



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

Calendar	
Date	Event
Mar 1	Social; 9-10am; La Madeleine (Coit & Campbell)
Mar 6	CHIP @ Dobie Elementary 8-10:30am
Mar 8	Specially-called board meeting; 9am; Promenade Conference Room
Mar 23	CHIP Help Session @St B; 9-noon
Mar 28	Local Program Planning (LPP) surveys due
Apr 3	LPP member meeting
Apr 12	Regular board meeting
Apr 17	City Council candidate forum
May 15	Annual Member Meeting

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Ellen Steger

LWV-Richardson has had monthly meetings this year to study its position on the City of Richardson Charter. Thanks to LWV-R Secretary Jessica Hook for leading these discussions. The Charter Review Committee then held a Consensus Meeting on February 13, 2019. At that meeting, 5 questions were discussed and consensus was reached on some of the questions. Based on that consensus, the committee will meet again to propose an update to the LWV-R position.

All LWV-R positions will be reviewed during the Local Program Planning (LPP) process. Members, watch your email for details on how you can participate in the LPP process. LPP is your chance to help decide if the Richardson League's positions should be retained, restudied, or dropped. It's also your chance to recommend topics for new local studies. The final step in the LPP process is consideration of all positions at LWV-R's Annual Meeting, which will be Wednesday, May 15th.

Get involved! Be active in LWV-R! A slate of officers and directors for next year will be produced soon. I hope each of you will seriously consider volunteering your time in some way. Please see page 2 for more information and who to contact if you have questions.



LWV-Richardson needs your help for the 2019-2020 year.

What interests YOU?

- helping with Voters Guides?
- helping with forums?
- helping with voter registration drives?
- leading a study group?
- updating social media (Facebook, Twitter, website)?
- sending emails to LWV-R members to keep them informed?
- hospitality?
- meeting logistics?
- fundraising?

If you are interested in any of these jobs...or need more information...please contact

league@lwvrichardson.org

or

972-470-0584

New Life Member: Joan Pask

By Nita Thomason, Membership Director



Congratulations to Joan Pask, who has been a member of the League of Women Voters of Richardson for 50 years! That makes Joan our newest Life Member. Joan joined the Richardson League in January 1969.

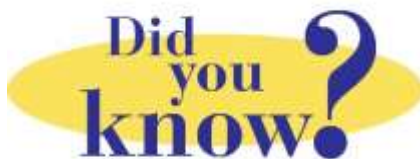
When asked about her experiences in the League, Joan said that she initially joined the League in order to be a better-informed voter and she has appreciated the excellent materials, particularly the Voters Guides the League regularly publishes.

The second reason Joan mentioned for her long tenure in our organization is the relationships she has developed throughout the years with friends in the League. Not only has she enjoyed volunteering alongside League members, but she has also been part of a monthly lunch group of long-time League members.

The League of Women Voters of Richardson has been stronger because of Joan's dedication and long membership in our organization. Thank you, Joan, for your dedication and service to the League.



*The Monthly Lunch Group (left to right)
Front row: Martha Durst, Joan Pask, Nancy Wilson
Back row: Nita Thomason, Helen St. Clair, Mary Lou Hoffman, Nancy Barlow*



- ...that after 50 years of membership in the League of Women Voters, you become a Life Member?
- ...that LWV-R Life Members don't have to pay dues in order to join each year?
- ...that LWV-R now has 2 Life Members: Nancy Wilson and Joan Pask?

VOTER SERVICE

By Jean Richards

May 4, 2019, Local Elections

This is the date on which several local elections will be held:

- The Richardson Mayoral and City Council election (all seven seats)
- Dallas County Community College District \$1.1 billion bond election (LWV-Dallas will be covering this election)
- The Plano ISD Board of Trustees election (Places 4, 5, 6 [unexpired term] and 7)
- Collin County Community College District, Places 2, 4, 5 and 6 (LWV-Collin County will be covering both of these last two elections)

The League of Women Voters of Richardson will produce both printed and online Voters Guides for the City of Richardson election. We are also planning a candidate forum (see next page).

RISD Election Date

The RISD Board of Trustees has settled the lawsuit brought by former Trustee David Tyson. As part of this settlement, five of the seven places on the Board of Trustees will become single-member districts, in which only the residents of each district vote for that place on the board.

In order to give the school district time to create a plan to implement the changes to the board's structure, the federal court has approved moving the 2019 RISD election for Places 3, 4, and 5 from May to November.

For more information, visit the [RISD's web page on the proposed settlement](#).

How to become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR)

Collin County

- Visit the website of the [Collin County Elections Department](#)
- Review the [state training](#) to become a VDR.
- Call 972-547-1900 to make an appointment (Mon-Thurs 1-4pm) to take the required exam based on the state training.

Dallas County

- Visit the website of the [Dallas County Election Department](#)
- Review the [state training](#) to become a VDR; OR Attend a [training class](#); OR Review the state training at the Elections Department at 10am or 1pm daily.
- Take the required exam based on the state training.

If you already have a current VDR certificate from another county, you will not need to take the exam.



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Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidate Forum

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

7:00 pm

Richardson Civic Center
Grand Hall

411 W. Arapaho Road
Richardson, TX 75080

Candidates are listed in ballot order.

Place 1

Bob Dubey
Jason Clarke

Place 2

Mark Solomon*

Place 3

Franklin Byrd
Dan Barrios
Janet DePuy

Place 4

Raymond De Guzman, Sr
Johnny Lanzillo
Kyle Kepner

Place 5

Mauri Long
Ken Hutchenrider

Place 6

Steve Mitchell*

Place 7, Mayor

Paul Voelker*

* Unopposed candidates will not participate in the question-and-answer part of the forum but will be given the opportunity to make a closing statement.

