



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF RICHARDSON

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## VOTER

### CALENDAR

May 10	Sat.	RISD Trustee Elections (see related article)
May 14	Wed.	LWV-R Annual Meeting, 7pm, PM Realty Conference Room in Promenade Bank Tower
May 17	Sat.	CHIP training session. (See related article)
May 27	Tues.	Primary Election runoff (see related article)

#### Looking ahead:

June 6-10		LWVUS Convention OMNI Hotel – Dallas, TX (see related article)
June 21	Sat.	RISD Trustee Elections runoff (if needed)



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Your LWV-Richardson delegation just returned from the LWV-TX State Convention. It was a great learning experience for me. See the report (below) and see why LWV-Richardson won 4 awards at State Convention!

I have been working hard on the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the LWV National Convention. Here, I'm pictured at our last committee meeting with Cecilia McKay, LAC Chair.



Make sure you read this May issue of the VOTER all the way to the end. It is full of descriptions of opportunities:

- to volunteer at the LWV National Convention
- to be an informed voter for the May 10 Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Election
- to be an informed voter for the May 27 Democratic and Republican Primary Runoff Elections
- to read what your delegation did at LWV-TX State Convention
- to volunteer your time with Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Mark your calendar! The LWV-Richardson Annual Meeting begins at 7pm in the PM Realty Conference Room in the Promenade Bank Tower, 300 N. Coit Road in Richardson. This is when local program is adopted for next year, next year's officers and directors are elected and next year's budget is adopted. More information to come.

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### **37 DAYS TO NATIONAL CONVENTION!!**

As of April 30, there are 37 days left until the LWV National Convention.  
We need volunteers!

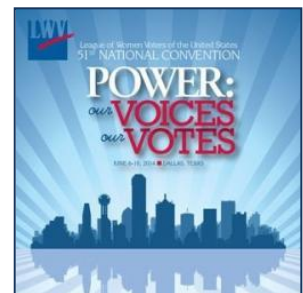
Submit the volunteer form (*next page*) if you are interested in volunteering at the national convention.

- Four of your LWV-Richardson members have signed up to be MicMonitors at the plenary sessions. We need 2 more!
- Your LWV-Richardson President is Sub-Committee Chairman of the MicMonitors.

**Questions?** Contact Ellen Steger at [esteger@esteger.com](mailto:esteger@esteger.com)

**Perks for volunteering:** Every volunteer gets

- ✓ admission to the Convention (*a \$335 value!*) and may attend proceedings or trainings when not on duty;
  - However, if you don't pay the \$335 registration fee, you lose the right to vote in the business meetings
- ✓ a \$10 per day stipend for parking
- ✓ a non-transferable ticket to the Saturday, June 7 performance of *Red Hot Patriot--Molly Ivins*.



Molly Ivins was a California-born, Texas-raised newspaper columnist, author, political commentator (*she did not consider herself a liberal or a conservative*), and humorist.

“Politics is not a picture on a wall or a television sitcom that you can decide you don't much care for.”

- Molly Ivins



## Be a LWVUS National Convention Volunteer June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

We are asking all the Dallas and surrounding area Local Leagues' members to volunteer for the **2014 National Convention to be held at the Omni Downtown Hotel, 555 South Lamar St., Dallas.**

Volunteers are needed for many different jobs, some behind the scenes, and some on the floor of the convention. Don't miss the chance to be part of this exciting League event. Every volunteer will receive instructions for her/his task.

*Every volunteer gets a free ticket to see the Red Hot Patriot-Molly Ivins One Woman Show on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>!*

**Volunteers are needed as follows:**

Every day (June 6-10)

Registration  
Credentials  
Information Desk  
Personnel/Volunteer support  
Dine Around Hostesses

Friday-Sunday (June 6-8)  
Hospitality

Saturday-Tuesday (June 7-10)  
Doorkeepers  
Election Tellers  
Microphone monitors  
Timekeepers  
Ushers

**For questions or an email form? Contact: Mildred Pope [mderrpope@yahoo.com](mailto:mderrpope@yahoo.com) 214-374-8067  
Cecilia McKay [cemck@swbell.net](mailto:cemck@swbell.net) 214-500-8848**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **League** \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Interest** – Please mark in order of preference – 1, 2, 3, etc.

Registration/Credentials \_\_\_\_\_ Information \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Support Room \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Doorkeepers \_\_\_\_\_ Microphone Monitors \_\_\_\_\_ Ushers/Tellers \_\_\_\_\_

Whatever you need \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates** – Please choose the times and dates you are available to work and indicate: AM, PM or AD (All day). The number of hours you will be asked to work (4 – 6) depends on the task assigned.

