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of Dallas

# VOTER



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

## 22nd ANNUAL SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARDEE RUEL M. HAMILTON

Ruel M. Hamilton is the Chairman and Founder of AmeriSouth Realty Group. As a real estate developer Ruel has taken a holistic approach to his

real estate endeavors. He has been rehabilitating run-down apartment complexes for 23 years with the goal of transforming neighborhoods. He has taken an approach with his development in the last 12 years around one high



school feeding pattern - Franklin D. Roosevelt High School, including the two junior highs, and all of the elementary schools that feed into the high school. He funds food banks, after-school programs, and free rent for non-profits and churches in each complex, as well as keeping the units fresh and affordable. He has made close to \$400K in contributions in the past 18 months to the Dallas Independent School District for their programs in the feeding pattern as well.

Equal rights work includes the key element of leveling the playing field for all despite socio-economic status, race, or background. Ruel's

work goes to the heart of establishing equality by creating a different opportunity in two vital aspects: housing and education.

Most of Ruel's tenants are single moms. A family living in one of his complexes has a great, safe place to live, with a local community that has a higher education development focus, unlike many of the neighborhoods immediately surrounding. He focuses on women's rights by providing a house that is safe, a community of people who look out for one another, and support for a strong education for the children. He believes that these basics are needed for a successful life and increased opportunities for women in Southern Dallas.

Ruel's business plan is to create value through physical and operational improvements to apartment complexes in tougher, inner-city neighborhoods. He also believes that anything he and AmeriSouth can do to improve the lives of their tenants will ultimately improve the neighborhoods within which their communities are located. This includes reducing crime and investing in education not only for the children in AmeriSouth's complexes but also the surrounding neighborhoods. He has demonstrated that lowering crime, improving schools and improving the quality of life in neighborhoods is an effective "Value Add" strategy.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



After more than ten years in our current site, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS HAS A NEW HOME! Thanks to the efforts of the Board's Relocation Committee, we found a central location with many amenities. Our new address is 6060 N. Central Expressway, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75206. My heartfelt appreciation to Diane Tasian who used her considerable skill in space planning and decorating to make our new space a home.

On October 19, our Board member **Elizabeth Walley** was honored by the Southwest Jewish Congress with their Audrey Kaplan Inspiring Women of the Southwest award. The award is given to women who have been diligent in the pursuit of positive social change, and who, as role models, have made an impact on our communities, either locally or regionally. These inspiring women advocate for inclusiveness in our society and support positions consistent with the mission of SWJC. Congratulations Elizabeth for being our role model!

The League is proud to be able to attract good members to its Board. The other side of the coin is that we compete with other businesses and organizations looking for great talent and as such we sometimes are forced to share. Such is the case with Dominique Torres, Co-chair of the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon and Brenda Finch, Organization VP. Both of them are moving on to undertake other endeavors. We are sorry to see them go.

On the plus side, I am happy to report that I have appointed immediate past president Eileen Rosenblum to fill the position of Membership VP until May 2018 when the Nominations Committee will submit a slate of officers for the following year. Thank you, Eileen, for agreeing to work on this very important responsibility. Also, Rebecca Acuña has accepted the position of Co-chair for the Susan B. Anthony luncheon. Thank you, Rebecca!

League members are invited to our **Holiday Open House and New Member Welcome** on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, Noon to 3 pm, at our new digs at 6060 N. Central Expwy., Suite 500. Members are encouraged to bring a potential new member to this gathering. Let us know that you will join us.

As always, I feel lucky to be surrounded by star Board members and dedicated volunteers that help me further the mission of the League.

Regards,

**Fran Morris** Office Administrator

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## NOVEMBER UNIT MEETINGS – A DISCUSSION OF SB4

Officers Israel Marquez and Reuben Ramirez of the Dallas Police Department's Office of Community Affairs and Liz Cedillo and Vanna Slaughter of the City of Dallas' new Welcoming Communities & Immigrant Affairs Office will be visiting each of the units November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss SB4 (Texas Senate Bill 4, Regular Session 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature). We are also trying to invite others to provide a well-balanced presentation, but haven't received confirmation in time for publication.



