



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

Calendar	
Date	Event
May 3	Social; 9-10am; La Madeleine (Coit & Campbell)
May 4	Election
May 15	Annual Member Meeting and dinner; 7pm; Hannah Hall @ St Barnabas Presbyterian Church; 1220 W Belt Line Rd, Richardson 75080
May 18	CHIP Help Session @St B; 9-noon

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Ellen Steger

As I'm sure you know, there's an election going on! Early voting in person is over, but election day is Saturday, May 4. This edition of the VOTER is chock-full of valuable information you need to be an informed voter.



What you may not have known: the Richardson League's Annual Meeting is Wednesday, May 15, at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church. We need member participation as this is the time when members give direction to next year's board. See page 2 for your invitation and how to RSVP.

Your Richardson League continues to help families apply for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Children's Medicaid, the safety net insurance programs for those who don't have access to private medical benefits for their children. See page 9 for an update and for volunteer opportunities.

This Friday, May 3, is the first Friday of the month...time for our social at La Madeleine (northeast corner of Coit and Campbell). These monthly meeting have been a lot of fun. Hope you can join us!

ANNUAL MEETING



Come join us



North side of St Barnabas
(away from Belt Line Road)

Who: All members of LWV-Richardson
Anybody interested in finding out about LWV-Richardson

What: LWV-Richardson's 58th Annual Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 15, 2019
6:15pm Dinner (provided by LWV-R)
7:00pm Meeting

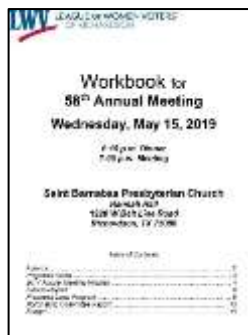
Where: Hannah Hall at St Barnabas
Presbyterian Church
1220 W Belt Line Road
Richardson 75080



Hannah Hall entrance

Why: This is the meeting when all members gather once a year to conduct the business of the organization.

Please RSVP to
membership@lwvrichardson.org
so we'll have an accurate count for dinner.



Members should have received a copy of the Workbook via email. The workbook contains the agenda and all pertinent materials for the meeting.

May 4, 2019 Local Elections

WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?

For complete election information, including links to sample ballots, visit LWV-R's [website](#).

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

- Richardson City Council (candidates listed in ballot order):

Place 1 - Bob Dubey (incumbent) Place 1 - Jason Clarke	Place 2 - Mark Solomon (incumbent)
Place 3 - Franklin Byrd Place 3 - Dan Barrios Place 3 - Janet DePuy	Place 4 - Raymond De Guzman, Sr Place 4 - Johnny Lanzillo Place 4 - Kyle Kepner
Place 5 - Mauri Long Place 5 - Ken Hutchenrider	Place 6 - Steve Mitchell (incumbent)
Place 7 Mayor - Paul Voelker (incumbent)	

All voters who live in the *Collin County* portion of Richardson will vote on the:

- PISD Board of Trustees

Place 4 - Heather Wang Place 4 - Katherine Chan Goodwin Place 4 - Lisa Kolodny	Place 5 - Semida Voicu Place 5 - David Stolle (incumbent)
(unexpired term) Place 6 - Greyson M. Dunn Place 6 - Jeri Chambers (incumbent)	Place 7 - Dylan Rafaty Place 7 - Khalid Ishaq Place 7 - Cody Weaver

- Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

(unexpired term) Place 2 - Jay Saad	Place 4 - Greg Gomel Place 4 - Buzz Kolbe
Place 5 - Raj Menon (incumbent)	Place 6 - Stacy Anne Arias Place 6 - Tim Chappell

All voters who live in the *Dallas County* portion of Richardson, Garland, and Dallas will vote on the:

- Dallas County Community College District bond proposal

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

- Garland City Council (Mayor and Districts 3, 6, 7 and 8)
- A proposition concerning the sale of a park
- Eight propositions concerning the sale of bonds

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

- Dallas City Council (Mayor and Places 1-14)

The *Richardson Independent School District* Board of Trustees election (Places 3, 4, and 5) has been moved to November.

