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Calendar	
Date	Event
June 29-July 1	LWV US National Convention in Chicago
July 13, 9am	LWV-R Calendar Planning Meeting; all members welcome; Place TBD
October 9	Last day to register to vote in November 6 General Election

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From the President By Jean Richards

*Thank
you!*

It has been an honor to serve as president of the League of Women Voters of Richardson for the past two years. Please join me in congratulating Ellen Steger, who will be serving as president for the coming year.

Many thanks to the members who continue to work to fulfill the mission of the League, with special thanks to our board members. Thanks also to our many loyal contributors throughout Richardson and the RISD.

If you would like to become more involved in the work of the League over the coming year, please watch for emails and newsletter articles offering opportunities to volunteer. I'm sure there will be many.

LWV- R Board Meeting Summary

At a special meeting on April 18, 2018, board members adopted a resolution to join the League of Women Voters of Texas' group application for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. The board also voted to add a Conflict of Interest policy to the LWV-R list of Local Policies.



League of Women Voters of Richardson ANNUAL MEETING

The 57th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Richardson was held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Taco Joint restaurant. We were joined by several special guests, including City Council members Scott Dunn and Steve Mitchell.

On behalf of the City Council, Steve Mitchell presented to a very surprised Nancy Wilson a proclamation in her honor. It recognized Nancy's many decades of service to the community, including her roles as:

- a founding member of the League of Women Voters of Richardson;
- a past board member of the League of Women Voters of Texas;
- a founding member of the Richardson Environmental Action League;
- a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, a member and then chair of the City Plan Commission, a member of the 2014 City Charter Review Commission, and the longtime Civic Chair of the Cottonwood Creek Civic Association; and
- a Field Operations Volunteer with the Volunteers in Police Service program of the Richardson Police Department for almost 13 years.

Members of Nancy's family joined us for the presentation. Congratulations to Nancy for her commendation, and many thanks for her years of service to the League and the City.



At the Annual Meeting, members voted to change the Bylaws in accordance with suggestions from the League of Women Voters of Texas. The changes are needed so that LWV-Richardson can join the LWV-TX application for 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Members also adopted a budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year, voted to continue the current local restudy of LWV-R's City Charter position, and voted in a slate of officers and directors for the 2018-19 board.

Officers

President..... Ellen Steger
1st VP (Program) Nancy Wilson
2nd VP (Organization) Open
3rd VP (Voter Service) Jean Richards
Secretary..... Jessica Hook
Treasurer Keith Burgess

Elected Directors

Membership..... Nita Thomason
Newsletter Diana Lace
Publicity Linda Grigsby
Director..... Open

2017-18: The Year in Review

Membership – Chair Nita Thomason coordinated a public meeting in the fall for prospective members at which we had speakers from the city and the school district. She also spearheaded our Know Your Town II outings to a City Council and School Board meeting.

CHIP – Martha Dorris, who serves as our off-board coordinator for Children’s Health Insurance Program registration efforts, kept our members informed through her great VOTER articles and coordinated CHIP registration events throughout the year.

Finance Drive – Jean Richards wrote the letters asking for donations, Ellen Steger printed letters and envelopes, Diana Lace wrote acknowledgements to donors, and Keith Burgess tracked donations.

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.

Training and Convention – Back in July, four of our members (Nita Thomason, Susan Majors, Nancy Wilson, and Andrea Hamblin) attended the LWV-TX Regional Training in Arlington. In April, Susan Majors and Evan Thomas represented our local League as delegates to the State Convention.

Social Media and Website – Keith Burgess put together both a public Facebook group and a private members-only group, Ellen Steger managed our Twitter account, and Jean Richards continued to serve as the League’s webmaster. For the last 11 months, we have averaged 16,911 requests for pages per month, which is more than double the number two years ago. Through our website, timely Tweets, and our public Facebook page, we are providing information to many more members of the public than we ever could in the past.

Program – VP Nancy Wilson oversaw the second Local Program Planning meeting conducted by email, and also led the ensuing face-to-face meeting to discuss the results. Nancy continued her communication with city officials on the topic of connecting the Richardson trail system to the City of Dallas trail system near Restland Cemetery.