*A bit of detail:* SB4, commonly called the Sanctuary Cities Bill, was adopted by the Texas Senate on May 3, 2017, after accepting numerous revisions by the House. It was signed by Governor Greg Abbott the next day. Since the measure passed it has generated a flurry of litigation. The most notable case was filed by several large cities in the federal court for the Western District of Texas in San Antonio. On August 30, the court temporarily blocked most of the bill from going into effect on September 1. The State of Texas immediately filed an appeal. Within days a panel of the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans overruled the lower court's decision, allowing parts of it to go into effect; but the ruling is temporary. A final ruling will occur after a separate Fifth Circuit panel listens to the state's oral arguments on the entire law.

The proponents for this bill argue it increases the ability of the local police to provide a more secure border and contains provisions against racial profiling. Those against it argue that immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility; there isn't adequate support for the additional responsibilities for the local police departments; and it violates the First Amendment rights of the police.

*Dallas Morning News* article: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/2017/09/25/appeals-court-rules-parts-texas-sanctuary-cities-ban-can-go-effect>

*New York Times* article: <https://nyti.ms/2wprhBL> or just search "SB4" for more information.

We hope you can join us, but if not, please watch our website for a summary.

- by Diane Tasian, LWVD Program VP

### **Nov. 8 10:00 am**

**Wednesday Morning Unit**  
Mildred Pope 469.235.7077  
**Meadows Conference Center**  
Piney Woods Room  
2900 Live Oak Street  
Dallas 75204

### **Nov. 9 9:30 am**

**Thursday Morning Unit**  
Mary Vogelsson 214.415.3972  
**The Episcopal Church of  
St Thomas the Apostle**  
6525 Inwood Road  
Dallas 75209

### **Nov. 9 11:30 am**

**Far North Dallas Unit**  
Anne Tabb 972.392.7067  
Eileen Rosenblum 469.879.8801  
**The Egg and I**  
15203 Knoll Trail  
Arapaho & Montfort/Knoll

### **Nov. 9 6:30 pm**

**Thursday Evening Unit**  
Arlene Pitt 972.243.3966  
**Angela's Café**  
7979 Inwood Road  
Inwood & Lovers Lane  
Dallas 75219

*Celebrating our fellow League of Women Voters board member **Elizabeth Walley** being honored with the Audrey Kaplan Inspiring Women of the Southwest Award by the Southwest Jewish Congress*



## LWVD 2017-2018 Study: Low-Income and Affordable Housing and the Effects of Gentrification

How many people in Dallas have no hope of realizing the American dream of owning a home? Why can so few live near where they work?

Susybel Gosslee and Diane Tasian will co-chair this study. If you are interested in helping with this study or know someone to recommend please contact us. We would like to start this in late September or early October. Meetings will be held at The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 6525 Inwood Road, at the intersection of Inwood & Mockingbird. This is a big subject and will take much research to prepare for a General Meeting this Spring.

Here is the scope that was adopted at the April 29, 2017 Annual Meeting:

Areas to be considered but not limited to:

- Define “affordable” housing and “low-income” housing.
- Determine the availability of Dallas’ affordable and low-income housing.
- Investigate Dallas Housing Authority and current suits.

- Investigate the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Dallas (HUD) and current suits.
- Identify the programs and amount of money from local, state and the federal government available to help people in need of low-income housing.
- Define gentrification.
- Identify the process of how gentrification occurs and the relationship to community planning and development.
- Identify the processes to protect low-income families where gentrification occurs.
- Identify systems to create more low-income housing.

If you are interested in being a part of this study, please call **Susybel Gosslee at 214.732.8610**, email **Diane Tasian at dianetasian@sbcglobal.net**, or the League office at **lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net**.

### LWVD General Meeting

## CONFEDERATE MEMORIALS

Thursday, November 30, 2017

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Lochwood Library

11221 Lochwood Boulevard

Dallas 75218

*Parking is free.*

*(If you are interested in carpooling, please call Eileen Rosenblum at 469-879-8801.)*

We are assembling a panel to discuss the issues surrounding Confederate Memorials. The program will be moderated by Stephanie Lucero, Development Director of Dallas CAN Academy.

