



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF RICHARDSON**
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VOTER

Calendar	
Date	Event
May 28- June 4	Runoff Early Voting
June 8	Runoff Election Day
July 20	First day to file for place on Nov 5 ballot
Aug 19	Last day to file for place on Nov 6 ballot

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Ellen Steger

The Richardson League's fiscal year is rapidly coming to an end. I am honored to have served as President. It has been another great year and I thank everybody on the board for the fabulous job they did this year. See the list of accomplishments later in this newsletter. I am continually amazed at how much our league gets done with few active people and a small budget.

It takes a village: Thanks to

- our members for supporting us
- our contributors for supporting us financially
- all who contributed time and talents to make this year a glowing success!

This last newsletter of the fiscal year is being distributed early. The local election for City of Richardson City Council members is not over! There is a runoff election for Place 3 between Janet DePuy and Dan Barrios. More information on the election is later in this newsletter.



Only 10% of Richardson's registered voters voted in the May 4 Richardson Mayor and City Council Election. Probably even fewer will vote in the runoff election June 8. Make sure your voice is heard: VOTE!

Congratulations to Jean Richards for being voted President for 2019-2020...and to Jean's board. I'm expecting great things again next year!

June 8, 2019 Runoff Election

WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?

All voters who live in the City of Richardson will vote on:

- Richardson City Council Place 3 (in ballot order):

Place 3 - Janet DePuy
Place 3 - Dan Barrios

PISD and CCCCD Trustee elections do not require a majority, so there are no runoffs for those elections.

VOTERS GUIDES

→ Online

You can view League of Women Voters *Voters Guide* content on the League's [VOTE411](#) website. Just enter your address, view candidates' responses to LWV-produced questions, and compare their answers side-by-side. The Richardson City Council *Voters Guide* on [VOTE411](#) has 20 questions.

→ Printed

A four-question printed *Voters Guide* for the Richardson City Council Runoff Election will be available on the LWV-Richardson website (www.lwvrichardson.org) and at the:

- Richardson Library
- Richardson Civic Center
- Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers
- Richardson Senior Center

CANDIDATE FORUM

Video of the April 17, 2019 Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidate Forum can be found on the [LWV-Richardson website](#).



WHERE DO I VOTE?

The Richardson Civic Center will be an Early Voting location in this election for all registered voters who live in Richardson.

ALL registered voters who live in the City of Richardson and vote on Election Day must vote in their designated precinct polling place.

→ Early Voting

Early Voting for the June 8 Runoff Election will be held:

May 28-31 (Tues-Fri)	8am-5pm
June 1 (Sat)	8am-5pm
June 2 (Sun)	1pm-6pm
June 3-4 (Mon-Tues)	7am-7pm



ALL registered Richardson voters, whether they live in Dallas County or Collin County, may vote early at any [Dallas County Early Voting location](#). The Richardson Civic Center is an early voting location for all Richardson residents in this election.

To vote early in the Richardson City Council Place 3 Runoff Election, **Collin County residents of Richardson** may vote early **ONLY** at any Dallas County Early Voting location. Collin County residents of Richardson **CANNOT** vote early at any Collin County Early Voting locations in this election.

→ Election Day Voting

On Election Day, Saturday, June 8th, polls will be open from 7am to 7pm.

ALL registered Richardson voters who choose to vote on Election Day rather than during Early Voting, whether they live in Dallas County or Collin County, will have to vote at their designated precinct polling place.

Click here to view the list of June 8 [Election Day precinct polling places](#) for Richardson residents. This list is also available through a link on the [webpage of the Richardson City Secretary](#).

To vote on Election Day in the Richardson City Council Place 3 Runoff Election, **Collin County residents of Richardson MUST** vote at their designated precinct polling place (linked to above). Collin County residents of Richardson **CANNOT** vote on Election Day at Collin County Vote Centers in this election.

MAY 4, 2019 ELECTION RESULTS

According to the City Secretary, there were 66,221 registered voters in Richardson at the time of the May 4 election. Of those, 6,741 cast ballots in the City Council election.

That is a participation rate of only 10.18%.