New board members – Two new members, Andrea Hamblin and Jessica Hook, agreed to serve on the board this year. Unfortunately, Andrea had to step down due to family commitments.

City Charter position restudy – Jessica has served as the chair of our City Charter restudy committee, and will continue that work in the coming year. She also started a new tradition – a monthly social gathering of interested members, where we TRY to not discuss League business exclusively.

Voter Service – Ellen Steger led our Voter Service efforts, working with LWV-Dallas to encourage candidates to participate in the March Primary Voters Guide through the VOTE411 website. She distributed Voters Guides for both the Primaries and the November Constitutional Amendment election, including coordinating volunteers to staff a table at the Huffhines Art Trails in October. Ellen oversaw a very well-done candidate forum for Texas House District 102 prior to the March Primaries, cosponsored by the RISD Council of PTAs. Ellen has also been very diligent about putting current information in each month’s VOTER about all election-related matters.

Despite having a relatively small number of active members, we have managed to accomplish quite a lot. We are always looking to involve new people in the work of the League, so if you are interested in helping out, let a board member know.

Opportunities for Involvement

City of Richardson



In its weekly email update last Friday, the City of Richardson posted the following:

Applications are now available for the new Citizens Academy and Resource Education Series (Richardson CARES). The free, six-week class series is offered to adults ages 18 and up, to help them gain a better understanding and knowledge of the structure and function of the City of Richardson.

Classes will meet Sept. 20-Oct. 25, every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. CARES participants will meet City staff, learn about the day-to-day operations of Richardson's government and discover ways to contribute and be an active participant. Each session will focus on a different function of the City and be presented by various departments, at various locations. The program will be interactive and include tours, on-site demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions.

For more information and an application, visit www.cor.net/RichardsonCARES or stop by the City Secretary's office in City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Deadline to apply is Aug. 15.

Apply to be a member of a City of Richardson Board or Commission:

The City has ten (10) Boards and Commissions which have been established by City Charter, City Council, or State Law. Board members are selected by the City Council. Applications are accepted in the City Secretary's office year-round and are kept on file for two years. As vacancies occur on the various boards, applications on file are reviewed by the City Council and an interview may be scheduled. Appointments are made at the Council Meetings and applicants will be notified by City Staff.

For information and an application, go to: www.cor.net/government/boards-commissions-meetings.

To sign up for the city's weekly emails, go to: www.cor.net/departments/communications/signup-for-news-updates.



Richardson and Plano Independent School Districts

There are many ways for community members to get involved in the RISD and PISD, including volunteering in the schools, in PTA, or on committees; partnering with schools as an individual or through a local business; or by supporting the districts financially.

To view descriptions of these opportunities, go to:

- (Richardson ISD) www.risd.org/group/community/community_main.html
- (Plano ISD) www.pisd.edu/domain/144

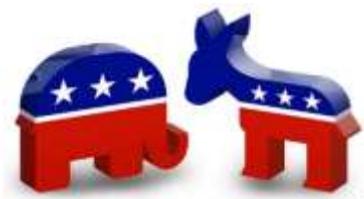


To sign up to receive the RISD's **School Times** newsletter, go to: www.risd.org/group/districtnews/districtnews_main.html

To sign up to receive the PISD's **eNews** newsletter, go to: <https://elist.pisd.edu/> and click on the link at the top of the page.

Primary Election Runoff in Texas May 22, 2018 Election Results

To win a place on a political party's November General Election ballot, a candidate must win a majority (more than 50%) of votes cast in that political party's Primary Election. If no candidate for a particular race wins by a majority, the top two vote-getters in that race will run against each other in the Primary Runoff election.



The 2018 Primary Election Runoff was May 22, 2018. The results of those races for which Richardson residents could vote are listed below.

For a complete listing of Dallas County election results, go to the [Dallas County Elections website](#).
For a complete listing of Collin County election results, go to the [Collin County Elections website](#).

