



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF RICHARDSON**

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VOTER

CALENDAR

April 24	Thurs.	RISD Trustees Candidates Forum sponsored by LWV-R & Council of PTAs
April 25		LWV-R VOTER deadline
April 25-27		LWV-Texas Convention – Austin, TX
May 10	Sat.	RISD trustee elections

Looking ahead:

May 14	Wed.	LWV-R Annual Meeting
June 6-10		LWVUS Convention – Dallas, TX



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

It's election time!

Based on calls the League received on Tuesday, March 4, the day of the Republican and Democratic Primaries, there was a lot of confusion on where to vote. The Primaries are run by the political parties and they determine where they want the voting locations to be.



There will be a Democratic and Republican Party Primary Runoff Election on May 27, 2014. In an effort to minimize confusion, we will have more on the runoff election in the May VOTER. Watch our website www.lwvrichardson.org for more information as it becomes available.

This April edition of the VOTER will concentrate on the May 10th Joint Election.

Two veteran Richardson ISD trustees, Kim Quirk and Karen Ellis, are not seeking reelection this year. Kim was first elected to the board in 2005 and served as Board President from 2007-2013. Karen, in her fifteen years as a trustee, served in several offices on the board and represented RISD in regional organizations.

Many thanks to both of these dedicated, knowledgeable trustees for their many years of service to Richardson ISD.

In the Joint Election to elect successors to the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees, two (2) candidates are running for Place 6 and three (3) candidates are running for Place 7. Plan to join us **April 24 at 7pm** in the auditorium at the Richardson ISD Administration Building. Bring a friend! The League of Women Voters of Richardson and the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs will cosponsor a forum for the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees candidates. *See election information and the forum flyer below.*



Each of the school board candidates participated in the Richardson League's VOTERS GUIDE. Their answers to 19 questions may be found on our website at:

<http://lwvrichardson.org/2014-5-10VGs.html>

Their answers to the 4 questions in the printed VOTERS GUIDE can be found on our website at:

http://lwvrichardson.org/files/2014_VG_RISD_print.pdf

As soon as the printed VOTERS GUIDE is back from the printer, it will be available at the Richardson Library, Civic Center, Senior Center, Huffhines Recreation Center, and Heights Recreation Center. It will also be available at the Dallas Fretz Park Library and Forest Green Library.



Thanks to all who have supported the Richardson League during our 2014 Finance Drive. It is only through generous donations from people like you that the Richardson League is able to carry out any of its activities. If you forgot to send in a contribution, it's never too late!

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Joint Election – May 10, 2014

If you live in the **Richardson ISD** (City of Richardson in Dallas County, parts of Garland, parts of the City of Dallas), you will vote in:

- Richardson ISD General Election for Board of Trustees Place 6
- Richardson ISD General Election for Board of Trustees Place 7

All voters living in the boundaries of Richardson ISD vote for all RISD Board of Trustee Places.

Therefore, ALL registered voters living in Richardson ISD may vote in the election for both Board of Trustee Place 6 and Place 7.

In addition to the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees election:

- If you live in **Precinct 1707 in Garland**, you will also vote in the City of Garland General election for Member of Council, District No. 5. (Other Garland Precincts in Richardson ISD are not in District #5.)

In Dallas County, to find your personal sample ballot, go to:

<http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-information/voter-lookup/#VoterEligibilitySearch>

For those of you, who live in the **City of Richardson in Collin County**, according to the Collin County Elections Department, there is no election for you on May 10, 2014.

Joint Election – Early voting and voting by mail May 10, 2014

Last day to register to vote:	April 10	(Thurs.)	
In-person early voting period:	April 28 – May 3	(Mon. - Sat.)	8am - 5pm
	May 4	(Sun.)	1pm - 6pm
	May 5 – May 6	(Mon. - Tues.)	7am - 7pm
Last day to receive application for Ballot by Mail:	May 1	(Thurs.)	

Early voting in Richardson ISD is at:



Richardson Civic Center
411 West Arapaho Road
Richardson, TX 75080

Fretz Park Library
6990 Belt Line
Dallas, TX 75254

Bethany Lutheran Church
10101 Walnut Hill Lane
Dallas, TX 75238

For early voting, you may vote at any polling place in Dallas County.

Joint Election – Election Day May 10, 2014

Election Day:	May 10	(Sat.)	7am – 7pm
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On election day, vote at your precinct polling place.



Joint Runoff Election, if needed June 21, 2014



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RICHARDSON ISD COUNCIL



Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum

**Thursday, April 24, 2014
7:00pm**

**Richardson ISD Administration Building
Auditorium
400 S. Greenville Avenue
Richardson, TX 75081**

Place 6 Candidates

Listed in ballot order



Justin Bono



Rachel Chumney

Place 7 Candidates

Listed in ballot order



Kristin Kuhne



Judy A. Yarbrough



Bonnie Abadie

Do you have a question you want the candidates to answer at the forum? Email it to voterservice@lwvrichardson.org
Questions that are emailed are given the same consideration as questions submitted at the forum.
Questions will be screened according to *League of Women Voters of Texas Guide to Candidates Forums*

Visit www.lwvrichardson.org for election information.



