



VOTER

Calendar	
Date	Event
5/31/17	LWV-R Board Meeting
TBA	Member Training
TBA	Calendar Planning
7/8/17	LWV-TX Regional Training, Arlington

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Jean Richards

As we begin our 2017-18 fiscal year, I would like to take a moment to thank both our outgoing and incoming board members. Actually, with the exception of our Membership Chair, those are all the same people. Our board is extremely hard-working, and we get quite a bit done for such a small group. I encourage our other members, whether old-timers or brand-new (or somewhere in between), to get involved in the work of the League. Upcoming newsletters and emails will let you know about opportunities.



The first board meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Promenade Building conference room (elevator floor "B"). All members are welcome to attend.

The upcoming year will be a busy one. Our work will likely include:

- A summer training session for both old and new members;
- A Calendar Planning meeting for all members;
- LWV-TX Regional Workshop attendance for those who can make it (see article on page 2);
- At least one public informational meeting on a topic of current interest;
- Voter registration and voter education activities;
- Distribution of the LWV-TX Voters Guide for the November State Constitutional Amendment Election;
- Social gatherings with and/or without mention of politics and issues (!);
- Periodic Program Review of our local positions;
- Coverage of the March 6, 2018 Primary Elections;
- A Candidate Forum and Voters Guide for the May RISD Trustee Election;
- And much more!

Working together as a nonpartisan group, we can fulfill our mission to encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Regional Workshops

During odd-numbered years, when there is no LWV-TX convention, the League of Women Voters of Texas offers Regional Workshops around the state for local League leaders and members. These workshops provide the opportunity to share best practices with other local Leagues.

LWV-R members who attend one of the regional workshops will be reimbursed the \$10 registration fee by LWV-R. Email your request for reimbursement to Treasurer@lwvrichardson.org.

Several board members have already indicated that they will be unable to attend the July 8 workshop in Arlington. Please consider going to this important training (and reporting back to us) if you are available on that date.



Calling all Educators, Agitators, and Organizers!

We need you! **The League is in transformation.** Lots to do and lots to learn about how we can be more effective. Bring a laptop or tablet.

Agenda

Strategies for success at 100 - including social media, communication strategies, membership development, fund-raising, the importance of the League's non-partisan stance, alternate candidate forums, and Vote411.



2015 Regional Training in Irving

2017 Regional Training Schedule (Cost: \$10 a person per workshop.):

- **Lubbock**, June 10th from 1 to 4 p.m.
St John's Methodist Church
1501 University, Lubbock.
Registration deadline: June 1st
- **Arlington**, July 8th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Lake Arlington Library
4000 W. Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington 776016.
Registration deadline: July 1st
- **Canyon Lake**, July 15th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Tye Preston Memorial Library
16311 S. Access Road. Canyon Lake, Texas, 78133.
Registration deadline: July 1st

Click [HERE](#) to register for one of these workshops.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Jean Richards, President

This year, special thanks go to **Voter Service VP Ellen Steger**, who did a remarkable amount of work this year, and to **Treasurer Keith Burgess**, who put in many hours untangling our financial reports and getting them in order.

Membership – Chair Brenda Boston coordinated events for prospective members, and assisted with our Over-the-Hump party in February.

CHIP – Martha Dorris, who serves as our off-board coordinator for Children’s Health Insurance Program registration efforts, kept our members informed and engaged at registration events throughout the year.

Finance Drive – This was a group effort. I wrote the letters asking for donations, Ellen Steger printed letters and envelopes, Diana Lace wrote acknowledgements to donors, and Keith Burgess tracked the money.

Publicity – Chair Linda Grigsby sent out press releases as needed during the year.

Secretary – Susan Majors kept minutes of our meetings and passed them along to the state office.

Newsletter – Chair Diana Lace oversaw the publication of our monthly VOTER newsletters.

Voter Registration – Ellen Steger coordinated our members’ voter registration efforts through the summer and fall, handing out numerous mail-in forms and registering a total of 145 people at about a dozen events and locations around the city and school district.

Speaker’s Bureau – Ellen and I spoke to a women’s group at the Mosque, and Ellen spoke at a meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Website – I continued to serve as the League’s webmaster. This year we saw a large increase in traffic, going from an average of 7,240 requests for pages per month during our last fiscal year to 11,954 requests for pages per month during this fiscal year.

Program – VP Nancy Wilson continued to spearhead a multi-year effort to help members understand the history and meaning of our local positions, through the Periodic Program Review process. She also gamely agreed to a first – holding our Local Program Planning meeting by email, which worked surprisingly well. Nancy also began a discussion and coordinated meetings with city officials on the topic of connecting the Richardson trail system to the City of Dallas trail system near Restland Cemetery.

Voter Service – VP Ellen Steger led our spring Voter Service efforts, producing both printed and online Voters Guides for the RISD and Richardson City Council elections. Thanks to the members who assisted with writing questions this year. We coordinated with LWV-Dallas to pay a portion of their VOTE411 subscription, and they allowed us to upload our online Voters Guide content. Ellen coordinated our candidate forums for both the RISD and Richardson City Council elections, and we have video of both forums on our website. Ellen also represented the League as a guest moderator and advised on planning for two forums sponsored by a coalition of neighborhood associations.

Many thanks to our board, our members, and our supporters. I look forward to another busy year.

May 6, 2017

Election Results

Collin College Board of Trustees

Nine members of this Board are elected in odd-numbered years to overlapping six-year terms. There are no geographic requirements for candidates to live in specific parts of the county. All members are voted on by all voters (elected at large).

