




**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF RICHARDSON**

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# VOTER

CALENDAR		
Sept 1		Deadline to apply for COR City Charter Commission
Sept 5		First day to apply for ballot by mail for Nov 4 election
Sept 10	7pm	 Are <u>YOU</u> water wise? LWV-R public meeting on Water Parks Room, Richardson Civic Center 411 W. Arapaho, Richardson 75080
Sept 20	9am-noon	CHIP Help Session; St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church 1220 W. Belt Line, Richardson 75080
Sept 23		National Voter Registration Day
Sept 25	6:30 pm	"The Day My God Died" Gendercide Awareness Project Angelika Film Center, 5321 E Mockingbird, Dallas; \$10
Oct 6		Last day to register to vote in Nov 4 election
Oct 8	7pm	Forum – TX House District 102 <i>Linda Koop (Republican) vs. George Clayton (Democrat)</i> Westwood Junior High small gym 7630 Arapaho Road, Dallas 75248
Oct 9	6:30 pm	"The Day My God Died" Gendercide Awareness Project FunAsia, 1210 East Belt Line Road, Richardson; \$10
Oct 14	7pm	Forum – State Board of Education District 12 <i>Geraldine "Tincy" Miller (Republican incumbent) vs. Lois Parrott (Democrat) vs. Mark Wester (Libertarian)</i> Richardson ISD Administration Building Auditorium 400 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson 75081
Oct 20-31		Early voting in person for Nov 4 election
Oct 24		Last day to <b>receive</b> application for ballot by mail for Nov 4 uniform election

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Ellen Steger, President

Your Richardson League of Women Voters has some exciting events coming up in September and October. Make plans **now** to attend!

Are YOU Water  Wise?

The first exciting event that you can attend is a panel discussion on water on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. This is a **free public meeting** sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Richardson and the Richardson Environmental Action League.

Panelists are:

- ✓ **Don Magner** Assistant City Manager, City of Richardson
- ✓ **Clint Wolfe** Program Manager Urban Water, Texas A&M AgriLife  
Research & Extension Center at Dallas
- ✓ **Mike Rickman** Deputy Director, North Texas Municipal Water District

The evening begins with light refreshments at 6:30pm, followed by the panel discussion at 7pm in the Parks Room at the Richardson Civic Center (411 W. Arapaho Road in Richardson 75081).

## The exciting events continue into October...

The League of Women Voters of Richardson and the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs are so-sponsoring a Forum for candidates of **Texas House District 102** on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. The forum begins at 7pm in the small gym at Westwood Junior High School, 7630 Arapaho Road in Dallas 75248.

...AND...

The League of Women Voters of Richardson, the League of Women Voters of Collin County, and the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs are co-sponsoring a Forum for candidates of **State Board of Education District 12** on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. The forum begins at 7pm in the auditorium of the Richardson ISD Administration Building, 400 S. Greenville Avenue in Richardson 75081.

...AND...

The movie "**The Day My God Died**" is being shown Thursday, October 9, 2014, as part of the Gendercide Awareness Project that the Richardson League is partnering. The movie will be shown at 6:30pm at FunAsia in Richardson (1210 E. Belt Line R75081), followed by a panel discussion. This documentary presents the stories of young girls whose lives have been shattered by the sex trade. Tickets are \$10.

...AND...

**We need your help!** The Richardson ISD area CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) Coalition is having a Health Fair at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 9am-noon, on Saturday, September 20, 2014. People are needed to help families understand and complete the new form.

More details on all these exciting events can be found later in this September *VOTER*.

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# Are YOU water wise?

*How did we get in this predicament?*

*What are our current problems?*

*What can we do?*

To find answers to these and other questions,  
come to a panel discussion sponsored by

The League of Women Voters of Richardson  
and  
Richardson Environmental Action League



**Date:** Wednesday, September 10, 2014  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. Reception (light refreshments)  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Panel  
**Location:** Richardson Civic Center, Parks Room  
411 W. Arapaho Road  
Richardson 75080

### Panelists:

**Don Magner** Assistant City Manager, City of Richardson  
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Do you have a question you want the panelists to answer at the event? Email it to [program@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:program@lwvrichardson.org)  
Questions that are emailed are given the same consideration as questions submitted at the event.  
Questions will be screened according to *League of Women Voters of Texas Guidelines*.



