

VOTER

CALENDAR

- Nov. 5, Tues. Election Day. Last day for receipt (not postmark) of Ballot by Mail.
- Nov.7, Thurs 7:00 p.m. LWV-Collin County. (See information in flyer.)
Program on HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
- Looking ahead:
April 2014 LWV-Texas Convention – Austin TX
June 2014 LWVUS Convention – Omni Hotel, Dallas TX

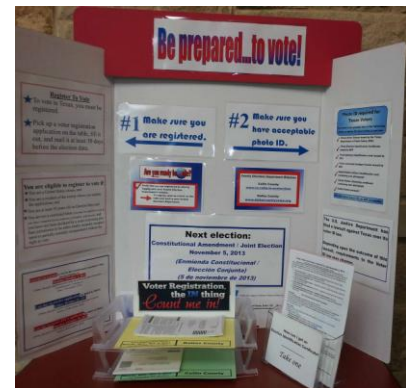


FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Ellen Steger

Voter Service in the Richardson League has been very active this past month.

The Richardson League had displays at the Richardson Civic Center, Library, Huffhines Recreation Center, Heights Recreation Center, Senior Center, Chinese Community Center, and the Islamic Association of North Texas. The display encouraged citizens to be prepared to vote.



The Richardson League had a table at Huffhines Art Trails. (Check the limerick later in this newsletter!) The emphasis was on educating people:

- on the pros and cons of the 9 constitutional amendments on the November 5, 2013, ballot.
- that a voter must present a valid photo ID when voting in person in the November 5, 2013 election.
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But, most importantly, **make sure you vote!**

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What???!?!!???

There's an election???!?!!???



Election Day: Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 7am – 7pm
Vote in your precinct

What's on the ballot? 9 constitutional amendments

For a pro/con analysis of each amendment, see the Texas of Women Voters of Texas' VOTERS GUIDE:

In English:

http://www.lwvtexas.org/Voters%20Guide/2013CAVG/2013CAVG_English.pdf

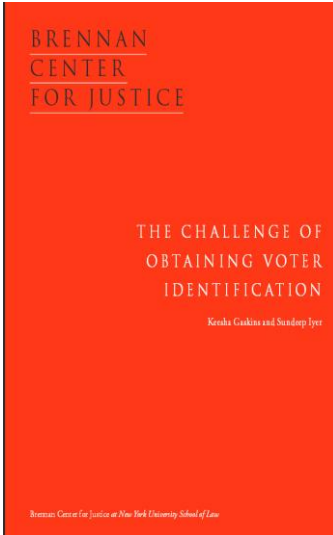
Or

in Spanish:

http://www.lwvtexas.org/Voters%20Guide/2013CAVG/2013CAVG_Espa%C3%B1ol.pdf

The Challenge of Obtaining Voter Identification

According to the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law:



“Ten states now have unprecedented restrictive voter ID laws. Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. All require citizens to produce specific types of government-issued photo identification before they can cast a vote that will count. Legal precedent requires these states to provide free photo ID to eligible voters who do not have one. Unfortunately, these free IDs are not equally accessible to all voters. This report is the first comprehensive assessment of the difficulties that eligible voters face in obtaining free photo ID.”

<http://www.brennancenter.org/publication/challenge-obtaining-voter-identification>



Texas voters must show a photo ID to vote November 5, 2013

When voting in person in Texas, you must present an acceptable photo ID. If you do not have any of the following acceptable forms of ID, you may apply for an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) at no charge. However, if you already have any of the following forms of ID, you are not eligible for an EIC:

- **Texas driver license** – unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting (*issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)*)
- **Texas personal identification card** – unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting (*issued by DPS*)
- **Texas concealed handgun license** – unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting (*issued by DPS*)
- **United States Military identification** with photo – unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- **United States Citizenship Certificate** or **Certificate of Naturalization** with photo
- **United States passport book or card** – unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting

Note: School-issued IDs are NOT acceptable.

For information on the types of exemptions available, please visit your [county voter registrar](#) or the [Texas Secretary of State](#).

Huffhines ART TRAILS

October 26 - 27, 2013

Terri Chepregi, LWV-Richardson

*We talked to the folks at the fair
And enjoyed the sun and fresh air.
It was fun to provide
To those voters a Guide
About who, how, why, when and where!*

*Apathy must be cured!
The Guide? You should read every word!
Wanna be in the know?
Read and think and then go
Vote so that your voice can be heard.*



The League of Women Voters of Richardson passed out more than 550 VOTERS GUIDEs at Huffhines Art Trails. These nonpartisan publications contain unbiased pro/con information on the proposed Constitutional amendments, plus other information to help voters in the upcoming Nov. 5 election. VOTERS GUIDEs for the Nov.5 election are available at the Richardson Library and online.

Funding for LWV work in COR and RISD comes from generous donations from the community.





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.

 **Homeland Security**
Blue Campaign

Report Suspicious Activity:
1-866-DHS-2-ICE
1-866-347-2423
www.ice.gov

*You are invited
to attend the*

Collin County LWV
Homeland Security
Presentation On

Human Trafficking

Thursday, November 7, 2013
7 pm

Medical Center of Plano
Auditorium, Suite 315
Plano 75093
(NW corner of Coit and 15th Street)

Dr. Joseph Otrhalek
from Homeland Security will speak.

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