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> (PM or Evening) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> (AM) \_\_\_\_\_

**Detach and return this form A.S.A.P, no later than March 31, 2014 to:  
Mildred Pope, 3217 E. Ledbetter Dr., Dallas, TX 75216**



The Eyes of  
Texas Leaguers  
Are Upon You



The League of Women Voters of Texas  
State Convention 2014  
April 25-27, 2014  
DoubleTree Hotel, Austin, TX

### LWV-Texas State Convention April 25-27, 2014 Austin, TX

A picture is worth 1,000 words. This is a LONG report!



Susan Majors, Nancy Wilson, and Ellen Steger (all from Richardson) at lunch with Linda Wassenich (LWV-Dallas and on the LWVUS Board)



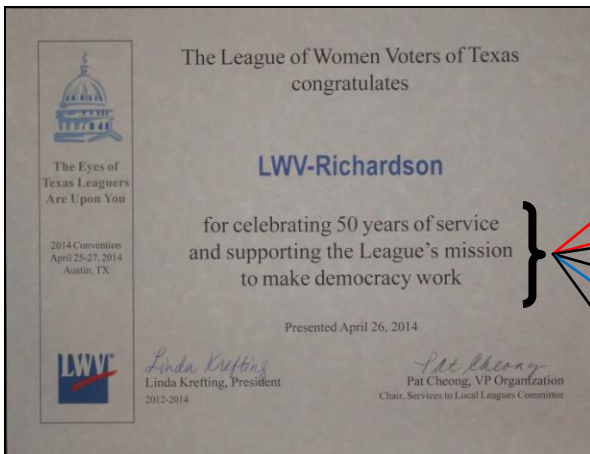
LAC Chair Cecilia McKay (from LWV-Dallas) with LWV-R delegates Nancy Wilson, Susan Majors, and Ellen Steger



LWV-R Nancy Wilson conveys reservations to a resolution submitted by LWV-Dallas



LWV-R delegates show off awards won at convention with National LWV President Elizabeth MacNamara



for being among 100 Leagues in the US to grow its membership by 10% or more in 2013

for showing innovation and creativity "Thinking Outside the Box" Award

for leveraging resources and building partnerships "Effective Use of Community Resources" Award



**LWV-Texas State Convention**  
**April 25-27, 2014**  
**Austin, TX**

**Why did LWV-Richardson win the  
“Effective Use of Community Resources”  
award? Here’s what was submitted:**

**Children's Health Insurance Program  
(CHIP)/Children's Medicaid**

For over a decade, the Richardson League, under the leadership of Richardson member Martha Dorris has developed a top-notch reputation for efforts that encourage families to obtain health insurance for their children and the economic security that coverage provides.

LWV-R continues to expand its outreach. Working with the Richardson Independent School District (RISD) Council of PTAs and the RISD nursing staff, LWV-R hosts events at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church and at the individual campuses of RISD when we are invited to participate in monthly health fairs, parent forums, PTA meetings, as well as other events.

Working with the volunteers from LWV-Richardson are volunteers from LWV-Collin County, the North Texas chapter of the AAUW, St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, and St. Luke's Lutheran Church. The Greater Dallas Council of Churches provides us with their bilingual CHIP specialists. RISD Council of PTAs, The Network of Community Ministries, and St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church help publicize the events in English and Spanish.

LWV-R recently worked with the Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) during an application help event at area supermarkets for which we held a review/training session for 8 volunteers. Thereafter we helped 48 families complete applications for 95 children. Totally, 143 families were assisted and 425 people received information.

In addition to attending CHIP Coalition meetings at the CCGD, we are submitting data and suggestions for a grant application by the City of Dallas to the federal government to increase the enrollment in CHIP/Children's Medicaid.

**Why did LWV-Richardson win the  
“Thinking Outside the Box” award?  
Here’s what was submitted:**

Q: WHY DID WILLY SUTTON ROB BANKS?  
A: Because that’s where the money was.

Q: WHERE DOES A LOCAL LEAGUE GO to find great new League members who have a track record of nonpartisanship, citizen education, and work for goals shared by the League? This challenge faces all local Leagues even as the need for informed, participatory voters surges.

A: One possible answer...LWV-Richardson recruited members as they retired from the RISD Council of PTAs.

For decades LWV-Richardson has worked with the RISD Council of PTAs in areas such as co-sponsoring Candidates Forums for the RISD Board of Trustees elections. The two organizations shared many goals in common and worked well together. By the time a PTA member reaches Council level she has been involved for years and thoroughly understands being a volunteer in a 501-(c)-3 organization, and understands non-partisanship. However, when the youngest child graduates from high school, where does she take all this talent? Hmmm.

One fine day an outgoing PTA Council member looked around, saw that all her kids had moved along so decided to continue her services to voters in LWV-R. That worked well and soon she was LWV-R president. She drafted couple of her ex-PTA colleagues. This trend continued and now, 2013-14, a quorum of the LWV-R board and a significant number of members were PTA friends prior to joining the League. They bring new ideas, enthusiasm, and even more new members to the League.