Do you have a question you want the candidates to answer at the forum?

Email it to voterservice@lwvrichardson.org

Questions that are emailed are treated in the same manner as questions submitted at the forum.
Questions will be screened according to *League of Women Voters of Texas Guide to Candidates Forums*.

Visit www.lwvrichardson.org for election information.

Follow the League on:

Facebook: League of Women Voters of Richardson

Twitter: @LWVRichardson

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Let's stop voter suppression in Texas!

By Grace Chimene, President League of Women Voters of Texas



Date of Release or Mention:..... Thursday, February 21, 2019

The League of Women Voters of Texas joined with many other organizations today [requesting the Senate Democrat Caucus block the nomination](#) of the Secretary of State David Whitley. We hope that Republican senators also reject his nomination.

The Secretary of State has an incredibly important job as the Chief Election Officer for Texas. His job is to assist county election officials and ensure the uniform application and interpretation of election laws throughout Texas.

The League is taking this unusual action of opposing a nomination because Whitley has not rescinded the advisory stopping the voter purge of naturalized citizens.

Mr. Whitley issued the advisory and press release on January 25, 2019 that falsely insinuated that 95,000 non-citizen Texans were unlawfully on the voter rolls and that 58,000 non-citizen Texans had, in fact, voted. He shared that list of Texas residents with the Attorney General for a criminal investigation and possible prosecution, and advised Texas counties to take steps towards purging these persons from the voter rolls. This action is discriminatory and unjustly targets people of color. Moves like this only serve to depress voter turnout and participation unnecessarily.

The League's lawsuit against the Secretary of State continues. The League of Women Voters of Texas envisions a democracy where every citizen has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate. We will not let voters be intimidated.

Thank you for standing with the League to fight voter suppression in all its forms.



By Martha Dorris (CHIP@lwvrichardson.org)

On Feb. 16, at an application help session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 3 families successfully completed applications for insurance on line. Our next help session at St. Barnabas is on March 23 from 9 am to noon.

On Feb. 12 at Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet we presented CHIP/Children's Medicaid information to 9 parents from the ESL program. There was a spirited question and answer session thereafter.

On Feb. 28 we have been invited to participate at two events, one at RISD Academy and one at Carolyn Bukhair Elementary School from 6 to 7 pm to provide CHIP information in addition to oral presentations at introductory meetings for parents of the kindergarten class of 2019-2020.

On March 6 at Dobie Primary School from about 8 to 10:30 am, we will provide CHIP information in addition to an oral presentation during a parent pick-up of children's car seats, estimate 60 to 70 attendees.

The Council of PTAs and the RISD nursing staff will provide publicity for the March 23 event. Network, the WIC Clinic, the PTA clothes closet, and the RISD high school counselors will have hard copies of the March flyers. The Community Council of Greater Dallas (ccgd) specialists assisted us on Feb. 12 and 16 and will help on March 6 and 23.

Action Alert: by March 8

Please contact your elected officials by **March 8** to support:

- the Children's Health Coverage Bill – HB 342 (Cortez) and
- the Companion bills: HB 829 (Rose), SB 637 (Zaffarini)

which would help keep more children insured and healthy. You can follow the link (<https://my.lwv.org/texas/action-alert/support-children>) for an almost automatic email. Texas has the nation's highest uninsured rate for kids, and it is getting worse. The current process in some instances asks parents to submit paperwork up to 5 times a year per child, providing short time periods for a parent to respond and increasing the chance that eligible children will lose coverage. These bills would cut down on the paperwork burdening the state, parents, and doctors.



March Luncheon

HONORING UNSUNG HEROES OF FOSTER CARE



Saturday, March 30, 11:00-1:30
Gleneagles Country Club, 5401 W Park Blvd, Plano 75093

HONOREES

Karen Arias - Attorney
Melissa Cason - Attorney
Korey Dillard - Caseworker
Ashlee & Chase Greene - Foster parents
Ashley Jarret - Caseworker

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dan Powers - Childrens Advocacy Center Chief Operating Officer
Joanna Cattanach - grew up in foster care

Reservations are required by March 21
www.lwvcollin.org/march-luncheon-2019
\$35 standard, \$15 student

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Women Suffrage Movement in Texas

By Tom Keener (from the Allen Public Library)

The adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920 represented a huge victory for American women by securing their inalienable right to vote. Texas was the first state in the South to ratify this hard-fought-for change.



Learn more about the champions for Texas women's suffrage, political strategies, anti-suffrage sentiments, efforts to amend the Texas Constitution, primary suffrage, and, finally, the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment with Melissa Prycer:

7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 25

Allen Public Library
300 N Allen Drive
214-509-4911

Melissa Prycer is the president and executive director at Dallas Heritage Village. She holds a master's degree in public history from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Prior to joining Dallas Heritage Village, she worked as an intern at several museums in Dallas.

Melissa has served in a variety of leadership roles for the Texas Association of Museums, the American Association for State and Local

History, and other museum associations. As a historian, she presented "The Hectic Flush: The Fiction and Reality of Consumption in L. M. Montgomery's Life," at the Lucy Maud Montgomery Conference at Prince Edward Island in 2002.

This program is sponsored by the Allen Public Library, located at 300 N. Allen Drive. Call 214-509-4911 for additional information.