



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF RICHARDSON

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VOTER

CALENDAR

Feb.12, Wed	6:30pm 7:00pm	Finance Drive letter signing Local Program Planning 300 N.Coit, PM Realty Board Room. All members come!
Feb.21, Fri.		Deadline for March VOTER.
Mar. 4, Tues.		Primary Election. (Additional information in this VOTER.)
<u>Looking ahead:</u>		
May 10		Richardson ISD Board of Trustees election
April 25-27		LWV-Texas Convention – Austin TX
June 6-10		LWVUS Convention – Dallas TX



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Ellen Steger

Speaking of politics...

You can't ignore politics, no matter how much you'd like to.

-Molly Ivins

Primary elections are just around the corner! Are you planning to vote?

In 2005, the League of Women Voters of Dallas conducted a survey of voting patterns among Texas Women. One result in their survey was that 17.2% of Texas women don't vote because they aren't aware of when elections occur.



You are informed. You know the Texas Primary Election is

Tuesday, March 4.

One day when the polls are open (*early voting: Feb. 18 – 28, or election day: March 4*), call a friend, go to lunch together, but

be sure to stop by your polling place and vote!

You can help increase voter turnout in local elections!

(continued "From the President's Pen")

I am so excited!

The League of Women Voters national convention is coming to Dallas this summer! This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for our League members to peek under the LWVUS tent without leaving town. You'll get to meet the movers and shakers in the League—at the National, State, and Local levels. At the Plenary sessions, you'll get to help shape policy for the National League. It doesn't get any better than this!

And...if you really want to roll up your sleeves and see what's going on, I have a **special opportunity for you**. Come to the convention and work a microphone at the business meetings! I am the Sub-committee Chairman of microphones at the 5 plenary sessions:

No experience required. (I'm in charge of the people working the microphones at the plenary sessions and this is my first League convention, so I have no experience!!!)

Your registration fee is waived for the plenary session(s) that you work. You won't be allowed to vote if you work a microphone, but you will be at the heart of where all the action is! As a worker, you get a free ticket to see

The Red Hot Patriot—Molly Ivins One Woman Show

on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

All the details are in the following article. Several LWV-R members have already snagged their spots. Don't let others have all the fun!

Questions? Want to sign up? Contact me at:

972-470-0584

president@lwvrichardson.org.

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*Good thing we've still got
politics in Texas - finest form
of free entertainment ever
invented.*

-Molly Ivins

LWVUS CONVENTION
Omni Hotel in Dallas
June 6-10, 2014

Ever want to be part of something **BIG?????**



This may be what you've been looking for!

Volunteer to be a MicMonitor at National Convention!

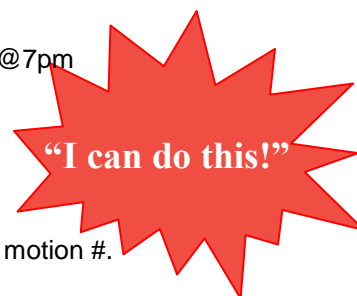
LWV-Richardson president Ellen Steger is Subcommittee Chairman in charge of microphones.
To join Richardson League friends being a MicMonitor,
contact Ellen: 972-470-0584 president@lwvrichardson.org.

Perks of a MicMonitor:

- Attend a Plenary Session with no registration fee (although you do not get to vote)
- Free ticket to see the Red Hot Patriot-Molly Ivins One Woman Show on Saturday @7pm

Duties:

- Arrive at least ½-hour early before Plenary Session starts.
- Make sure mic is in proper position & functions. Report problems.
- Adjust mic position for each speaker as necessary.
- Make sure each speaker states their name, League, state, and, if appropriate, the motion #.
- Record speaker names and Leagues. Give list to coordinator at end of session.
- Maintain quiet if a line forms behind mic.
- Stand until the Chair recognizes the speaker at your mic, then be seated while the speaker is talking.



Plenary Sessions:

Saturday, June 7, 1pm-5pm;	Monday, June 9, 9am-noon;
Sunday, June 8, 9am-noon;	Tuesday, June 10, 8:30am-noon.
Sunday, June 8, 2pm-5pm;	



Texas Primary Election March 4, 2014

Last day to register to vote: February 3, 2014
Apply for ballot by mail: Received by Feb 21, 2014
Early voting in person: Feb. 18 – 28, 2014
Election Day: March 4, 2014

Political parties hold a primary election in March of even numbered years. Currently, only two parties hold primaries – the Republican Party and the Democrat Party.

In Texas, registered voters may vote in either political party's primary; however, a voter may vote in only one party's primary in each election cycle.

If a voter votes in one party's primary, he may not vote in the other party's run-off election in that same year. Registered voters who do not vote in the Primary Elections may vote in a run-off election of either party that year.

Because they elect the candidates who will appear on the General Election ballot in November, voters in the Primary Elections have a greater influence on the final outcome of the General Election than those who only vote in the General Election.

But, who is running?

For a complete list of candidates running in the March 4th Primary Elections, go to the Texas Secretary of State's website:

<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/candidate-filing/cf-report.aspx>

Who represents me?

To find out who represents you in the US Congress and the Texas Legislature, go to the Texas Secretary of State's website:

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>