The recent national controversies over Confederate monuments resulted in local tensions focused primarily on the Robert E. Lee statue in Lee Park, which is a City of Dallas property. Mayor Mike Rawlings appointed a task force which issued recommendations on August 24, 2017. A recommendation to remove the statue was completed, and the park has been renamed Oak Lawn Park, which was another recommendation.

It will be interesting to get an update on the progress of the remaining recommendations and to hear the issues surrounding their implementation. To see the Memorandum please use the link:

<http://dallasculture.org/confederatemonuments/>. (More details will follow.)

Thank you, Diane Tasian, LWVD Program VP



## END OF SUMMER ADVOCACY REPORT

by Baranda Fermin, Advocacy VP

The late summer was a very busy time in local and state politics. Dallas ISD trustees considered a Tax Ratification Election for the fall, and the Texas Legislature was in Special

Session with a very packed 20 item agenda. Included here are updates on the culmination of this local and statewide activity.

### Special Legislative Session

There were 20 issues on the governor's special session agenda. Of the governor's 20 total special-session priorities, nine became law. Here's the complete list of proposed and passed bills:

- **Sunset legislation (passed and signed into law);**
  - Teacher pay increase of \$1,000 (died in House);
  - Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices;
- **School finance reform commission (passed not signed);**
  - School choice for special needs students (passed in Senate; died in House committee);
  - Property tax reform (died in House);
  - Caps on state and local spending(died in Senate);
- **Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land (waiting to be signed by the Governor);**
  - Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects (died in committee Senate/House);
  - Speeding up local government permitting process (died in House committee);
- **Municipal annexation reform (signed into law);**
  - Texting while driving pre-emption (died in House committee);
  - Privacy (died in House committee);
  - Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues (died in House committee);
  - Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers (died in House committee);
  - Pro-life insurance reform (signed into law);
  - Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise (signed into law);
  - Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders (awaiting the Governor's signature);
  - Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud (signed into law); and
  - Extending maternal mortality task force (awaiting the Governor's signature).

**Education:** DISD trustees voted on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and declined to send the Tax Ratification Election, TRE, to voters. Previously, last spring, the TRE was not passed because it did not include a plan for how to spend the additional tax revenue. The new plan included an outlined spending plan. The money would have gone to items including reading programs, teacher training and more specialty schools throughout the

district.

Information on the votes from August 18<sup>th</sup> are listed in alphabetical order. Trustees Marshall, Micciche, Resendez and Solis voted in favor of a 13-cent TRE; Trustees Flores, Marshall, Micciche, Resendez and Solis voted in favor of a 6-cent TRE. It required a supermajority of 6 votes to put a tax increase on the ballot for voters.

## VOTING MATTERS

### HELP DEFINE THE DEBATE:

#### DEVELOP CANDIDATE QUESTIONS FOR THE MARCH PRIMARY VOTERS GUIDE

One of the most public and important missions of the LWV is publishing a Voters Guide for elections. Thousands of citizens here in Dallas count on our incisive questions to highlight the different visions candidates offer in their quest for office.

Now you can be a vital part of this process. We need a group of members to help formulate the questions for candidates at all levels for the upcoming March primary elections. What's important to you and your friends and neighbors to know about those individuals running for Congress, State Representative, State Board of Election and other races?

The League generally asks only 4-5 questions total of candidates in each race so each question is important. Our general criteria for a good question is two-fold: Is the subject matter of broad general interest to voters, and Is the question worded in a manner to distinguish the differences between candidates?

If you are willing to help in this effort, please let the League office know or contact Dorie Cranshaw, Voters Guide Coordinator ([doriebigd@aol.com](mailto:doriebigd@aol.com), [214-358-7282](tel:214-358-7282)) directly. This is a time sensitive task that will need to be completed by year end. So let's get started! Thank you.

