



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

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## VOTER

### CALENDAR

Dec. 27	VOTER deadline. Send copy to <a href="mailto:VOTER@lwvrichardson.org">VOTER@lwvrichardson.org</a>
Jan. 8, Wed. 7:00 p.m.	LWV-R Board meeting. 300 N. Coit, PM Realty Board Room Members are welcome at all Board meetings.
<u>Looking ahead:</u>	
April 25-27, 2014	LWV-Texas Convention – Austin TX
June 6-10, 2014	LWVUS Convention – Omni Hotel, Dallas TX



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Ellen Steger

Happy Thanksgivukkah! Thursday, November 28, 2013, is the first time since 1888 that American Thanksgiving and the first full day of the eight-day Jewish festival of lights (Hanukkah) have fallen on the same day. It won't happen again (by one calculation) for another 77,798 years.

The two holidays have more in common than just their date: they both celebrate religious liberty. The Pilgrims sought religious freedom in the New World; the ancient Jews triumphed over Greek oppressors who had banned the practice of Judaism.

This is also a time to count our blessings. As Richardson League President, I am especially thankful for my board and all the wonderful supporters of the League: supporters who give of their time and energy when we call on them and supporters who help us financially so we can achieve our goals.



May all of you have a safe, restful Thanksgivukkah this Thursday!

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LWVUS Convention  
Omni Dallas Hotel  
June 6-10, 2014

## VOLUNTEER FOR A FRONT ROW SEAT FOR THE ACTION

There is no better way to get a sense of the scope and power of the League of Women Voters of the United States than to be a participant in a national convention. Hundreds of delegates from all over the nation represent every demographic category imaginable. The diversity of these factors fades in the presence of the diversity of viewpoints represented. Listening to the cogent arguments presented pro and con concerning the issues under discussion stretches your mind and renews appreciation of the grassroots strength of this country. It is a unique, exciting experience to be a part of it all.

YOU can be in the catbird seat for this Convention. Ellen Steger is chairman of the microphone (MIC) monitors and has a number of slots to fill. The schedule and job description are below. If this sounds like a post that might interest you, let Ellen ([President@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:President@lwvrichardson.org)) know and she will contact you closer to the event.



Date	Time	Description
Saturday, June 7, 2014	1pm-tpm	Opening Plenary
Sunday, June 8, 2014	9am-12noon	Plenary
Sunday, June 8	2pm-5pm	Plenary
Monday, June 9	9am-12noon	Plenary
Tuesday, June 10	8:30am-12noon	Closing Plenary

### Mic Monitors job description:

1. Make sure microphone is located in proper position and functions.
2. Adjust the microphone position for each speaker as necessary.
3. Hold up the "reminder" card to inform each speaker to first state their name, League, state and if appropriate, motion number.
4. Record speaker names and Leagues.
5. Maintain quiet if a line forms behind a microphone.
6. STAND until the Chair recognizes the speaker at the microphone and be SEATED while the speaker is talking.
7. Confirm that speakers are standing in the correct line for "pro" and "con" microphone as designated by the Chair.
8. Refer all red card requests to the Parliamentary Aides who are seated by the microphones.

*by Nancy Wilson, participant in numerous League Conventions*