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Board Notes

The League of Women Voters of Richardson Board met on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, in the PM Realty Board Room in Promenade. Below is a summary of that meeting.

- ✎ The board voted to approve the Local Program Planning meeting recommendation to retain current positions without change.
- ✎ LWV-Richardson will establish a process to review the local program positions annually on a rotating basis. This would include appointing a committee to study the positions and make recommendations to the Local Program Planning meeting annually. Nancy Wilson will form a committee to begin the process of review.
- ✎ LWV-Richardson purchased and distributed all 500 copies of the LWV-TX Voters Guide for the March primaries.
- ✎ LWV-Richardson will hold a candidate forum for Places 6 and 7 on the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees and will co-sponsor with the RISD Council of PTAs. The forum will be held in the RISD Administration Building auditorium on April 24, 2014.
- ✎ The Finance Drive is underway. Brenda Boston is chairing the effort.
- ✎ Ellen Steger, Nancy Wilson, and Susan Majors will be representing LWV-Richardson at the LWV State Convention in Austin in April.
- ✎ Ellen Steger will lead a team of LWV-Richardson volunteers working the microphones at the LWV National Convention in Dallas in June.
- ✎ All are urged to contact Nominating Committee chair, Terri Chepregi, regarding positions for the coming year.
- ✎ The group brainstormed ideas for increasing voter participation in COR.





CALL TO CONVENTION

Final Call to Convention 2014! Every two years in April of even-numbered years, LWV-Texas convenes a state convention to which delegates and members from the 25 Leagues-plus all Members-At-Large-are invited. And the time has arrived! The 2014 Convention will be held Friday-Sunday, April 25-27, 2014, in Austin at The DoubleTree by Hilton at 6505 Interstate Highway-35 North.

Click [here](#) for the convention workbook.



Elisabeth MacNamara



Ann McGeehan

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

- LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara has accepted our invitation to attend the convention.
- Ann McGeehan has also been invited to speak at our luncheon on Saturday. She was THE election expert at the Texas Secretary of State's office for many years and serves on the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, whose report was just recently released.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET



The banquet Saturday night will celebrate one of our early LWV-TX Presidents, Oveta Culp Hobby, who went on to achieve a series of "national firsts". The Honorable Bill Hobby, who most notably served as Lieutenant Governor in Texas from 1972 to 1990, will share highlights of his political career and of the mother who inspired him to go into public service.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Friday afternoon workshops: Choose from The Art of Advocacy; Can We Talk? Sharing, Learning and Networking; It's Time to Talk 'M & M,' (Membership Development & Mentoring); Being a Savvy President-Making Your League Proud; Sharing League Successes & Issues with the News Media; and Yes, You Can Master VOTE 411.

Click [here](#) for more information about events and workshops.

HOTEL

Reserve your room by calling **hotel reservations at 512-454-3737 or 800-347-0330**, or [click here](#). Please refer to the group name of *League of Women Voters of Texas 2014 Convention* to receive the group room rate of \$119 for 1-2 people or \$139 for 3-4 people per night (plus state sales and occupancy taxes), and all group special concessions. Parking is free. Our Local Host League, Austin Area, is providing free continental breakfasts both Saturday and Sunday mornings. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card, first night deposit. Reservations must be cancelled by 4:00 PM, 24 hours before the day of arrival, or the first night of the stay will be charged. The group rate is only available through **April 4, 2014**, so make hotel reservations now! [Click here](#) to download directions to the DoubleTree and [here](#) to download a map of the area.



2014 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
"The Eyes of Texas Leaguers Are Upon You"
 Austin, TX – April 25-27, 2014

NAME _____

(First name and last name as you want it to appear on your nametag)

HOME PHONE _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ **CITY/Zip** _____

THE LEAGUE I WILL REPRESENT & LEAGUE POSITION: _____

(Please indicate Board office or committee position you hold so the information can be noted on your nametag.)

I WILL ATTEND AS A **VOTING DELEGATE** **OBSERVER**

I am a first-time Convention attendee.

SPECIAL NEEDS (Physical challenges, dietary): _____

<u>CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYMENT</u>
Delegate/Observer "Early Birds"	\$125	_____	\$ _____
Late Registration (after April 15, 2014)	\$135	_____	\$ _____
OPTIONAL EVENT WITH MEAL			
LUNCHEON Saturday, April 26	\$30	_____	\$ _____
I would like to add a contribution to LWV-Texas			\$ _____
<u>TOTAL PAYABLE TO LWV-TEXAS</u>			\$ _____

EDUCATION FUND BANQUET** Honoring the Hobby Family, April 26			
Individual seating	\$75	_____	\$ _____
Minnie Fisher Cunningham (reserved seating, name in program)	\$175	_____	\$ _____
Jessie Daniel Ames (table for 8, name in program & announced)	\$800	_____	\$ _____
I would like to add a contribution to LWV-Texas Education Fund			\$ _____
<u>TOTAL PAYABLE TO LWV-TEXAS EDUCATION FUND **</u>			\$ _____

(**Donation in excess of fair market value of the dinner is tax deductible)

PAYMENT OPTIONS Check(s) mailed with this page to LWV-TX, 1212 Guadalupe St. #107 Austin, TX 78701

OR Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____ Security Code _____

 Visa _____ Master Card _____

Signature: _____

