



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF RICHARDSON**

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# VOTER

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## CALENDAR

Aug. 10, **Saturday**  
10:00 a.m.

**CHIP Outreach Event**

Children's Health Insurance Program  
El Rancho  
14211 Coit Road (north of Spring Valley), Dallas

Aug. 14, **Wednesday**  
7:00 P.M.

**LWV-R Board Meeting**

PM Realty Board Room; Promenade Tower

Aug. 24, **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.

**CHIP Health Fair**

St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church  
1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS)  
(see flyer below)



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Ellen Steger

The Richardson League of Women Voters held its annual Calendar Planning Meeting on July 20. It's at this meeting that plans are discussed as to what the Richardson League will do for the upcoming year.

I'm pleased to report that LWV-Richardson has LOTS of exciting plans!

### Voter Service

Voter Services Vice President Evan Thomas is planning a Legislative Wrap-up meeting in early September. The wrap-up will summarize what the Texas 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature accomplished. He is also asking the city if the League can have a voter registration booth at the Cottonwood Arts Festival (October 5-6, 2013) and the Huffhines Art Trails (October 26-27, 2014).

### Advocacy

LWV-Richardson plans to join the Texas League's study *on Human Trafficking in Texas*. Citizen Education and Advocacy Coordinator Barbara Presnall is planning a consensus meeting on Human

Trafficking on mid-November. Then in late January, 2014, she is planning a public meeting on Water.

**Annual Events**

All this is in addition to annual events like LWV-Richardson Local Program Planning Meeting (Feb 15, 2014), its Annual Meeting (May 14, 2014), and the League’s support of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) each month.

**Conventions**

Not under our planning control, but just as important, is the LWV-Texas Convention in Austin (April 25-27, 2014) and the LWV-US Convention in Dallas (June 6-10, 2014).

Be a part of League of Women Voters of Richardson! It’s going to be a great year!



Ellen Steger

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“It’s Your VOTER”

Hello League Friends –

Welcome to LWV’s hub of news about League activity. What do you want to learn from the VOTER? We’ll work to keep you informed about what’s coming up and ways you can participate in the action.

Each member serves not only as a personal representative of the League but also as the eyes and ears of the League in learning the issues of the people of our community. Look around. How can we stimulate the turnout of informed voters? What issues should COR and RISD be addressing? Does the League need to dig around and have an informative program on some topic? What can we DO to increase community interest and participation in civic governance?

We’ll be sharing our ideas and efforts through the VOTER. Send your ideas and comments to [VOTER@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:VOTER@lwvrichardson.org). Stay tuned!

Nancy Wilson, VOTER editor

## **What is League Program? What is a Study? What is a Consensus Meeting? Why a Consensus Meeting on *Human Trafficking in Texas*?**

**Studies** are part of League **Program**. League *Program* includes all of the positions the League uses to affect public policy as well as the procedure for adopting these programs. *Program* is an integral part of the League. According to the League's publication *League Basics*, "*Program* is the League's reason for being."

**Program** has three parts: 1) selection of an issue, 2) study of that issue, consensus and formulating a position, and 3) use of that position to influence public policy.

**Selection of an issue** begins with the Program Planning meetings each local League holds annually, for local studies, and biennially for state studies and national studies. This is where the local Leagues identify issues at the given level that deserve a study or updates of existing positions. Remember, Leagues cannot take action without a position. Every local League has input into studies at their local, state, and national level. That's why the League is proud to be a Grassroots organization ... everything starts at the local level. In 2013-14, LWV-R will hold three separate Program Planning meetings- national, state, and local.

At Annual Meeting, State Convention, and National Convention members select issues from those proposed at the planning meetings. **Study and consensus** begins right after. A study committee chair is appointed, a committee is selected, and the scope and timeline for the study are approved. This sets the parameters for the study committee's work. The scope is distributed to the local Leagues to give general direction to their preliminary work.

After the 2012 LWV-Texas convention, a study was begun on *Human Trafficking in Texas*. The study was originally proposed by the Houston League. During 2012-2013, local Leagues held meetings, talked with professionals in multiple fields, and interviewed other sources to gather data. During fall 2013 local Texas Leagues will each hold consensus meetings on the topic of Human Trafficking.

**What is a consensus?** It is easier to say what consensus is not, than what it is. Consensus is not a vote; rather, consensus is mutual agreement of League members arrived at through discussion. During discussion, everyone has an opportunity to express their viewpoints, and the issue is examined from all sides. Consensus questions, created by the appropriate study committee and approved by the Board, provide structure for the meeting. Members discuss the pros and cons until it becomes apparent that consensus has or has not been reached on each question. The study committee analyzes the consensus responses from all the local Leagues and, using this information, creates a position statement.

LWV-Richardson is planning a **consensus meeting on the state study of Human Trafficking on November 13, 2013**. Our viewpoints will be sent to the state study committee for inclusion, with the results from all the other participating Texas local Leagues, in the final study results. If consensus is reached in the state, the Texas League can create a position statement and then advocate.

# Human Trafficking

## A Global Problem

### Prostitution. Servitude. Forced Labor.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and children are exploited in human trafficking schemes.

ICE is a leader in the global fight against trafficking.

By targeting trafficking organizations while providing support to victims, ICE is working to dismantle the criminal infrastructure behind human trafficking.

#### Common Trafficking Indicators

- Victim does not have ID or travel documents.
- Victim has been coached in talking to law enforcement and immigration officials.
- Victim is in forced labor situation or sex trade.
- Victim's salary is garnished to pay off smuggling fees.
- Victim is denied freedom of movement.
- Victim or family is threatened with harm if escape is attempted.
- Victim is threatened with deportation or arrest.
- Victim has been harmed or denied food, water, sleep or medical care.
- Victim is denied contact with friends or family.
- Victim is not allowed to socialize or attend religious services.