Visit [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org)  
Follow the League on Twitter @LWVRichardson

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# Mark your calendar!

Your Richardson League of Women Voters is very busy this Fall! Besides the public meeting on water (Are YOU Water Wise?), we are planning two forums:



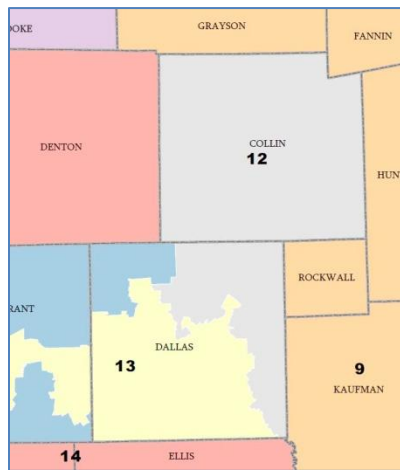
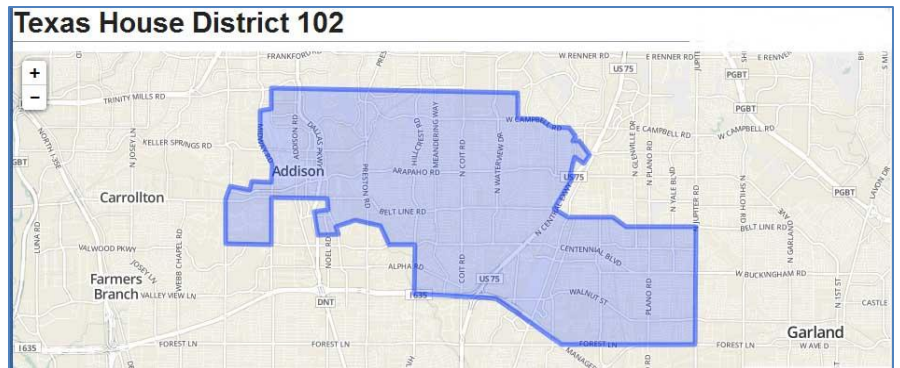
## Forum for House District 102

Wednesday, October 8, 2014  
7:00pm

Westwood Junior High School, small gym  
7630 Arapaho Road  
Dallas, TX 75248

### Candidates (listed in ballot order)

- Linda Koop, *Republican*
- George Clayton, *Democrat*



## Forum for State Board of Education District 12

Tuesday, October 14, 2015  
7:00pm

Richardson ISD Administration Building Auditorium  
400 S. Greenville Avenue  
Richardson, TX 75081

### Candidates (listed in ballot order)

- Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, *Republican*
- Lois Parrott, *Democrat*
- Mark Wester, *Libertarian*



## Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

*Martha Dorris*

Thank you for all of your help and support during the 2013-2014 academic school year for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). We anticipate renewed interest from families asking for assistance due to the introduction of a new drastically revised form.

For at least eleven years, the Richardson ISD (RISD) area CHIP Coalition, for which LWV-Richardson was a founding member, has supported efforts that encourage families to obtain health insurance for their children and, thus, obtaining the economic security that coverage provides.

The Richardson ISD Council of PTAs is our essential link to publicize events to our families. The RISD nursing staff enthusiastically encourages these efforts and also invites families to participate. Events hosted at

- St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B). St B provides space free of charge. Last school year, we hosted 10 application help sessions at St. B, with an average of 6 families completing the forms at each help session.
- RISD campuses. We are also invited to participate in health fairs, parent forums, and PTA meetings at individual campuses of RISD. Last school year at 7 RISD on-site events, 30 families received direct help with the application. Many more families obtained information about CHIP programs.

Some families have great difficulty understanding what information is requested and need encouragement to complete the form. We routinely invite bilingual volunteers from the Community Council of Greater Dallas to assist us with our Spanish-speaking families.