Places 1, 2, and 3 on the **COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES** were included in this election. In addition, a special election for the remaining 2 years of the term of Place 5 was held on the same date.

The results of these races are (candidates listed in ballot order):

- Place 1 - Greg Gomel 39.23%
- **Place 1 - Fred Moses 60.77%**

- **Place 2 - Nancy Wurzman 58.43%**
- Place 2 - Jeri Landfair Chambers 41.57%

- **Place 3 - Dr. Stacey Donald 60.56%**
- Place 3 - Larry Wainwright 39.44%

- **Place 5 - Dr. Raj Menon 100.00%**

Collin County Community College District bond proposal

A \$600 million proposal to expand the services of the CCCCD was on the ballot. The ballot language was:

THE ISSUANCE OF \$600,000,000.00 BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY THEREFOR, AND THE LEVYING OF A DEBT TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE CENTS (\$ 0.12) ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS 100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY.

The results of this election are:

- **For 56.43%**
- **Against 43.57%**



May 6, 2017

Election Results (continued)

PISD Board of Trustees

This is the local election date on which the **PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** held a Board of Trustee Election. The PISD board has seven members who serve 4-year terms, and elections are held in odd-numbered years for three or four places on that board. The PISD election this year was for Places 1, 2, 3, and 6.

Board members are not required to live in specific geographic parts of the district. All 7 members are voted on by all voters (elected at large).

The results of these races are:

- **Place 1 - Tammy Richards 69.40%**
- Place 1 - Carissa Picard 30.60%

- Place 2 - Jack Liu 31.27%
- **Place 2 - Angela Powell 33.13%**
- Place 2 - Sreedhar "Sree" Yedavalli 19.90%
- Place 2 - Amanda Jackson 31.27%

- **Place 3 - Nancy C. Humphrey 51.33%**
- Place 3 - Yvette Jackson 11.83%
- Place 3 - Nathan Rylander 36.84%

- Place 6 - Marilyn Hinton 26.36%
- **Place 6 - Greg Myer 49.34%**
- Place 6 - Trish Patterson 24.31%

WHY NO RUNOFF ELECTION?

In Texas, local political subdivisions (cities and school districts) decide whether candidates will be elected by a majority of the votes cast (over 50%) or by a plurality (the most votes, regardless of percentage).

Election to the Plano ISD Board of Trustees requires only a plurality, according to the PISD [website](#). In Place 2 and in Place 6, no candidate received over 50% of the votes cast, so the candidates with the most votes cast for each place is the winner.

Election to the Richardson City Council and the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees requires a majority vote, and one candidate in each race did receive a majority. If in any of those races NO candidate running had received over 50% of the vote, there would have been a runoff election between the two candidates who got the most votes.

May 6, 2017 Election Results (continued)

Richardson City Council

The City of Richardson held a **CITY COUNCIL ELECTION** on May 6, 2017. All seven members of the City Council are elected in odd-numbered years to serve 2-year terms. Thus, the offices of Mayor and the six City Council members were on the ballot.

Candidates for Places 1 through 4 must reside in the quadrant of the city represented by that place (view a [map here](#)). Candidates for Places 5 and 6, and for Mayor, may reside in any quadrant of the city. All 7 members are voted on by all voters (elected at large).

The results of these races are (candidates listed in ballot order):

- **Place 1 - Bob Dubey 100.00%**
- **Place 2 - Mark Solomon 100.00%**
- **Place 3 - Scott Dunn 100.00%**
- Place 4 - Cory Montfort 47.41%
- **Place 4 - Mabel Simpson 52.59%**
- **Place 5 - Marta Gómez Frey 74.31%**
- Place 5 - Kashif Riaz 25.69%
- **Place 6 - Steve Mitchell 100.00%**
- Mayor - Jared Weadon 21.99%
- **Mayor - Paul Voelker 78.01%**



The newly-elected Richardson Mayor and City Council met on May 15, 2017, and elected Mark Solomon as Mayor Pro Tem.

May 6, 2017 *Election Results (continued)*

RISD Board of Trustees

The **RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** board has seven members who serve 3-year terms. Elections are held each year for two or three places on that board. The RISD election this year was for Places 6 and 7. In addition, a special election for the remaining 2 years of the term of Place 3 was held on the same date.

Board members are not required to live in specific geographic parts of the district. All 7 members are voted on by all voters (elected at large).

The results of these races are (candidates listed in ballot order):

- **Place 6 - Justin Bono 100.00%**
- Place 7 - Lynn Davenport 45.58%
- **Place 7 - Kristin Kuhne 54.42%**

- Place 3 - Joseph Armstrong 12.41%
- Place 3 - Ben Prado 10.09%
- **Place 3 - Karen Clardy 54.95%**
- Place 3 - Eric Eager 22.55%



The newly-elected Richardson ISD Board of Trustees met on May 15, 2017, and elected Justin Bono Board President.



The League of Women Voters of Richardson held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Besa's Italian Restaurant on Jupiter Road.

The following officers, directors, and Nominating Committee members were elected:

Officers

President.....	Jean Richards
1st VP, Citizen Education/Advocacy Coordinator	Open
2nd VP, Organization Coordinator.....	Open
3rd VP, Voter Service Coordinator	Ellen Steger
Secretary	Susan Majors
Treasurer	Keith Burgess

Directors

(Up to four directors may be elected.)

Up to four additional directors may be appointed by the board.)

Director	Nancy Wilson
Membership/Community Outreach.....	Nita Thomason
Newsletter	Diana Lace
Publicity.....	Linda Grigsby

2017-2018 Nominating Committee

Non-Board Chair	Open
Non-Board 1	Ginger Tonne
Non-Board 2.....	Open