

# VOTER

| February, 2015 |          |   |
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| 15             |          | Susan B. Anthony's Birthday   |
| 16             |          | Presidents' Day   |
| 19             | 6:30-8pm | White Rock Elementary School. Health Fair, 6:30 to 8 pm, 9229 Chiswell Road, Dallas 75238           |
| 21             |          | CHIP Help Session @ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church; 1220 W. Belt Line, Richardson 75080; 9am-noon |
| 23-24          |          | LWV-TX Lobby Days   |
| 27             |          | Last day for candidate to file for May 9 election   |
| March, 2015    |          |   |
| 4              | 6:30pm   | LWV-R Finance Drive Begins, PM Realty Conference Room, Promenade                                    |
| 4              | 7:00pm   | LWV-R Local Program Planning Meeting, PM Realty Conference Room, Promenade                          |
| 4              |          | Public hearing for input on the city charter requested by the Charter Review Commission             |
| 10             |          | First day to apply for ballot by mail for May 9 election  |
| 21             | 9am-noon | CHIP Help Session @ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church; 1220 W. Belt Line, R75080                     |
| 25             | 5:30-7pm | Northlake Elementary School Health Fair; 10059 Ravensway, Dallas 75238                              |
| 25             | 6-8pm    | Liberty Junior High School Health Fair, 10330 Lawler Road, Dallas 75243                             |



Ellen Steger, *President*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Your League of Women Voters of Richardson is keeping an eye on the May 9, 2015, election. For the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees, Places 1, 2, and 5 will be on the ballot, if contested. For the City of Richardson (COR), the Mayor and all 6 City Council Members' places will be on the ballot, if contested.

Time to file for a place on the May 9<sup>th</sup> ballot began Wednesday, January 28, 2015, and ends Friday, February 27, 2015. If any of the RISD or COR places are contested, LWV-Richardson will have a forum and a VOTERS GUIDE. Stay tuned!



There are several opportunities in the next 2 months to volunteer for CHIP Help Sessions and/or Health Fairs. Get involved!

## Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/Medicaid for Children

Martha Dorris

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Thank you for the time and effort you all dedicate to this advocacy. The New Year is off to a great start with these results from our January events:

- ✓ **Jan. 15:** Health Fair, Greenwood Hills Elementary School. Rubi Rosales-Salazar from the Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) and I discussed insurance programs with 5 families and answered questions from a few other parents at their Health Fair.
- ✓ **Jan. 17:** St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) application help session. Brenda Santacruz (CCDG), Susan Majors (LWV-R), GeorgeAnn Dukes (St. B), and I helped 8 families fill out application forms. One other family with more complicated circumstances was referred to the CHIP specialist from the CCGD at the local WIC Clinic.
- ✓ **Jan. 22:** Merriman Park Elementary School. Geovanna Prieto (CCGD) and I talked to 2 families about the renewal process for insurance and 2 other families took brochures to associates. A few other parents also received information at the Health Fair.



If your schedule permits and you are interested in helping or observing, we have the following opportunities scheduled:

- **Feb. 19:** White Rock Elementary School. Health Fair, 6:30 to 8 pm, 9229 Chiswell Road, Dallas 75238
- **Feb. 21:** St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, Application help, 9 am to noon, 1220 W. Belt Line, R75080
- **March 21:** St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, Application help, 9 am to noon, 1220 W. Belt Line, R75080
- **March 25:** Northlake Elementary School, Health Fair, 5:30 to 7 pm, 10059 Ravensway, Dallas 75238
- **March 25:** Liberty Jr. High School, Health Fair, 6 to 8 pm, 10330 Lawler Road, Dallas 75243

Among the issues that the LWV-Texas will follow at the 2015 Texas Legislative session are measures related to the physical well-being of children. Please consider watching the Legislative Newsletter as it is published for up-to-date information on the bills that have the potential to effect CHIP and Children's Medicaid and contact your elected representatives accordingly.

# Finance Drive

by Diana Lace, Finance Drive Chairman



The 2015 Finance Drive for the LWV-Richardson will begin in March. It is time to replenish our bank account again so we can continue the work of the League for the following year.

If you have names of any new prospects for our campaign, please let me know right away. ([finance@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:finance@lwvrichardson.org)) Think of people or businesses in Richardson that would be interested in supporting the League's work.

Our letter signing party is on March 4 at 6:30 pm in the PM Realty Conference Room, #220, on the second level of the Compass Bank Building. Refreshments will be served. Finance letters to the community are much more effective with hand written notes from League members, so please try to participate.

Your help will be appreciated. This is truly a team effort.



LWV-R members met at the home of Nancy Wilson on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, to review 3 of the 8 local positions held by LWV-Richardson. Positions 1, 2, and 6, all regarding the City of Richardson, were reviewed by Martha Dorris, Nancy Wilson, and Jean Richards. The reviews provided information about how the LWV decided to adopt these positions. Position 1 concerns the City Charter, Position 2 concerns Election Laws and Procedures, and Position 6 is about Televising City Council meetings. The informative meeting was a prelude to the

Local Program Planning Meeting

March 4, 2015

7pm

PM Realty Conference Room in the Promenade Tower.