VOTERS GUIDES

→ Online

You can view League of Women Voters *Voters Guide* content for all races on your ballot on the League's [VOTE411](http://VOTE411.org) website. Just enter your address, view candidates' responses to LWV-produced questions, and compare their answers side-by-side.



For the May 4 election, VOTE411 content has been produced by three different local Leagues in our area:

- LWV-Richardson created the content for the Richardson Mayoral and City Council Election, with a total of 20 questions;
- LWV-Collin created the content for the PISD and CCCCD Trustee Elections;
- LWV-Dallas created the content for the Garland and Dallas Elections, as well as the Pro-con *Voters Guide* for the DCCCD Bond Election.

→ Printed

A four-question printed *Voters Guide* for the Richardson Mayoral and City Council Election is available at the:

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



CANDIDATE FORUM

On Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m., the League of Women Voters of Richardson sponsored a Richardson Mayoral and City Council candidate forum in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center.

Video of the forum is available on the [LWV-Richardson website](#). The video is also available on demand on the [City of Richardson website](#) (under CITV Specialty). On the city's cable TV channels (Spectrum channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse channel 99), the forum will air from April 20 through May 2 at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.



Candidates for all seven places on the Council were invited to this forum; only candidates in contested races were asked to respond to questions. Unopposed candidates were given the opportunity to present closing statements.

The public was invited to submit questions to be asked of candidates in contested races at the forum. Questions that were emailed were given the same consideration as questions submitted at the forum. Questions were screened according to League of Women Voters of Texas Guide to Candidates Forums.

Many thanks to the candidates and to moderator Lanet Greenhaw, who did an excellent job.

Thanks also to all of the LWV-Richardson members who volunteered, helping to make the forum a success: Ellen Steger, Keith Burgess, Marcia Grau, Kristin Kuhne, Vicki Barrett, Tom Barrett, Nita Thomason, Diana Lace, Cathy Murphree, Brenda Boston, Nancy Wilson, and Nancy Fisher.

WHERE DO I VOTE ON ELECTION DAY?



Dallas County

If you live in Dallas County and didn't vote during Early Voting, you will need to go to your local precinct polling place to vote on May 4th.

To find your local polling place, type your name and birthdate into the [Voter Lookup](#) page on the Dallas County Elections Department website. The result will include your polling place and personalized ballot.

A complete list of Dallas County Election Day polling locations can be found on the Dallas County [Elections Department website](#).



Collin County

If you live in Collin County and didn't vote during Early Voting, you may go to any [Election Day Vote Center](#) in Collin County to vote for PISD and CCCCDC races.

If you wish to vote for ALL races on your ballot (including Richardson City Council), you will need to go to one of the three Collin County Election Day Vote Centers located in the City of Richardson. They are:

- Aldridge Elementary School, 720 Pleasant Valley Lane
- Church of the Nazarene, 2101 E Renner Road
- Miller Elementary School, 5651 Coventry Drive

DID YOU KNOW ...

- Beginning in November, 2019, both Dallas and Collin Counties will allow voters to vote at any polling location in the county on Election Day?
- Also beginning in November, 2019, both Dallas and Collin Counties plan to use new electronic voting machines with paper backups?

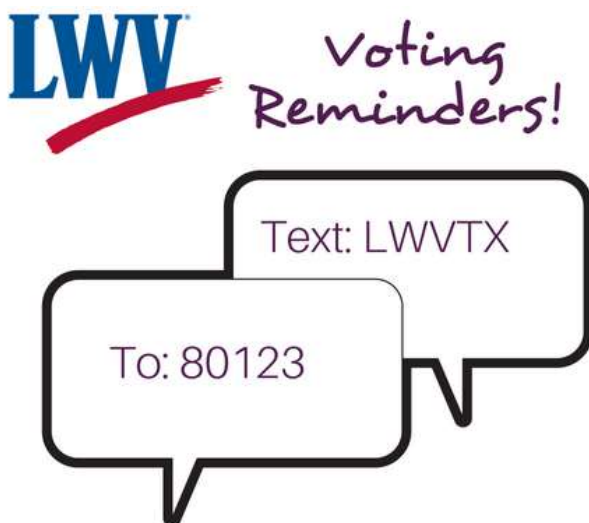
Make sure your voice is heard! VOTE!