*Dorie Cranshaw, Voters Guide Editor*



### BE A TEXAS VOTER!

The LWV Dallas, in partnership with the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD), is nearing completion of a series of educational lessons on voting for use in Texas high schools and community colleges. These innovative lessons consist of six modules, each with a short motivational introductory video accompanied by a traditional lesson plan with supplementary reading, discussion topics, exercises and activities. The modules will be tailored for either high school or community college students, and aligned with the state standards applicable to the respective groups. The series will be on-line and ready to use by the end of December.

Representatives from the LWV Dallas (Lisa Sherrod and Rebecca Acuña) and DCCCD (Michael Coleman) spoke about the series to participants at the Texas Council for the Social Studies conference in Irving on Saturday, October 21.



In an astonishing coincidence, one of the conference participants, an administrator from Houston ISD, had been a student of Lisa Sherrod's aunt, who was herself an inspiring social studies teacher, years ago.

The purpose of the series is to give teachers quality materials for teaching civic engagement through voting. The series is titled "**Be A Texas Voter!**" after a program of materials for voters developed by the League of Women Voters of Texas.

*Lisa Sherrod, Rebecca Acuña and Michael Coleman at the TCSS conference, 10-21-17*

**VOTING MATTERS****PROTECT YOUR VOTE**

At a well-attended meeting on September 28 at the Meadows Conference Center, sixty-one participants learned about several aspects of voter and election security. The meeting was co-sponsored by Clean Elections Texas and the LWV Dallas.

Charles McGarry is the attorney for the LWV Texas et al in a suit against the Texas Secretary of State. The suit seeks to ensure that personal, confidential and sensitive voter file information is protected. Voter file information has been requested of the states by the Kobach/Pense Commission, which was appointed by the president to investigate allegations of voter fraud. The LWV Texas and others want to be sure personal data which could enable identity theft is secure.



Grant Hayden, professor of law at SMU, spoke about the various types of voter fraud that have been alleged. The three main types are -

- (1) voter impersonation,
- (2) voting by non-citizens, and
- (3) fraud involving absentee ballots.

Mr. Hayden said that despite exhaustive investigations throughout the country and in Texas, only vanishingly small numbers of actual instances of fraud by these methods have been detected, and when an incident does occur, it's often a result of a mistake or misunderstanding rather than intent to do wrong. He said the measures proposed to prevent these types of voter fraud, such as purges of voter files and requiring proof of citizenship at the time of registration or voting, would prevent far more honest voters from voting than instances of fraud.

Toni Pippins-Poole, Dallas County Elections Administrator, spoke about the measures in place to protect the election files from hacking or deliberate alteration. The election files are not on the internet so hacking by that means is not a risk. There are layers of controls to prevent manipulation all through the process. New voting equipment being considered would provide a paper trail, but is not currently allowed under Texas law for "vote centers", where people can vote anywhere in the county as we currently do during early voting.



# HOT TOPICS!

**HOT TOPIC - DACA.....** In 2012 President Obama signed an Executive Order called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA. It allows young people to register with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) when they turn 16 years of age if they were brought to the U.S. at a young age. Most have no memories of the country in which they were born. Registering with ICE gives these young people the ability to attend school or work without fear of deportation. Each registration period is good for two years.

President Trump campaigned to get rid of DACA. Once elected, he expressed some ambivalence; but a group of eleven state attorney generals threatened to sue the federal government if it didn't follow through by September 5 to close down DACA.

Among the many consequences of this action are:

- The dashed aspirations of young people to go to college and work in the U.S.
- Disruptions among families as wage earners, parents and older children may be deported.
- The creation of psychological stress and economic uncertainty within families who have someone vulnerable to deportation.
- A substantial loss of revenue to all levels of government through incomes taxes, payments into Social Security, property taxes, and sales taxes, to name a few.

Senators Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.) and Dick Durbin (D-IL) have filed a bill, SB 1615, called the Dream Act of 2017, which would allow children of immigrants who entered the U.S. unlawfully to eventually earn citizenship if they graduate from high school, seek higher education, serve in the military, or work lawfully for three years. They must pass security checks, pay fees, demonstrate English proficiency, and not have committed a felony. Unfortunately, Congress has failed to agree on the Dream Act since it was first filed in 2001.

Among various immigration plans, efforts to

They claim that DACA is unconstitutional.

