



# VOTER

Calendar	
Date	Event
Mar 2	Last day of Early Voting in Person
Mar 6	Election Day – Primary
Mar 24	CHIP Help Session, 9-noon, @ St. B
Mar 26	CHIP Help Session, Liberty JH, 6:30pm-7:45pm

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## From the President

By Jean Richards

Last week, I accompanied League member Martha Dorris to an interview conducted by a national research organization that had been hired by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. They were trying to determine what factors led to the remarkable success of the Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) in enrolling large numbers of families in CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program).

During the course of the interview, Martha and CCGD staff talked about their 15-year collaboration, along with other Richardson-area organizations, in reaching out to the community to educate eligible families about the CHIP program and work to get them enrolled. Martha, representing the League of Women Voters of Richardson, has consistently championed this effort, engaging and training volunteers, organizing monthly enrollment sessions at her church, and working throughout the RISD community to make sure that eligible families have access to health insurance for their children.

Martha's work is based on League Program positions. LWV-Texas has a position that supports programs that provide a basic level of health care for the medically indigent. We also have an LWV-Richardson position that supports "Working with others ... to identify needs for health care services and information in the community, and to promote public awareness of services that are available."

**Please join me in thanking Martha Dorris** for her ongoing work with CHIP families. She is a shining example of how a single dedicated volunteer can make a difference in her community. If you want to help Martha and her team with CHIP enrollment, please contact her at [CHIP@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:CHIP@lwvrichardson.org).



**March 6<sup>th</sup> Primary Elections** – Don't forget, Early Voting ends this Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There's LOTS more election information below from Voter Service VP Ellen Steger, and on our website at [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org).

## Forum for Texas House District 102 Republican Candidates\*

The League of Women Voters of Richardson held a forum for the Republican candidates running for Texas House District 102. The Richardson Council of PTAs co-sponsored the forum. The forum was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 7pm in the Richardson ISD Administration Building auditorium.

Linda Koop is the incumbent in Texas HD 102. Her challengers are Scott Kilgore and Chad Carnahan. Scott Kilgore could not attend the forum due to a family illness out of state.



[Click here to view the video of the forum.](#)

\* The Democratic Party race in District 102 is uncontested, so no forum was needed for Democratic candidates.

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## Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Election

**CANCELLED**

Places 1 and 2 on the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees were up for election in the May 5, 2018, Election. The incumbents, Jean Bono (Place 1) and Kim Caston (Place 2) filed to run. Nobody else filed to run in the election. The Board of Trustees will officially cancel the election at their March 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting since the two places are uncontested.

### Other Elections

The Plano ISD is not scheduled to have an election this year.

The City of Richardson's elections are in odd-numbered years.

Congratulations to LWV-Richardson member  
Susan Majors  
on her nomination to the board of the  
League of Women Voters of Texas!

## Primary Elections 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 in November.



The Texas Republican and Texas Democratic 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.

A searchable list of all candidates who have filed to run in the Primary Elections can be found on the [Texas Secretary of State's website](#).

On the [League of Women Voters of Richardson's website](#), we have a page devoted to information about the March 6 Primary Elections. It contains information about what's on the ballot, forums, VOTERS GUIDES, voting locations, sample ballots, the wording of ballot propositions, and important dates. It will be updated frequently between now and the election, so be sure to check it often if you have questions.

## Where can I find printed and printable LWV VOTERS GUIDES?

All VOTERS GUIDES produced by the League of Women Voters allow all candidates to answer questions on the issues in their own words. We are a nonpartisan organization. We never support, oppose, or endorse any candidate or political party.

All of the content of the VOTERS GUIDES listed below is also available in the online [VOTE411](#) VOTERS GUIDE.



### *Dallas County*

The League of Women Voters of Richardson has placed printed Dallas County VOTERS GUIDES at:

- Richardson library
- Richardson Civic Center
- Huffhines Rec Center
- Heights Rec Center
- Richardson Senior Center

The Dallas County LWV VOTERS GUIDE covers statewide and Dallas County races.