**We need help!** [Help sessions](#) are planned from 9am to noon at  
St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church  
1220 W. Belt Line Road  
Richardson 75080  
(adjacent to Richardson High School)

on these dates:

September 20, 2014	October 18, 2014	November 15, 2014
January 17, 2015	February 21, 2015	March 21, 2015
April 18, 2015		

Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in this advocacy. Please consider joining us at any of our events. You will meet the families that you are actively helping and probably receive new "refrigerator art" in the process.

Questions? Contact: Martha Dorris  
972-690-4908  
mikedorris1@tx.rr.com



**GENDERCIDE AWARENESS PROJECT & LWV Richardson**



**Present Documentary Film**

## **'The Day My God Died'**

**Thursday, Sept 25 @ 6:30 pm in Dallas  
Thursday, Oct 9 @ 6:30 pm in Richardson**



Filmed in Nepal and India, this documentary presents the stories of young girls whose lives have been shattered by the sex trade. The film provides actual footage from inside the brothels of Bombay, known even to the tourists as "The Cages," captured with spy camera technology. The documentary also introduces the heroes of the movement who are working to abolish child sex slavery and who remind us that, "these are our daughters." A short panel discussion will follow.

See film trailer at [www.gendap.org](http://www.gendap.org).

**Buy your tickets now at [www.gendap.org](http://www.gendap.org).**

**Tickets are expected to sell out online and may not be available at the door.**

**Thurs, Sept 25, 6:30 pm @ Angelika Film Center, 5321 E. Mockingbird Ln, Dallas \$10**

**Thurs, Oct 9, 6:30 pm @ FunAsia Theater, 1210 E. Beltline Rd., Richardson \$10**

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## ***Making LWV-R the BEST it can be!***

LWV-R board members met August 2<sup>nd</sup> for an informative orientation seminar to prepare the board for the dynamic activities planned for the 2014-15 year.



Leading the event were Karen Nicholson, LWVUS Board member and past LWV-TX president, and Dr. Jody Westbrook, Executive Director of the Texas Staff Development Council. Both started their League membership in Richardson and retain strong local ties to the group.

The agenda included sections on League studies and action at the local, state, and national levels. Financial discussion covered the 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) divisions and how each serves to further the mission of the League to encourage voter participation by informed citizens. The participants discussed league policies to end the afternoon session. The Local Policy Statement, below, is also found in the member handbooks.

...Nancy Wilson

### **LOCAL POLICY STATEMENT League of Women Voters of Richardson**

#### **A. NONPARTISANSHIP POLICY**

The purposes of the League of Women Voters are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. However, the League shall not support nor oppose any political party or any candidate (State Bylaws, Article II, Sec. 1 & 2).

This nonpartisan policy of the League has always been a strength of the League and should be zealously guarded. At the same time, the League believes that the party system is an integral part of our form of government and urges its members to work as individuals in the party of their choice.

The Board of Directors is responsible for carrying out the nonpartisan political policy in its community and for seeing that there is member understanding and public awareness of the League's nonpartisan stance.

1. All members, including Board members, are urged to participate actively in politics, but no one shall represent that activity as League activity.
2. Board members shall use discretion in making comments in public, weighing how their comments may reflect on the nonpartisan status of the League.
3. A Board member shall resign from the Board with a written resignation before filing for elective public office or accepting appointment as campaign member or treasurer for a political candidate. This resignation must be submitted in time for the Board to first make public announcement of the resignation. The time which must elapse after political activity before a member is elected, appointed or returned to the Board shall be at the discretion of the Board.
4. The President, Action Chair, Community Relations Chair, and Voters Service Chair, however, may not participate in conspicuous partisan political activities during their terms of office. League members should take care not to represent their partisan political activities as League policy, and should not use the name of the League in such a way as to imply endorsement of or opposition to any candidate for elected office.
5. The political activities of a spouse or relative of a Board member are considered to be separate and distinct from the activities of the Board member.