US Representative District 3..... Democratic Primary				
	Dallas County <i>N/A</i>		Collin County <i>12,451 votes cast</i>	
Candidate	% votes received		% votes received	
Sam Johnson	N/A		24.95%	
Lorie Burch	N/A		75.05%	

US Representative District 32..... Democratic Primary				
<i>Districtwide, Colin Allred won 69.5% of the vote to Lillian Salerno's 30.5%.</i>				
	Dallas County <i>21,828 votes cast</i>		Collin County <i>704 votes cast</i>	
Candidate	% votes received		% votes received	
Colin Allred	69.21%		78.27%	
Lillian Salerno	30.79%		21.73%	

Governor..... Democratic Primary				
<i>Statewide, Lupe Valdez won 52.7% of the vote to Andrew White's 47.3%.</i>				
	Dallas County <i>55,307 votes cast</i>		Collin County <i>13,376 votes cast</i>	
Candidate	% votes received		% votes received	
Andrew White	34.75%		44.18%	
Lupe Valdez	65.25%		55.82%	

Primary Election Runoff in Texas May 22, 2018 *Election Results – continued-*

Justice Court of Appeals, District 5, Place 12 Republican Primary			
<i>Districtwide, Jim Piki won 56.94% of the vote to William Johnson's 43.06%.</i>			
	Dallas County		Collin County
	<i>19,189 votes cast</i>		<i>10,419 votes cast</i>
Candidate	% votes received		% votes received
William 'Randy' Johnson	39.91%		29.38%
Jim Piki	60.09%		70.62%

Texas House District 107 Republican Primary			
	Dallas County		Collin County
	<i>4,005 votes cast</i>		<i>N/A</i>
Candidate	% votes received		% votes received
Joe Ruzicka	43.90%		N/A
Deanna Maria Metzger	56.10%		N/A

County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Republican Primary			
	Dallas County		Collin County
	<i>10,125 votes cast</i>		<i>N/A</i>
Candidate	% votes received		% votes received
J.J. Koch	50.12%		N/A
Vickers (Vic) Cunningham	49.88%		N/A

Important Dates for the November 6, 2018 Midterm Elections

Date	Description
January 1, 2018	First day to apply for a ballot by mail
October 9, 2018	Last day to register to vote in the November 2018 Election
October 22, 2018	First day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance
October 26, 2018	Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail
November 2, 2018	Last day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance
November 6, 2018	Last day to receive Ballot by Mail
November 6, 2018	Uniform Election Day (Midterm Elections)



By Martha Dorris (CHIP@lwvrichardson.org)

The proposed change in the Immigration Rule on Public Charge has not been published yet. Families of children in the US legally (including some citizens) will be discouraged from applying for essential health and nutritional benefits if the changes occur. Parents will be forced to choose between jeopardizing their chance to bring their family together in the United States and obtaining available health and nutrition benefits for their children.

- About 25% of Texas children (1.8 million) have at least one parent who is not a US citizen.
- Medicaid now pays for over half of Texas births.



Please consider following this issue and contacting your Congress members when public comment is encouraged. More information is available through Anne Dunkelberg from the Center for Public Policy Priorities (dunkelberg@cphp) and from lwv-tx Child Health Issue Chair Celia Kayne.

In addition to the Public Charge proposed rule change, President Trump has proposed to rescind \$7 billion from CHIP. The proposal would cut \$15 billion from the Bipartisan Budget Act approved in February, close to half of which would come from CHIP, which was just extended earlier this year. This undermines the historically bipartisan agreement to use these funds to help meet the needs of vulnerable children. Please let Congress know you are opposed to these cuts.

In 2016:

- 8,900,074 children were enrolled in CHIP nation-wide
- 1,075,212 children were enrolled in CHIP in Texas

- Three families received information during our May 19 application help session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church.
- At the Berkner High School "Physical Night", Ana Sanchez from the Community Council of Greater Dallas and I visited with about 35 parents, most of whom had insurance for their children. Four were encouraged to follow up with application help.
- We talked to one teacher from Dallas ISD who took information back to her parents about these insurance programs and locations to visit for further assistance.



Thank you for your continued support for CHIP and Children's Medicaid and for your dedicated advocacy. Everyone is welcome to help with any of our events. We will assist at the St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church Health Fair on August 18 from 9 am to noon. Monthly application help sessions resume with the 2018-19 RISD school year.

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