# Joint Election

May 10, 2014

## Richardson ISD Board of Trustees

(There is no election on May 10, 2014, in the Collin County part of Richardson.)

### Early voting in Richardson ISD is at:

Richardson Civic Center  
411 W. Arapaho Rd.  
Richardson, TX 75080-455

Fretz Park Library  
6990 Belt Line  
Dallas, TX 75254

Bethany Lutheran Church  
10101 Walnut Hill Lane  
Dallas, TX 75238

### Early voting locations in Dallas County

You may vote early at any polling place in Dallas County.

In-person early voting period:	April 28 – May 3 (Monday through Saturday)	8am – 5pm
	May 4 (Sunday)	1pm – 6pm
	May 5 – May 6 (Monday through Tuesday)	7am – 7pm
Last day to <b>receive</b> application for Ballot by Mail:	May 1 (Thursday)	

### Election day polling locations in Dallas County (by precinct)

On May 10, 2014, vote in your precinct.

**Note:** Everyone living in Richardson ISD votes for all seven RISD Board of Trustees places. Only Places 6 and 7 are on the ballot in the May 10, 2014, election.

### Sample Ballot for Dallas County – May 10, 2014 Election

# Meet the Candidates

## 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

[Online VG for Justin Bono](#)

[Online VG for Rachel Chumney](#)

[Online VG for Kristin Kuhne](#)

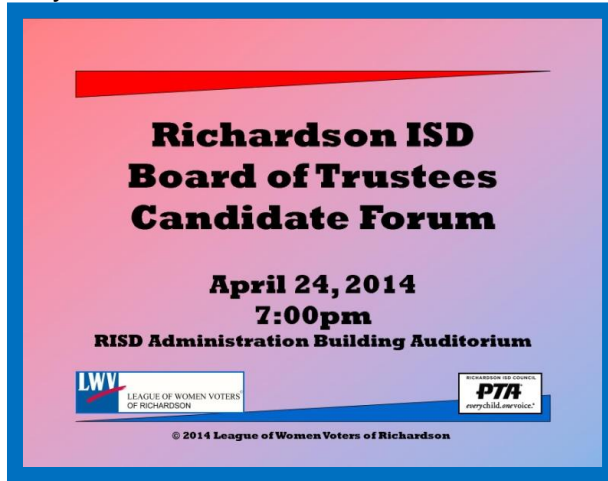
[Online VG for Judy A. Yarbrough](#)

[Online VG for Bonnie Abadie](#)

[The League's Printed VOTERS GUIDE](#) (VG) is in the Richardson Library, Senior Center, Heights Recreation Center, Huffhines Recreation Center, Islamic Association of North Texas (in Richardson), Dallas Fretz Park Library, Forest Green Library, Audelia Road Library, and the Dallas Chinese Community Center (in Richardson).

## RISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum

If you missed the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum on April 24, 2014, you missed a good one! The forum was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Richardson and the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs.



All 5 candidates running in Places 6 and 7 participated. About 115 people attended.

In lieu of an opening statement, each candidate submitted a biography (175 words or less), which was printed and available at the forum. The biographies are also available in each candidate's online VOTERS GUIDE.

Each candidate was given 1½ minutes to answer the question asked at the forum. At the end of the question-and-answer period, each candidate was given 2 minutes for a closing statement.

Click on the links below to hear the candidates' answers to the questions asked at the forum:

**Question 1:** [Where do you live? Where do or did your children go to school?](#)

**Question 2:** [Advocacy is a big part of serving as a board trustee. How have you engaged in education-related advocacy in the past? What do you feel are the key legislative issues?](#)

**Question 3:** [Should the district allocate more funding and/or time to training teachers in the effective use of technology in the classroom? Why or why not?](#)

**Question 4:** [Give us your interpretation of the Board of Trustees, its members, and how it functions. What is your perception of the roll of the Board in running/leading the RISD for the next three years?](#)

## RISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum *(continued)*

### Question 5: Yes or No:

- RISD is one of hundreds of Texas school districts currently suing the state over state funding of public schools. Do you support the school district's lawsuit?
- Moving school board and school bond elections to the November general election cycle would increase community participation in the school district. Do you support moving school elections to the fall?
- Do you favor principals or other staff being armed with guns?
- What is your opinion of Home-Rule Charter Districts (as being proposed for DISD)? Are you in support?
- Do you think creationism should be taught in science classes?
- It has been rumored that several of you are always late to events. Do you have a problem getting to events on time?
- Do you think special education takes away from our general education?
- Are you in favor of home schooling?
- Are you in favor of charter schools?
- Are you in favor of school vouchers?

