



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF RICHARDSON

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Calendar	
Date	Event
Jan 10	Mid-year party
Jan 25	CHIP at RISD Academy 5:00 – 7:30 pm
Jan 27	CHIP at St. Barnabas 9:00 am - noon
Jan 31	LWV-R board meeting
Feb 5	Last day to register to vote in March primary
Feb 20	First day of early voting
Mar 2	Last day of early voting
Mar 6	Election Day – Primary

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From the President

By Jean Richards

With the holidays behind us, it's time to look forward to 2018. This is a very important election year, with Primaries in March, local elections in May, and the Mid-term Election in November.

The League of Women Voters of Richardson will be active throughout the year, registering voters, participating in Voters Guides and candidate forums, and updating our website with current information. Many thanks to our supporters for providing the funds needed to continue our important work of "encouraging informed and active participation in government."

Locally, we will also be working on another important aspect of our mission, "influencing public policy through education and advocacy." We are engaged in a restudy of our local position on the Richardson City Charter. League positions are adopted after a period of study and consensus, and form the basis for our advocacy efforts.

The City Charter Restudy Committee is being led by member Jessica Hook, and is meeting monthly. Members, we welcome your participation in this process as we consider the issues related to the City Charter and the charter review process. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jessica at charter-restudy@lwvrichardson.org.

I look forward to seeing all of our members, especially those who have joined in the last year, at our Mid-Year Party. Here's to an exciting and productive New Year.



Mid-Year Party

LWV-Richardson members, please be sure to join us at our Mid-Year Party
on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Nita Thomason.

It will be an informal pot luck celebration. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Details will be emailed to members in early January.

LWV-R Finance Drive

As you may recall, last year the League of Women Voters of Richardson moved its annual fundraising campaign, the Finance Drive, from the spring to the fall. Our campaign kicked off in October, and so far we have raised almost 90% of the amount we set as a goal for this fiscal year.

If you have not yet sent in your annual donation to the League, please use the form below. Remember, all of our activities are paid for with donations from community residents and businesses. Thank you.



DONATE TO THE LEAGUE



- Checks written to **LWV-Texas Education Fund-Richardson** are tax-deductible. The League may only use these funds for educational activities, including VOTERS GUIDES and forums.
- Checks written to **LWV-Richardson** are not tax-deductible. The League may use these funds for any League activity.

Mail to: League of Women Voters of Richardson
300 North Coit Road, Suite 125
Richardson, TX 75080

Amount enclosed \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 Other _____

From:

Name: _____

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*Email will be used to send donors the Richardson League's newsletter and will not be shared.

CHIP | Children's Medicaid

By Martha Dorris

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Congress has still not funded CHIP, putting health care for millions of children at risk. It has passed a short-term redistribution of funds to delay shutting down the program and avoid letters of termination being delivered on Dec. 22. However, it is essential to urge your elected officials to restore funding to the Children's Health Insurance Program immediately upon return to Washington, D.C.



More than 400,000 children in Texas are covered by CHIP, including more than 50,000 in Dallas County. It is one of the most beneficial programs for working families who don't have access to insurance through their place of employment. With the impact of Hurricane Harvey increasing the needs of Texas families, and Health Insurance Marketplace stability so uncertain at this moment, CHIP must be maintained to preserve access to strong pediatric care for children.

Children are among our most vulnerable citizens and are our most valuable assets. Please be their advocate by contacting your Congressmen to urge them to quick action. Some of their information is listed below. The Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) is a help in keeping current on CHIP legislation (or in this case, lack of). The Dallas Morning News published articles on 11/29 and 11/30 and letters to the editor subsequently from Jean Richards and me, but individual voters can have a big impact when they tell Congress what concerns them. Thank you all for "pestering" them on behalf those who can't yet vote.

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz: www.cruz.senate.gov DC phone: 202-224-5922

U.S. Senator John Cornyn: www.cornyn.senate.gov DC phone: 202-224-2934

U.S. Representative District 3 Sam Johnson: www.samjohnson.house.gov
DC phone: 202-304-0382

U.S. Representative District 32 Pete Sessions: <http://www.sessions.house.gov/>
DC phone: 202-225-2231

On Nov. 16 we participated as a member of the CHIP coalition at Springridge Elementary School's health fair. Eight families received information about the program. Five were encouraged to make follow up appointments with specialists and were given invitations to attend a help session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) on Nov. 18. On the 18th five families attended and made appointments to complete the application on line the following week at Network (web-site not available on Nov. 18). We are invited to participate in a health fair at RISD Academy on Jan. 25 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and there will be a help session at St. B on Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you would like to volunteer to help or to attend one to meet our families, you are most welcome. Thank all of you for your continued advocacy and support for these programs.



Texas Constitutional Amendment Election Results

November 7, 2017

WHAT WAS ON THE BALLOT?

Texas Constitution

Voters who reside in Texas voted on seven amendments to the Texas Constitution that had been approved by the Texas Legislature. All seven amendments passed.

[Click here for more detailed information.](#)

Dallas County School Board Special Election

Voters who reside in Dallas County voted on whether the governmental entity that provides bus transportation to some school districts in Dallas County will be continued or disbanded. This proposition failed, 41.74% to 58.26%

[Click here for more detailed information.](#)

City of Dallas Bond Election

Voters who reside in the City of Dallas voted on ten bond items. All ten items passed.