## **B. SPEAKING FOR THE LEAGUE**

1. Only the President speaks in the name of the League, unless a spokesperson is designated by the President for a particular time and purpose.
2. Members disagreeing with a League position shall not identify themselves as League members if they speak publicly in opposition.
3. Members are encouraged to attend and participate as private citizens in meetings of governmental committees, commissions, and boards.
4. Members attending public meetings as official League delegates and observers, however, are there as reporters only. They will confine themselves to taking notes, and if they are doubtful about any point, they may ask questions quietly after the meeting is adjourned.
5. Board members should exercise discretion in aligning themselves publicly with either side of a local non-League, governmental issue. The Board should review those cases in which the issue or activities of a Board member may affect the League's standing in the community.

## **C. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

A Board member seeking appointment to a public board or commission shall inform the Board.

## **D. FINANCE**

1. Financial contributions to the League can be accepted without being misconstrued as endorsement of the donor by the League.
2. All information relating to contributors to the League shall remain confidential upon the request of the contributor.
3. Annual dues are payable June 1. If a member has not paid the dues by September 15, the member may be dropped. Sufficient notice through the *VOTER*, a personal telephone call, and a dues statement will be given to all members before dropping. A member can be reinstated upon payment of dues. Members may pay by installments through an agreement with the Treasurer. Persons joining the League after January 1 may pay half the annual amount.

## **E. ROSTER**

League membership lists are not made public. Use of the list for any purpose must have Board approval. The following statement shall appear on the first page of the Roster: "This directory is for the convenience of League members only. It is not to be used by League members for non-League projects nor given to non-League members for non-League projects without the consent of the Board of Directors."

## **F. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee shall make prospective Board members aware of the nonpartisanship policy as stated in this Policy Statement.

## **G. LOCAL POLICY STATEMENT**

The local Board will review the Policy Statement annually. When it is approved by the Board, the Policy Statement will be included in the local Member Handbook.

## **H. REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP.**

Final consensus statements, local positions, and actions taken on local, state, and national issues shall be reported to the membership in the local *VOTER*.



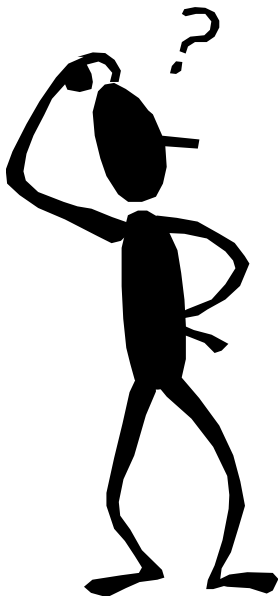
## Famous Firsts by American Women

The August, 2014, VOTER reported that [Nellie Tayloe Ross](#) from Wyoming was the first woman elected governor in 1924. She took office on January 5, 1925.



[Miriam Amanda Wallace Ferguson](#) ("Ma" Ferguson) was the first female governor of Texas. She took office on January 20, 1925, just days after Nellie Ross assumed the position in Wyoming.

[Jeannette Pickering Rankin](#) from Montana was the first woman elected to the United States Congress. She was elected in 1916 and again in 1940. She was the first woman elected to a national office.



### *Did you know?*

- As of January, 2014, there are 79 female representatives in the United States House of Representative. That's 18% of the body.
- Women have been elected to the House of Representatives from 44 of the 50 states in the US. The states that have NOT elected a woman to the House are:
  - ✓ Alaska
  - ✓ Delaware
  - ✓ Iowa
  - ✓ Mississippi
  - ✓ North Dakota
  - ✓ Vermont

Note: Alaska & North Dakota have been represented by women in the United States Senate.



# National Voter Registration Day September 23, 2014

Any day...EVERY day is Voter Registration Day!

Are YOU registered to vote? Do you know someone who is NOT registered to vote? Contact the League of Women Voters of Richardson and we'll send you a voter registration card.

Contact: [voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org)

## Who can vote in Texas?

To be eligible to register to vote in Texas, a person must be:

- A United States 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
- 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.