



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup>  
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# VOTER

Calendar	
DATE	EVENT
Sept. 17	CHIP Help Session, St. Barnabas, 9am-noon
Sept. 26	First presidential debate
Oct. 4	Vice presidential debate
Oct. 9	Second presidential debate
Oct. 11	Deadline to register to vote in Nov. election
Oct. 15	CHIP Help Session, St. Barnabas, 9am-noon
Oct. 19	Third presidential debate
Oct. 24	Early voting begins
Oct. 28	Last day to apply for ballot by mail

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT Jean Richards

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces at our Ice Cream Social last weekend. It was equally wonderful to welcome new friends, some of whom have decided to join the League. We will try hard to train and involve our new members, so if current members have projects you are working on, please keep our newest members in mind.

As the October 11<sup>th</sup> deadline to register for the November election approaches, our VP of Voter Service, Ellen Steger, is working hard with our volunteers and a group of deputy registrars to host a number of **voter registration events**. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ellen at [voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org), or me at [president@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:president@lwvrichardson.org).

**To find out whether you are currently registered to vote**, visit your County Elections Department webpage (<http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/voter-lookup/#VoterEligibilitySearch> if you live in Dallas County; <https://apps.collincountytx.gov/voterregsearch/> if you live in Collin County).

**If you have moved or changed your name since you last voted**, you will need to inform your County Elections Department of your new address. For instructions on how to do this, visit the VoteTexas webpage at <http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/did-you-change-something/>.

Let's make sure that we are all properly registered to vote before the October 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. Please share the above information with family, friends, and neighbors. See you at the polls!



## Texas Voter ID Requirements for the November 8, 2016, Election *In-person Voting*

On August 10, 2016, Texas Secretary of State Carlos H. Cascos announced that voters will have additional options to prove their identity when voting in-person (early or on Election Day) in the November 8, 2016, Election.

### What do I have to do in order to vote in-person (early or day of voting)?

To vote in-person, you must

- be registered **-AND-**
- provide identification

### What kind of identification?

If you have one of the following government-issued photo IDs\*, use it.

- ✓ Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- ✓ Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- ✓ Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- ✓ Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- ✓ U.S. Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- ✓ U.S. Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph **-OR-**
- ✓ U.S. Passport

*\*With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, the approved photo ID must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.*

If you are not able to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID listed above, on the day you vote in-person (early or on Election Day), you will vote a regular ballot and you will have to

1. sign a declaration at the polls explaining why you are unable to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID **-AND-**
2. provide one of the following forms of supporting documentation for identification:
  - a. certified birth certificate (must be an original)
  - b. valid voter registration certificate
  - c. copy or original of a current utility bill
  - d. copy or original of a bank statement
  - e. copy or original of a government check
  - f. copy or original of a paycheck **-OR-**
  - g. copy or original of any other government document that shows your name and address

**Government documents which include a photo  
must be original and cannot be copies.**

# LWV LWV-R at St. Barnabas Health Fair

On Saturday, August 20, 2016, St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church held its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair. Despite the rain, about 350 people attended the fair. The fair provides free immunizations, blood pressure checks, and cholesterol screenings to RISD students as well as information on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), poison control, dental health, healthy weight, West Nile Virus, and mammograms.



*Susan Majors and Ellen Steger at the CHIP table*



*Martha Dorris talks with a family about CHIP.*

LWV-R members Martha Dorris and Susan Majors spoke with over 70 families about CHIP/Medicaid for Children and the services offered through 211 by the Community Council of Greater Dallas.

### **Volunteer opportunity:**

Help session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, September 17, 2016  
9am – noon

Volunteers are always welcome! Share this information with anyone who might be interested, especially families with children who may need health insurance.

LWV-R Voter Service VP Ellen Steger staffed a booth with several Dallas County registrars. About 32 people were registered to vote.



*Ellen Steger with deputy registrars Jill Rice, Jennifer Blum, and Brenda Smith.*

## Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Medicaid for Children



Thank you for all of your help and support during the 2015-2016 academic school year for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/Medicaid for Children. We anticipate considerable interest from families asking for assistance because the form now requests information about the family's Federal Income Tax.

The RISD area CHIP Coalition which includes the LWV-Richardson has supported efforts that encourage families to obtain health insurance for their children and the economic security that coverage provides for at least 13 years. The Council of PTAs is our essential link to publicize events to our families. The RISD nursing staff enthusiastically encourages these efforts and also invites families to participate. Events are hosted at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) which provides space free of charge and at the individual campuses of RISD when we are invited to participate in health fairs, parent forums, PTA meetings and other events.

Last school year we hosted 8 application help sessions at St. B with an average of 5 families receiving information per event. At 7 RISD on-site events such as Health Fairs about 57 families received direct help with the application and many more obtained information about the programs. At a health fair at St. B in August at least 88 families received information about the insurance programs, with 17 being encouraged to follow up with more assistance from the outreach specialists. Some families have great difficulty understanding what information is requested and need encouragement to complete the form. We routinely invite bilingual outreach specialists from the Community Council of Greater Dallas and Network to assist us with our Spanish speaking families and advise families on many of the details of the application process.

### **Volunteer opportunity!**

We have the following CHIP application help session dates planned

9 am to 12 noon St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church 1220 W. Belt Line Road Richardson, TX 75080 (adjacent to Richardson High School)	
Sept. 17, 2016	Feb. 18, 2017
Oct. 15, 2016	March 25, 2017
Nov. 19, 2016	April 22, 2017
Jan. 21, 2017	May 13, 2017

\* We are available for on-site help sessions at the convenience of individual schools.

\* Application forms in English and Spanish are available. An on-line version is available at [www.YourTexasBenefits.com](http://www.YourTexasBenefits.com).

If you need paper forms, please contact:

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# Membership Minute...

On July 20, the League held an informational event, *Coffee and Conversation*, at the Richardson Woman's Club. We had several visitors and gained one new member and several potential members.

On August 28, we had an Ice Cream Social at the home of League President Jean Richards. There was lots of yummy ice cream with toppings and good conversation. Again, we gained one new member and several others who are interested in getting involved.

We especially want to welcome our two new members, Ginger Tonne and Debbie Rowley. They have already signed up to help with some upcoming events.

Just a reminder—if you have not renewed your membership, please get that in as soon as possible. Membership renewals are due by September. Individual membership is \$54 and two members in the same household is \$81.

If you have any questions, please contact LWV-R Membership Chair  
Brenda Boston  
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Be looking for our next fun membership event.