[Click here for more detailed information.](#)

Primary Election in Texas March 6, 2018



In Texas, if a political party's gubernatorial candidate received at least 20% of the vote in the last election, that political party may hold a primary election. A primary election is an election in which registered voters select a candidate that they believe should be a political party's candidate for elected office to run in the general election. Primaries are state-level elections that take place prior to a general election.

The Texas Republican and Texas Democrat political parties will hold open primaries on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, to determine who will be on the ballot in the Mid-Term Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Registered Texas voters

- may choose to vote in either the Republican Primary **or** the Democratic Primary. You may **NOT** vote in BOTH primary elections in the same election cycle.
- do **NOT** have to register with a party before voting in their primary election. However, if you vote in one party's Primary election, you may only vote in that same party's runoff election. If you did not vote in the Primary Election, you may vote in either party's Primary Runoff Election.

If a runoff is necessary, it will be held Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

Candidates who want to be on the ballot in the March 6 Texas Primary Elections had to file with the Texas Secretary of State by Monday, December 11, 2017, at 6:00 PM. The next 2 pages have a listing (in the order they appear on the Secretary of State's website) of candidates who will be on the Primary Election ballots for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Board of Education District 12, Dallas County Sheriff, and some local races. For a complete listing, [see the Texas Secretary of State's website.](#)



Candidates in the March 6, 2018 Republican Primary Election

For a complete listing, [see the Texas Secretary of State's website.](#)

Running for U. S. Senator

Bruce Jacobson, Jr.
Geraldine Sam
Mary Miller
Stefano de Stefano
Ted Cruz

Running for U. S. Representative, District 3 (Collin County)

Alex Donkervoet
David Niederkorn
Van Taylor

Running for U. S. Representative, District 32 (Dallas County)

Paul Brown
Pete Sessions

Running for Governor

Barbara Krueger
Greg Abbott
SECEDE Kilgore

Running for Lieutenant Governor

Dan Patrick
Scott Milder

Running for State Board of Education, District 12

Pam Little

Running for State Senator, District 8

Angela Paxton
Phillip Huffines

Running for State Senator, District 16

Don Huffines

Running for State Representative, District 67 (Collin County)

Jeff Leach

Running for State Representative, District 102

Chad Carnahan
Linda Koop
Scott Kilgore

Running for State Representative, District 112

Angie Chen Button

Running for State Representative, District 114

Jason Villalba
Lisa Luby Ryan

Running for Dallas County Sheriff (unexpired term*)

Aaron Meek
Chad Prda

*Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez resigned effective Wednesday, November 29, 2017, to run in the Democratic Party's Primary Election for governor.

Candidates in the March 6, 2018 Democratic Primary Election

For a complete listing, [see the Texas Secretary of State's website.](#)

Running for U. S. Senator

Beto O'Rourke
Edward Kimbrough
Sema Hernandez

Running for U. S. Representative, District 3 (Collin County)

Adam P. Bell
Lorie Burch
Medrick Yhap
Sam Johnson

Running for U. S. Representative, District 32 (Dallas County)

Brett Shipp
Colin Allred
Ed Meier
George Rodriguez
Lillian Salerno
Ron Marshall
Todd Maternowski

Running for Governor:

Adrian Ocegueda
Andrew White
Cedric Davis, Sr.
Demetria Smith
Grady Yarbrough
James Jolly Clark
Jeffrey Payne
Joe Mumbach
Lupe Valdez
Tom Wakely

Running for Lieutenant Governor

Michael Cooper
Mike Collier

Running for State Board of Education, District 12

Laura Malone-Miller
Linda Parsel
Suzanne Smith
Tina Green

Running for State Senator, District 8

Brian Chaput
Mark Phariss

Running for State Senator, District 16

Joe Bogen
Nathan Johnson

Running for State Representative, District 67 (Collin County)

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Eland J. Sigler
Marian Brown
Roy Williams, Jr.

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Registering Voters

What are the requirements to be registered?

In order to register to vote, you must be

- a U.S. citizen.
- a resident of the Texas county in which application for registration is made.
- at least 18 years old on Election Day
- not finally convicted of a felony, or, if so convicted, must have
 - (1) fully discharged the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or
 - (2) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and
- **and** not determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be
 - (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

Contact LWV-Richardson at
voterservice@lwvrichardson.org
if you want to register to vote.



I am registered to vote, but I have moved. What do I need to do?



If you moved within the same county in Texas where you are currently registered, you must file the new address information

- ❖ in writing with your county voter registrar (see *below*) or online at <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager>

If you moved to a new county in Texas, you must re-register in your new county of residence.

<u>For Collin County:</u> Registrar of Voters 2010 Redbud Blvd, Suite 102 McKinney, TX 75069 972-547-1990 Phone 972-547-1995 FAX www.collincountytexas.gov/elections web page	<u>For Dallas County:</u> Elections Administrator 2377 North Stemmons Fwy, Suite 820 Dallas 75207 (214) 819-6300 Phone (214) 819-6301 FAX www.dallascountyvotes.org web page
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For the March 6, 2018, primary, you have to be registered by
Monday, February 5, 2018