As of April 29, 2019, there are 1,300,416 registered voters in Dallas County.

According to information on the Dallas County Election Department's website, the number of voters voting in the May Joint Election has been increasing. However, the percentage of people voting is still very low. Below is a table showing the total number of people voting early in person in the May Joint Election in all of Dallas County and at the Richardson Civic Center for the years 2015, 2017, and 2019. (Statistics were not available on the Collin County Election Department's website.)

Make sure you vote!

Dallas County # Voters Voting Early in Person					
All of Dallas County			Richardson Civic Center		
In 2015	In 2017	In 2019	In 2015	In 2017	In 2019
35,690	52,081	74,430	1338	2476	3,999



LWV-R Board Meeting Summary

The League of Women Voters of Richardson Board met on Friday, April 12, 2019. Below is a summary of that meeting.



• Education and Advocacy

- The board accepted the report from the Richardson City Charter Review Committee. The board voted to keep Position I (City Charter) as presented by the committee.
- The board voted to amend Position VI (Video Recording City Council and RISD Trustee Meetings) by adding the City Plan Commission meetings and City Council Budget Workshop to the list of city meetings that should be recorded and made available to the public.
- The board voted to 'review and update' positions VII (Richardson ISD) & VIII (RISD and Schools in PISD That Serve Richardson Students) to give people a chance to review these positions. It has been suggested that these 2 positions be combined into one position.
- A new study was proposed to explore options for low income home owners with necessary repairs to meet safety requirements. A position does not already exist to cover this issue, so a new study is needed.

• Voter Service

- Voter registration drives were held at Richland College on two separate days.
- Vote411 is live and printed copies of the entire Dallas County Voters Guide is available at Dallas County libraries. A Richardson-specific Voters Guide is available at the Richardson Library, rec centers, and Senior Center.
- Voter Service VP Jean Richards presented at the International Leadership High School, a charter school in Garland. She spoke to the seniors about the importance of voting.
- President Ellen Steger moderated a forum on April 10th for City of Richardson Mayoral and City Council candidates. The forum was sponsored by the JJ Pearce, Reservation, and Canyon Creek Homeowners Associations.
- Sixteen League members are volunteering at LWV-Richardson's City of Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidate Forum to be held Wednesday, April 17, in the Grand Hall at the Richardson Civic Center.
- The Nominating Committee report was presented to the board. It will be printed in the Workbook and presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- The Budget Committee presented a proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The proposed budget will be printed in the Workbook and presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- The Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, in Hannah Hall at St Barnabas Presbyterian Church (1220 W Belt Line Road, Richardson 75080). Dinner (provided by LWV-R) will begin at 6:15pm. The meeting will begin at 7pm.

CHIP | Children's Medicaid

By Martha Dorris (CHIP@lwvrichardson.org)

On April 13 from 9 am to noon we had an application help session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) with one parent attending. John Stack (Network) and Ana Santacruz (Community Council of Greater Dallas) both were with us, but the web-site was not available. Ana helped fill out a paper form and photographed it and all required documentation and will submit it on Monday. Aida Plaud, GeorgeAnn Dukes, Gail Johnson and I were on hand to encourage clients.

On April 18 at Dover Elementary School, Ellen Steger and Carlos Gutierrez assisted 7 families with information and referrals during their health fair. It was well attended, and the families had eligible children, some of whom needed immediate help.

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. B on June 8 from 9 am until 1 pm. Thank you.



We are invited to participate in a carnival at Berkner High School (1600 E Spring Valley, Richardson 75081) on May 3 from 4:30 until 8 pm. The Council of PTA arranged this invitation.

The Council of PTAs and the RISD nursing staff will provide publicity for a May 18 application help session at St. B from 9 am to noon. Network, the WIC Clinic on Spring Valley Road, the PTA clothes closet, and the Boys and Girls Club have hard copies of the May flyers.

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 call me for information. Texas has the nation's highest uninsured rate for kids, and it continues to increase.

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.