### Question 6: How are you going to deal with the growing student and teacher burnout from the constant emphasis on testing?

### Question 7: Have you seen the results of the recent dyslexia audit and, if so, how would you address the recommendations?

### Question 8: Parents are concerned that they are not allowed visitation in Special Ed, General Ed, and PPCD classrooms and that RISD has inconsistent practices across the district. The District is proposing 15 additional educational diagnosticians to address this. Are you in support?

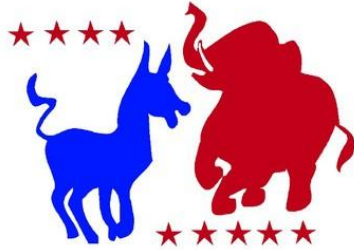
### Question 9: Why is being on the board worth your time? How will your investment impact the RISD this coming term and in 10 years from now? What is your vision in addition to and/or after Vision 2020?

### Closing Statements



The poster is for the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum. It features the logos for the League of Women Voters of Richardson and PTA. The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 7:00pm at the Richardson ISD Administration Building Auditorium, 400 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson, TX 75081. Below the event details, there are two columns of candidate photos. The left column is labeled 'Place 6 Candidates' and the right column is labeled 'Place 7 Candidates'. At the bottom, there is a call to action to visit the website for election information and to follow the League on Twitter. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states that the forum is funded by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund through donations from Richardson area residents and businesses.





# Democratic and Republican Primary Runoff Elections

## May 27, 2014

In-person early voting period	May 19-May 23 <i>(Monday through Friday)</i>	7am – 7pm
Last day to <b>receive</b> application for ballot by mail	May 16 <i>(Friday)</i>	
Runoff election day:	May 27 <i>(Tuesday)</i>	7am – 7pm

- ✓ If you voted in the [Democratic Party Primary](#) on March 4, then you can only vote in the [Democratic Party Primary Runoff Election](#) on May 27.
- ✓ If you voted in the [Republican Party Primary](#) on March 4, then you can only vote in the [Republican Party Primary Runoff election](#) on May 27.
- ✓ If you did not vote in the Primary on March 4, then you may vote in either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party Runoff election on May 27.

### Dallas County Information:



[Early voting location dates & times for Dallas County](#)

As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, locations and times for Election Day voting in Dallas County were not posted.

[Democratic Party Sample Ballot for Dallas County](#)

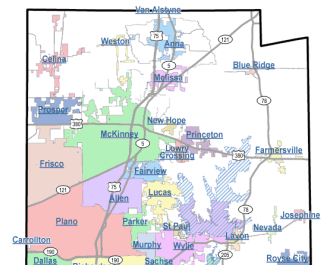
[Republican Party Sample Ballot for Dallas County](#)

### Collin County Information:

[Early Voting locations, dates, and times for Collin County \(Democratic and Republican Parties\)](#)

[Election Day Vote Center locations for Collin County \(Democratic and Republican Parties\)](#)

[Sample Ballots for Collin County \(by precinct\)](#)





## What is CHIP?

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides free or low-cost health coverage for more than 7 million children up to age 19. CHIP covers U.S. citizens and eligible immigrants.

## CHIP in the Richardson ISD

For at least 11 years, LWV-Richardson, LWV-Collin County, North Texas area American Association of University Women (AAUW), and other civic-minded organizations have supported efforts that encourage families to obtain health insurance for their children. Together with the Richardson Independent School District (RISD) Council of PTAs and the RISD nursing staff, health fairs and parent forums are held.

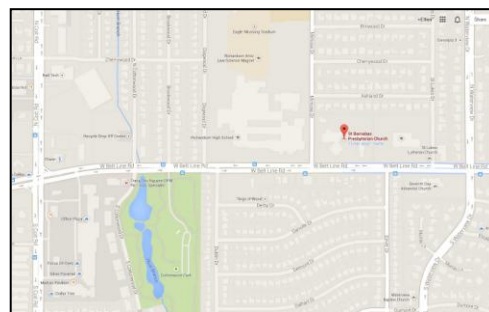
LWV-Richardson worked with the Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) during an area-wide application help event in August, 2013. From that event, 143 families were assisted and 425 people received information.

Many families are hesitant to attempt the application process without help. Some families have great difficulty understanding what information is requested and need encouragement to complete the form. Recently the form was drastically revised and there is no longer a general instruction page included with it.

## How can I help?

Come to a training session on the new application form:

May 17, 2014  
9:30am – 11:30am  
St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church  
1220 W. Belt Line Road  
Richardson, TX 75080



Claudia Prieto, Director of the CHIP Outreach efforts from the CCGD, will be there to explain the new process and answer questions.

**Need more information?** Contact:

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[Learn more about CHIP programs in Texas](#)