas, TX 75207-2241**

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