On September 5, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that DACA was to be ended and would be completely phased out by March 5, 2020. No new DACA applications will be accepted. Those already in the pipeline would be looked at on a case by case basis. Congress has six months to come up with an alternative.

LWVUS issued a statement condemning the administration's decision, noting the negative effect it will have on our national economy and the contributions that Dreamers have made by working and paying taxes. Approximately 800,000 young people are affected by this decision.

help Dreamers have broad support among Americans. The LWVUS statement reiterates the League's opposition to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants and calls for Congress to pass a clean Dream Act to protect the 800,000 young people affected by this action.

Earlier this year an online discussion group was formed through LWVUS for League members to share information and ideas about immigration issues and what is happening in their local area. Linda Wassenich is the moderator. If you are interested in joining this group, please send a request to Linda at [LindaVote@gmail.com](mailto:LindaVote@gmail.com).



## **HOT TOPIC - CONFEDERATE MEMORIALS**

**.....** The debate about any public display of things related to the Civil War, such as flags and statues, has reached a national level of discord.

It may be relatively easy to understand why the Confederate battle flag is objectionable, but what's with the statues of Confederate heroes such as Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis?

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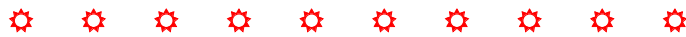


### ... (cont.) CONFEDERATE MEMORIALS

One of the main objections has to do with honoring Civil War heroes who fought to continue slavery and committed a treasonous act to form the Confederacy and break up the nation known as the United States. Questions arise about why the monuments were erected when they were. Many of these statues were put up when the Ku Klux Klan was on the rise and in the 1960s when the Voting Rights Act was being considered and passed in Congress. While the statues may have been intended to honor a historical figure, one must wonder why they were erected 100 years after the end of the Civil War at a time when efforts were being made to eliminate barriers

designed to keep African Americans from voting.

The Civil War was fought to preserve the union and to end slavery. Our nation is still plagued by racism, ideas of white supremacy, prejudice, and intolerance. One has only to recall the events of Charlottesville and the subsequent demonstrations to realize how pervasive these attitudes still are. We can't rewrite history, but we can at least learn from it. We need to distinguish between the honorable parts of our history, such as the creation of a strong democratic form of government, and the repugnant parts, such as the existence of slavery and its legacy that continues to affect us today.



### HOT TOPIC - IMMIGRATION - League

**Position on Immigration.....** The League has a wealth of information available on a number of issues. Sometimes it is overwhelming to sift through the information on the various websites and it is especially difficult when something is controversial. The League's positions have undergone a thorough grass roots process of study and consensus which works hard to be non-partisan. Here is the summary of the National League's position on Immigration which was announced by the National Board

in April 2008:

"Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status."

*Diane Tasian, LWVD Program VP*

To see the full description of the position and its history please go to - <http://lwv.org/content/summary-public-policy-positions> and <http://lwv.org/issues/reforming-immigration>.

You may also want to review information specific to Texas at the League of Women Voters of Texas.

For the state position: [http://www.lwvtexas.org/files/Program\\_Perspectives\\_2016-2018\\_4.22.16.pdf](http://www.lwvtexas.org/files/Program_Perspectives_2016-2018_4.22.16.pdf) page 76-78 and <http://www.lwvtexas.org/files/StudyImmigrationFactsIssues1996.pdf>.

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### HOT TOPIC - VOTING MATTERS (Is "Matters" a Noun or a Verb?) PROTECTING THE VOTER ROLLS.....

In these interesting times an unlikely hot topic is the integrity of our election systems. Most recently, a report circulated claiming "America may have 3.5 million more voters than eligible adult citizens." That's a pretty alarming headline but the actual claim is not that millions of people are voting illegally but that voter rolls are not well maintained.

Voter registration rolls are difficult to maintain.

Our society is very mobile and people who move hardly ever think to cancel an obsolete voter registration. Additionally, when a person passes away the last thing on anyone's mind is canceling their voter registration. Consequently, due to perfectly natural and innocent processes, obsolete registration records accumulate. States use various methods to clean up their rolls, some more effectively than others. (cont. on next page)

### ... (cont.) **PROTECTING THE VOTER ROLLS**

There was an effort a few years ago by the state of Texas to purge deceased voters off rolls but the criteria used were so flawed that tens of thousands of eligible voters would have been purged. Some large counties refused to comply. The effort was halted and shortly thereafter the Secretary of State resigned.