A printable version of the LWV-Dallas VOTERS GUIDE is available on the website of the [League of Women Voters of Dallas](#).

### *Collin County*

Printable Collin County VOTERS GUIDES are available on the website of the [League of Women Voters of Collin County](#).

### *Statewide Races*

Printable copies of VOTERS GUIDES produced by the League of Women Voters of Texas are available on their website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). These VOTERS GUIDES cover only statewide races.



## March 6, 2018, Primary Election *Early Voting In-Person – When and Where?*

In-person Early Voting in Texas is February 20<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Early Voting by personal appearance is conducted by your County Elections Department. All registered voters may vote in person during the Early Voting period. You may vote at any Early Voting location in your county (Dallas or Collin).

Note: When you vote early in person in the Primary Election or if you vote on Election Day, you must 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.
  - If you vote in a political party’s Primary Election, you may only vote in that same political party’s Runoff Election (on May 22, 2018)
  - If you do not vote in the Primary Election, you may vote in either party’s Primary Runoff Election (on May 22, 2018)
- You do **NOT** have to register with a political party before voting in their primary election

### Dallas County



Hours of Early Voting In-Person in Dallas County	
February 20-23 (Tuesday – Friday)	8am – 5pm
February 24 (Saturday)	7am – 7pm
February 25 (Sunday)	1pm – 6pm
February 26 – March 2 (Monday – Friday)	7am – 7pm

The only In-Person Early Voting Location for Dallas County residents within the City of Richardson is at the Richardson Civic Center at 411 W Arapaho Road. However, during Early Voting, you may vote at any Early Voting Location in Dallas County.

The Dallas County Elections Department has not yet published a complete list of **Dallas County** Early Voting locations, dates, and times. When they do, it will be available on their [website](#).

### Collin County



Hours of Early Voting In-Person in Collin County	
February 20-23 (Tuesday – Friday)	8am – 5pm
February 24 (Saturday)	7am – 7pm
February 25 (Sunday)	1pm – 6pm
February 26 – March 2 (Monday – Friday)	7am – 7pm

For a complete list of **Collin County** Early Voting polling locations, dates and times, [click here](#).



## By Martha Dorris

During an application help session on Feb. 17 from 9 am to noon at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B), two families attended and were encouraged to make appointments for on-line help with Network or with the WIC Clinic on Spring Valley Road. Debbie Rowley, Harriet Schmoll, and I handed out information and maps.



On Feb. 20, Jean Richards and I met with Claudia Prieto from the Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) and representatives from Mathematica, a policy research group, as part of a study on CHIP/Children's Medicaid outreach and enrollment programs. The CCGD has one of the best track records for enrolling children in these programs. As one of their longest running partners in this outreach, Mathematica wanted to know what we were doing with the CCGD. They will use this data to suggest ways for other groups/regions to increase enrollment. Therefore, I told about efforts of St. B, the Richardson ISD (RISD) Council of PTAs, the League of Women Voters of Richardson (LWV-R), the RISD nurses, Network of Community Ministries, the WIC Clinic on Spring Valley Road, and all the volunteers from many groups who have trained with the CCGD.

Jean shared her knowledge about both the League and the Council of PTAs and put a perspective on our community that helped Mathematica fit everything together. I was into specifics, but it wouldn't have made much sense to the group without her input. I think that the sense of mission that all of us have in common makes this effort successful. We asked the Mathematica representatives to send us any hints or new ideas for how to improve after they complete their work.

We will have another application help session on March 24 from 9 to noon at St. B and we are invited to Liberty Jr. High School on March 26 for a PTA meeting and open house from 6:30 to 7:45. If you are interested in attending any of these events to meet our families or to help with making copies, handing out information, or visiting with the children, you are very welcome. Thank you for your continued dedication and support.



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Many thanks to LWV-R member Keith Burgess, who has set up a [Facebook group page](#). It is an open group, meaning that anyone can view it. If you haven't done so yet, please join this Facebook group and share posts with your Facebook friends in the area.

Continued thanks to LWV-R member Ellen Steger for managing our Twitter account, [@LWVRichardson](#).