Richardson Mayor and City Council*

Mayor (Place 7)	Paul Voelker	100% of votes cast
Place 1	Bob Dubey	57.99%
Place 2	Mark Solomon	100%
Place 3	Runoff	
Place 4	Kyle Kepner	54.96%
Place 5	Ken Hutchenrider	57.31%
Place 6	Steve Mitchell	100%

* Requires a majority vote of 50% or more.

Dallas County Community College District Bond

Bond	In Favor	71.46%
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Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees**

Place 4	Heather Wang	52.52%
Place 5	David Stolle	63.82%
Place 6	Jeri Chambers	73.77%
Place 7	Cody Weaver	48.87%

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees**

Place 2	Jay Saad	100%
Place 4	Greg Gomel	64.04%
Place 5	Raj Menon	100%
Place 6	Stacy Anne Arias	54.37%

** Requires only a plurality vote (candidate with the most votes wins).

The Dallas County Elections Department wants YOUR input on Election Day Vote Centers.

There will be a public meeting on
Thursday, May 30, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
at the Richardson Civic Center
411 W. Arapaho Road, Room 102.



Would you like to vote anywhere in Dallas County on Election Day just like you can during Early Voting? Vote Centers are alternative to precinct specific Election Day polling locations. We need your input!



In November 2019, Dallas County voters will experience positive changes at our new voting centers. All properly-registered Dallas County voters, will be able to:

- Vote at any one of the polling locations in Dallas County;
- Use New Voting Equipment in 2019;
- Experience Computerized Poll Books which will improve check-in procedures at all participating polling locations.

Join us for one of our Vote Center Committee Meetings!
Be part of developing the Vote Center plan for Dallas County.
Have your questions answered and your concerns addressed!

Kick Off Committee Meeting

District 3	District 1	District 2	District 4
Beltline Conference Center 200 Beltline Desoto, TX 75115	Road & Bridge 715 Rowlett Road Garland, TX 75043	Richardson Civic Center 411 W. Arapaho Rd #102 Richardson, TX 75080	Ruthie Jackson Community Center 3113 S. Carrier Parkway Grand Prairie, TX 75052
Thursday - April 11, 2019 6:30-8:30 - PM	Thursday - May 9, 2019 6:30-8:30 - PM	Thursday - May 30, 2019 6:30-8:30 - PM	Thursday - June 20, 2019 6:30-8:30 - PM

Find out more at www.dallascountvotes.org
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2018-2019 Year In Review

Citizen Education/Advocacy

- Charter Review Committee meetings
- Local Program Planning survey and meeting

Communications

- Informed the public of LWV-R activities through our website, Facebook page, Twitter, and press releases

LWV-R Meetings

- Annual Membership Meeting
- Calendar Planning Meeting
- Budget Committee Meetings
- 4 board meetings
- 9 Monthly Socials

Membership

- 6 new members
- Held orientation meeting for new members
- Job Description committee

CHIP

- Richardson ISD Health Fair
- 8 Help Sessions
- 8 requested sessions at schools
- Meeting with Richardson Area Literacy Center to discuss collaboration between our two groups

Voter Service

- Voter Registration
 - at Associa, Richland College; UTD, BHS, LHHS, PHS, RHS, UTD, International Leadership School, and Richardson ISD Health Fair
 - 6 Volunteer Deputy Registrars in both Collin & Dallas Counties
 - Coordinated with LWV-Dallas, LWV-Irving, and Inspire US on voter registration drives for November election
 - Coordinated with Richland Votes for May election
- Voters Guides (VG)
 - Tax Ratification Election pro/con
 - City of Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidates
 - Vote411 for Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidates, including a member meeting to develop the VG questions
- Forum for COR Mayoral and City Council Candidates
- Staffed a table at Huffhines Art Trails
- Met with Rideshare2vote
- Presented to seniors at International Leadership School

VOTER Newsletter

- 10 VOTER monthly newsletters

Miscellaneous

- Met with LWV-Dallas; LWV-Irving
- Met with Elizabeth Walley (LWV-D) and RISD Superintendent Jeanie Stone to discuss implementing "Be A Texas Voter" into Richardson ISD schools
- 3 members attended the Women's Equality Day Lunch, sponsored by Women's Issues Network (WIN)
- Attended inaugural meeting of the Complete Count Committee (for 2020 Census)



Wednesday, May 15, 2019

The League of Women Voters of Richardson held its Annual Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in Hannah Hall at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church. Fifteen members and one guest attended. Highlights from the meeting include:

First Vice President, Citizen Education/Advocacy Coordinator, Nancy Wilson reviewed the Local Program Planning process this year. The following local positions were renewed as follows:

- Position 1: City Charter: retain as is
- Position 2: Election Laws and Procedures: retain as is
- Position 3: Land Use and Urban Design: retain as is
- Position 4: Child Care in Richardson: retain as is
- Position 5: Public Health Care Services in Richardson: retain as is
- Position 6: Video Recording City Council Meetings: retain as is with an editorial change
- Position 7: Richardson Independent School District: retain as is
- Position 8: RISD and Schools in PISD That Serve Richardson Students: retain as is

A Financial Report and Finance Drive Report were given by Treasurer Keith Burgess.

Budget Committee Chairman Nita Thomason presented the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The budget was approved as presented.

President Ellen Steger remarked on the highlights of the year.

The nominating committee report was accepted. Three people were nominated from the floor to fill empty slots. Since there was only one person slated per office, President Steger, in accordance with the bylaws, instructed Secretary Jessica Hook to cast the ballot for each nominee. The entire slate for 2019-2020 was elected.

The following people were designated to be check signers for the 2019-2020 fiscal year: Keith Burgess (Treasurer), Nancy Wilson (1st VP), and Vicki Barrett (Secretary). The bylaws state that the check signers will be the Treasurer, President, and Secretary. However, next year's President and Treasurer are married and the membership didn't feel that they should each have check signing authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.



Results of the Election

The League of Women Voters of Richardson held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in Hannah Hall at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church.

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

Officers

President	Jean Richards
1st VP, Public Policy—Study and Advocacy Coordinator	Nancy Wilson
2nd VP, Voter Service Coordinator	Ellen Steger
3rd VP, Communications Coordinator	
4 th VP, Membership Coordinator	Nita Thomason
Secretary	Vicki Barrett
Treasurer	Keith Burgess

Directors

(Up to four directors may be elected.)

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

Publicity	Linda Grigsby
Newsletter	Diana Lace
Voter Service	Marcia Grau
Director	

2017-2018 Nominating Committee

Non-Board Chair	Jessica Hook
Non-Board Representative 1	
Non-Board Representative 2	

Congratulations to all!

CHIP | Children's Medicaid

By **Martha Dorris** (CHIP@lwvrichardson.org)

We continue to help families apply for CHIP and Children's Medicaid, the safety net insurance programs for those who don't have access to private medical benefits for their children. John Stack from the Network of Community Ministries will assist anyone who is interested in becoming more adept at this procedure to complete the training to be certified. Volunteers will need to have a background check (free, need driver's license information). Please contact me to reserve your spot for this opportunity at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) on June 8 from 9 am until 1 pm. The federal grants that support the non-profit organizations that help families apply for benefits have been cut drastically during the past couple of years. For example, the Community Council of Greater Dallas (ccgd) now has three CHIP outreach specialists, less than 50% of the former support staff. These children need our help.



The carnival at Berkner High School on May 3 to which we were invited was cancelled due to the threat of bad weather. A similar event is planned for early next academic year.

On May 18, at an application help session at St. B, one family completed a paper form with assistance from Patricia Marquez from the ccgd. We were visited by the owner of two clinics on the Spring Valley Road who reported that many of her patients needed help with the applications for insurance but were afraid to ask for it at governmental locations such as the Health and Human Service local branch or the WIC office. In her opinion, even though the application form is the same everywhere, the families would show up at St. Barnabas for help or at Network for help. She asked that we send her alerts anytime that we will be having a session. We gave her contact information for Network, St. B, and the ccgd. Three members of St. B volunteered for the May 18 event.



To support CHIP/Children's Medicaid bills during this session of the Texas legislature, please visit the League of Women Voters of Texas web site or email me for information. Texas has the nation's highest uninsured rate for kids, and it continues to increase. One of the action alerts concerns the number of times a family must apply for Children's Medicaid benefits (a change of 4 to 5 times every 6 months to once every six months. Please consider encouraging your elected officials to support this bill. [Click here for details.](#)

Thank all of you for your support and dedication to helping our families obtain insurance for their children. I encourage anyone who is interested to visit any of our events and meet our families. If you have time to assist in any event, your help is welcome.