Dallas County maintains its rolls as well as it can with today's antiquated systems. If elections department mail addressed to a voter is returned as undeliverable and the voter does not try to vote for two federal cycles (4 years), that voter record will be purged. The purge occurs in December. Obviously, there is a period of time during which an obsolete record resides on the

rolls, but the method protects legitimate voters from being mistakenly purged.

There is a third party non-profit called ERIC (the Electronic Registration Information Center) that helps states synchronize voter rolls across state lines and myriad data bases. About half the states participate in ERIC, but not Texas. ERIC has a good reputation for quality. This contrasts with the recently formed "Election Integrity" Commission which has stirred concerns over protection of voter rights. The LWV Texas supports the use of ERIC and has joined in a suit demanding that our state strictly adhere to privacy laws that protect Texas voters from data being used improperly in its interactions with the "Election Integrity" Commission.



### **LWVD BOARD RETREAT**

The LWV Dallas Board retreat was held on Saturday, August 5, at the home of President Cecilia McKay.

Janice Schieffer, LWV Collin County President, moderated the presentation which was based on the *League Program: Study to Action in Ten Steps*. Marybeth Bonczek, LWV Collin County, shared her challenges as new Program VP.

Janice did an outstanding job of engaging the Board members and sharing invaluable resources for Program Planning. We are ready to roll!



Janice Schieffer, President, and Marybeth Bonczek, Program VP, both of LWV Collin County



From bottom left: Cecilia McKay, Brenda Finch, Karen Bassett, Katherine McGovern, Courtney Hogan, Elizabeth Walley, Becky Brakke and Diane Tasian

(not pictured: Baranda Fermin, Sandy Thornton & Fran Morris)

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Special thanks to the following for their generous donations to LWV Dallas:

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**Memorials:** Barbara Materka and Linda Wassenich in memory of Terry Brown; Barbara Materka, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norman, Kathy Rotto, Dottie Viach, Joyce Forney and Linda Wassenich in memory of Bobbie Luckadoo

**Honor:** Mildred Pope and The Hon. Theresa Daniel by Linda Wassenich; Linda Wassenich by Julie Lowenberg

**Contributions:** Suzanne Wills and Ann Folz

### BOONE FAMILY FUND GRANT TO LWV DALLAS

Cecilia Boone has made a very generous unrestricted grant to LWV Dallas from the Cecilia and Garrett Boone Family Fund of the Dallas Women's Foundation. Cecilia has been a long-time supporter of women's issues and the League of Women Voters. She was the recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award in 2009.

### BEQUEST FROM THE ESTATE OF BARBARA LUCKADOO

It was just a couple of years ago that I had a request to call Barbara Luckadoo about the proper wording to leave a bequest to the League of Women Voters of Dallas in her will. I only knew Bobbie, as she was fondly known by all, as a longtime and much admired League member. Over the course of half an hour's conversation, we established quite a bond. She had a lively mind, a broad range of interests, and the ability to converse about all of them.

Her niece, Valerie Gates, wrote about Bobbie:

"My aunt was passionate about women participating fully in our democracy. Always politically informed, Bobbie encouraged other women to learn, engage and vote - a right so many women fought to have."

"During their 71 years of marriage, she and Lucky would actively discuss the current events and political landscape. Your organization contributes so much to that dialogue."

We appreciate so much Bobbie remembering the League in her will and her husband, John, for administering the bequest.

If you are thinking about leaving a bequest to the League of Women Voters of Dallas, please include the following information in your will:

Legal Name: League of Women Voters of Dallas      Fed Tax ID: 75-1876278  
Address: 6060 N Central Expwy, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75206

## NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

This year, our fundraising efforts through North Texas Giving Day on September 14 were ably led by Nia MacKay. The Communities Foundation of Texas made some changes to the plan, which included allowing donors to make their donations anytime during the week from September 7 through September 14.