#### Trafficking vs. Smuggling

*Human Trafficking is defined as:*

- sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act is younger than 18; or
- the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

*Human Smuggling is defined as:*

- the importation of people into the United States involving deliberate evasion of immigration laws. This offense includes bringing illegal aliens into the country, as well as the unlawful transportation and harboring of aliens already in the United States.



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## Two Volunteer Opportunities - CHIP

**1** The League of Women Voters of Richardson supports the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) is the lead organization for CHIP outreach.

CHIP provides health coverage to nearly 8 million children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, but can't afford private coverage.

Every summer, CCGD holds an application drive. They need our help. Volunteers will help applicants fill out applications, copy documentation, answer general questions, direct traffic to the CHIP tables, and keep children occupied.



### **Training/review**

**Saturday, July 27**

**9:00am-10:30am**

St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church

1220 W. Belt Line Road

Richardson, TX 75080

Just East of Richardson High School



### **Summer Outreach Event**

**Saturday, August 10**

**10:00am-1:00pm**

El Rancho

14211 Coit Road

Dallas, TX 75254



### **August 24 – CHIP Health Fair**

**2** The CHIP Annual Health Fair will be **Saturday, August 24, 9:00am-1:00pm** at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (1220 W. Belt Line Road in Richardson, 75080; just East of Richardson High School). Typically, at least 85 families attend with questions about CHIP. About 25-30 parents fill out forms. CCGD employees will be on hand to help speak with Spanish-speaking families.

To sign up or to ask questions, contact

Martha Dorris

[CHIP@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:CHIP@lwvrichardson.org)

Thanks for your support!

**LWV-Richardson 2013-2014 Tentative Calendar**

<b>August</b>			
	10	10am	<b>Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Outreach Event</b> @El Rancho 14211 Coit Road (north of Spring Valley) in Dallas 75254
	14	7pm	<b>LWV-R Board Meeting</b> @PM Realty Board Room; Promenade Tower
	24	9am	<b>CHIP Health Fair @St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church</b> 1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS) in Richardson 75080
	26		In 1920, the <b>19th Amendment</b> , which prohibits any United States citizen from being denied the right to vote on the basis of sex, was incorporated into the US Constitution
<b>September</b>			
	early Sept.		<b>LWV-R Public Meeting: Legislative Wrap-Up</b>
	21	9am	<b>CHIP Health Fair @St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church</b> 1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS) in Richardson 75080
	26		<b>Gendercide Awareness Project</b> Movie screening - <i>Girl Rising</i> - and fundraising dinner <a href="http://www.gendap.org/girl-rising.html">http://www.gendap.org/girl-rising.html</a>
	27-October 20		<b>State Fair @ Fair Park</b> Help register voters at Dallas County Booth (an nonpartisan event)
<b>October</b>			
	5-6		<b>Cottonwood Arts Festival</b> Help register voters at LWV-R Booth - <i>tentative-</i>
	7		Last day to register to vote in November 5th Uniform Election
	21-November 1		Early voting in person for November 5 Uniform Election
	23	7pm	<b>LWV-R Board Meeting @PM Realty Board Room; Promenade Tower</b>
	25		Last day to request ballot by mail (received date)
	26	9am	<b>CHIP Health Fair @St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church</b> 1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS) in Richardson 75080
	26-27		<b>Huffhines Art Trails</b> Help register voters at LWV-R Booth - <i>tentative-</i>
<b>November</b>			
	5		<b>Uniform Election - constitutional amendments</b>
	13		<b>LWV-R Consensus Meeting - Human Trafficking -date is tentative-</b>
	16	9am	<b>CHIP Health Fair @St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church</b> 1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS) Richardson 75080

<b>LWV-Richardson</b> <b>2013-2014 Tentative Calendar (continued)</b>			
<b>January</b>			
	8	7pm	<b>LWV-R Board Meeting</b> @PM Realty Board Room; Promenade Tower
	18	9am	<b>CHIP Health Fair</b> @St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church 1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS) Richardson 75080
	late Jan.		<b>LWV-R Public Meeting: Water</b> <i>-date is tentative-</i>
<b>February</b>			
	12		<b>Finance Drive</b> <b>LWV-R Local Program Planning Meeting</b>
	15		<b>Susan B. Anthony's Birthday</b>
	18-28		Early voting for March 4 Primary Election
	22	9am	<b>CHIP Health Fair</b> @St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church 1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS) Richardson 75080
<b>March</b>			
	4		<b>Texas Primary Election</b>
	26	7pm	<b>LWV-R Board Meeting</b> @PM Realty Board Room; Promenade Tower
	29	9am	<b>CHIP Health Fair</b> @St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church 1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS) Richardson 75080
<b>April</b>			
	25-27		<b>LWV-TX Convention</b> Austin
	26	9am	<b>CHIP Health Fair</b> @St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church 1220 W. Belt Line Road (just East of Richardson HS) Richardson 75080
<b>May</b>			
	14		<b>LWV-R Annual Meeting</b>
	19-23		Early voting for the primary runoff election, if needed
	27		<b>Primary runoff election</b> , if needed
<b>June</b>			
	6-10		<b>LWV-US Convention</b> Dallas



WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK

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# Save The Date!!!

## *Women's Equality Day Celebration*

**Wednesday, August 21, 2013**

**12:00 Noon**

**Dallas City Hall**

## **Women's Issues Network**

**Invites you to join us in celebrating the 93<sup>rd</sup>**  
anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which  
gave American women the right to vote.

Attendees are encouraged to wear white  
to honor the suffragists.

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