Contributions to LWVD exceeded \$5,000, and the match was \$5,350.14. Many thanks to the following people who participated in North Texas Giving Day and donated needed funds to LWVD to Make Democracy Work for all.

Beth Scalise, Walter Purkey, Sandy Thornton, John Mogk, Fred Grinnell, Madeleine Crouch, Doug Taylor, Dee Lersch, Cecilia McKay, Linda Wassenich, Karen Bassett, Elaine Wiant, Courtney and Carol Hogan, Dwight German, Donna Barefield, Katherine Savers McGovern, Judy and Bill Daniluk, Ruth Alhilali, Becky and Ron Brakke, Pamela Pope Johnson, Elizabeth Walley, Joyce Forney, Bill Betzen, Nora and Pat Burns, Lupe Valdez, Pat Mitchell, Jani Salyers, Richard and Chris Guidi, Mary Ann Kellam, Dorie Cranshaw, Susan and Gary Oviatt, and four anonymous

## BOARD SPOTLIGHTS

### Baranda J. Fermin, Ph.D., M.Ed. Advocacy VP

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1. Where did you grow up?  
**Mannheim base, Heidelberg, Germany and Crosby, Texas**
2. What is your occupation?  
**I run operations for a local non-profit that does multi-faith, multi-racial social justice organizing.**
3. What inspired you to be a League member?  
**I believe that informed voting and voter registration are two of the most important facets of civic life in our society.**
4. What advice would you give to a younger self?  
**Rest more, you'll get all you want to accomplish done and more.**
5. What are your skills and hobbies?  
**Yoga, singing, writing**
6. What do you bring to the League?  
**A demographic of younger volunteers that believe strongly in voter engagement and protection.**



### Diane Tasian Program VP

diane@thetasians.com c: 214-850-7054

1. Where did you grow up?  
**Japan, US and Europe as a military dependent. My father was in the Air Force.**
  2. What is your occupation?  
**Retired, healthcare architect**
  3. What inspired you to be a League member?  
**The usefulness of the Voters Guide. I was a dues paying member for several years and when I was working didn't have time to participate. Last year however, I was motivated to become more involved because of the partisan divide becoming so wide.**
  4. What advice would you give to a younger self?  
**Focus more on what you want to do rather than what you can do.**
  5. What are your skills and hobbies?  
**Hobbies: reading, needlework, volunteering (for Our Friends Place, Hearts & Hammers Dallas, UT Southwestern Medical Center Faculty Women's Club, the League of Women Voters Dallas), and not least – hanging with the grandkids.**
  6. What do you bring to the League?  
**The ability to work with a team, an open mind, a willingness to learn and energy generated by the serious rift between the people and our elected officials.**
- Feel free to add anything you would want us to know.  
**I have been amazed at the depth of experience and generosity on policy issues of League members.**



**SAVE - THE - DATE**

**LWV TEXAS  
STATE CONVENTION**

**April 27 - 29, 2018  
Kerrville, Texas**

**SAVE - THE - DATE**

**LWV US  
NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**June 28 - July 1, 2018  
Chicago, Illinois**



## 79th ANNUAL MEETING RECAP    ⌘    APRIL 29, 2017

1.	There were 49 members present, out of 350.
2.	A Budget of \$103,929 for the period June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018 was presented and approved. The \$60 annual dues remain unchanged.
3.	Bylaws changes were approved. The changes were: <i>Articles I and III</i> were updated to conform with the National League bylaws; <i>Article IV</i> , to correct the number of officers; <i>Article V</i> , to delete <i>Section 7</i> on standing committees in favor of having that information in the Policies & Procedures document; and <i>Article VI, Section 5</i> , to clarify the process for dissolution if that need should arise.
4.	The LWVD fundraising efforts totaled \$95,278, including a very successful Susan B. Anthony Luncheon at \$53,000, and a \$20,000 bequest by the late Ellen Solender.
5.	Periodic Program Review: Changes to the Natural Resources position were approved. A new Fair Park position was presented.
6.	Program Planning: A one-year update, Study on Low-Income and Affordable Housing and the Effects of Gentrification, was approved.
7.	Awards: President's Meritorious Service Award – Ann Adams, Lea Frailey and Alice Johnson; Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award – Mildred Derrough Pope; Virginia MacDonald Award – Hon. Theresa Daniel.

## NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	NOVEMBER 1	2	3	4 Board Meeting 2900 Live Oak 9 - 12 p.m.
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 ELECTION DAY	8 Unit Meetings Discussion of SB4 (see pg. 3)	9 Unit Meetings Discussion of SB4 (see pg. 3)	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14 December VOTER Articles <u>DUE</u>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26	27	28	29	30 General Meeting Confederate Memorials (see pg. 4)	DECEMBER 1	2 Board Meeting 2900 Live Oak 9 - 12 p.m.
3	4	5	6 LWVD Holiday Open House & New Member Welcome	7	8	9

**UNIT MEETINGS DATES & TOPICS***(Unit Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday and Thursday.)*

Nov 8/9 SB4-Dallas Police Dept. Perspective  
 Dec 13/14 Program Planning & Holiday Party  
2018  
 Jan 10/11 LWVD Housing Study Update  
 February NO UNIT MEETINGS  
 Mar 8-Thu LWVD Housing Position Update Consensus  
 Mar 14-Wed LWVD Housing Position Update Consensus  
 Apr 11/12 Funding of DISD  
 May 9/10 Do Your Own Thing!

**GENERAL MEETINGS DATES & TOPICS***(General Meeting will be one day during the period shown.)*

Nov 30 Confederate Memorials  
 December NO GENERAL MEETING  
2018  
 Jan 23-25 Housing Study Update  
 February 8 2018 Susan B. Anthony Luncheon  
 Mar 20-22 or 27-29 Funding Education  
 Apr 24-26 Funding of DISD-Public & Charter Schools  
 May 12 Annual Meeting

**Tom Thumb****Good Neighbor Program**

Good Neighbor #: 2917

Quarterly Payment: \$124.83

**Donate While You Shop!****[www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com)**

Click "change your charity",

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Community Rewards #: 95073

Quarterly Payment: \$37.99

**NCJW, Greater Dallas Section  
105th Annual Birthday Luncheon**

Keynote Speaker Shiza Shahid

**Thursday, January 18, 2018****Registration 11:30 a.m., Event - Noon**

Hilton Anatole

[www.ncjwdallas.org/buildthefuture](http://www.ncjwdallas.org/buildthefuture)**LWVD Holiday Open House &  
New Member Welcome****Wednesday, December 6, 2017****Noon - 3:00 p.m.**

League Office Training Room  
 6060 N Central Expwy, Suite 500  
 Dallas 75206

**22nd Susan B. Anthony Luncheon  
Honoring Ruel M. Hamilton****Thursday, February 8, 2018****11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Lakewood Country Club  
 6430 Gaston Avenue  
 Dallas 75214

**LWVD General Meeting  
Confederate Memorials****Thursday, November 30, 2017****6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Lochwood Library  
 11221 Lochwood Boulevard  
 Dallas 75218


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## 22nd Annual Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon Honoring Ruel M. Hamilton

**Thursday, February 8, 2018, Lakewood Country Club**

**What Does LWV Do?**

- Candidate Debates and Issue Forums
- *Voters Guide & VOTE411.com*
- *Your Elected Officials* Contact Information
- Election Day Voter Hotline
- Voter Registration

Name or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to appear in the program)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sponsorship Levels – Submit by Friday, January 19, 2018

☐ **Presenting Sponsors: \$10,000**

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☐ **Irma Lerma Rangel: \$1,250**

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☐ I decline all benefits.

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☐ Full-Page (7.5"x 10") Ad \$500

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\_\_\_ \$125 per Ticket

\_\_\_ \$100 per LWV Member Ticket (and/or for ONE member guest)

☐ I am unable to attend but wish to make a contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to benefit LWVD.

**BILLING AND PAYMENT INFORMATION**

☐ My check made payable to **LWVD** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☐ Pay online at [www.lwvdallas.org](http://www.lwvdallas.org).

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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.

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