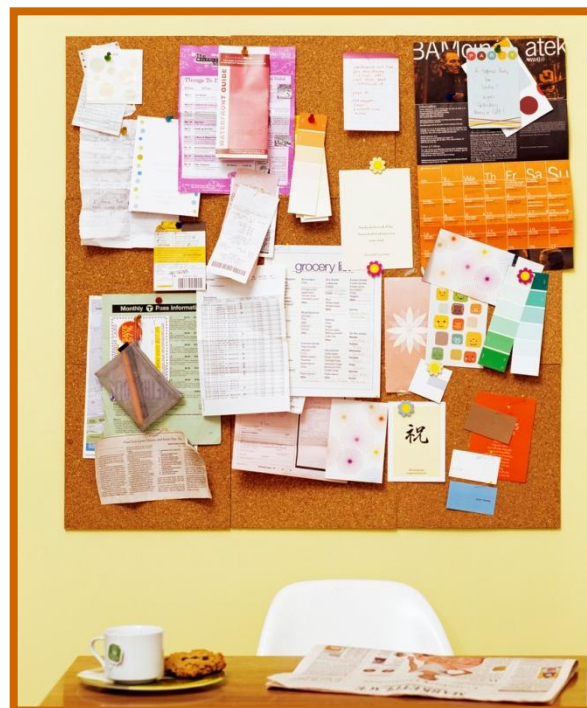
All members are invited to the Local Program Planning Meeting where the members give direction to the board on whether to keep, restudy, revise, or drop a position.



## Board Notes

The League of Women Voters of Richardson Board met on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, in the PM Realty Board Room in Promenade. Below is a summary of that meeting.

- Discussed plans for the March 4, 2015, Local Program Planning Meeting. First VP Lynette Weisheit is planning the meeting.
- Discussed plans for the Finance Drive, including the signing party at 6:30pm on March 4, 2015. Diana Lace is chairing the effort.
- Discussed plans to sponsor 2 forums, if places are contested in the May 9, 2015, election:
  - City of Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidate Forum for Places 1-7, to be held at 7pm on Wednesday, April 14, 2015, in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center
  - Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum for Places 1,2,& 5, to be held at 7pm on Tuesday, April 22, 2015, in the Richardson ISD Administration Building auditorium
- Voted on a policy for archiving videos and supporting materials on the LWV-R website
- Requested that Treasurer Terri Chepregi check into paying the office rent automatically.
- Approved the purchase of a copier/printer to replace the one that quit working.
- Appointed a Nominating Committee: off-board member Kristin Kuhne and board members Brenda Boston and Lynette Weisheit.
- Appointed a Budget Committee: Jean Richards, Chair, and Nancy Wilson. President Ellen Steger and Treasurer Terri Chepregi are *ex-officio* members.





**Lobby Days**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**February 23-24, 2015**

Agenda for Monday, February 23, 2015

- 12:00 Registration
- 12:30 Welcome by Elaine Wiant, *President, League of Women Voters of Texas*  
Donna Howard, *Texas House of Representatives, District 48*
- 12:50 Remarks by Chad W. Dunn, Brazil & Dunn, Legal Counsel for Lead Plaintiffs in the Texas Voter ID Litigation
- 1:30 Questions
- 1:40 Water Panel – Laura Blackburn, *Advocacy Vice President, League of Women Voters of Texas*
- Dr. Andrew Sansom, *Director of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University*
  - David Phillips, *Expert on Fracking and Water Use*
- 2:40 Questions
- 2:50 Break
- 3:10 Remarks by Alma Allen, *Texas House of Representatives, District 131*
- 3:50 Questions
- 4:00 Remarks by Kathy Miller, *Texas Freedom Network*
- 4:45 Questions
- 5:00 Adjourn

On Tuesday, February 24, we will be meeting in the Member's Lounge from 9:00am until 10:30am. We will be reviewing our priorities and Brooke Bennett, Senior Policy Analyst for Representative Donna Howard, will give us her insights on best practices for lobbying.

At 10:30am, we will visit with our legislators, reviewing our priorities for the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and giving them a copy of "We Support."

The cost of Lobby Days is \$10.00, and we hope that all of you will pre-register online.

Spread the word and plan to join us!





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

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**SENATOR RAY FARABEE'S LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Hosted by the Farabee Family**

**Monday, February 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

**UT Alumni Center, 2110 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, TX 78712**

The League is pleased to honor former Senator Ray Farabee for his lifelong dedication to *Making Democracy Work*® in Texas. Senator Farabee's public service exemplified the values and pillars of the League. Sen. Farabee represented Wichita Falls for 13 years, earning Texas Monthly's BEST LEGISLATOR award five times. He was an advocate for Texans and his top priorities often mirrored those of the League—sponsoring a constitutional amendment to allow garnishment of wages for child support, reforming juvenile justice and the mental health codes, and supporting merit-based selection of appellate state court judges. Ray Farabee and his first wife, Helen, were role models for today's leaders, and extraordinary examples of the passion that drives the League. Ray's sons, David and Steve Farabee, join with the League to honor their parents' service to the citizens of Texas for our *Making Democracy Work*® celebration. Join us for an evening of storytelling!

**League of Women Voters Sponsorship Opportunities and Individual Reservations**

- \$75 Individual Reservation** (seating for one)
- \$250 Minnie Fisher Cunningham** (reserved, priority seating for two; names in program)
- \$800 Jesse Daniel Ames** (reserved, priority table for 8; name on table, in program, and announced from podium)
- \$2,500 Carrie Chatman Catt** (reserved, priority table for 8; name on table and announced from podium; half-page ad in program)
- \$5,000 Oveta Culp Hobby** (reserved, two priority tables for 8; name on table and announced from podium; full-page ad in program, logo on LWV-TX Website for one year)
- I cannot attend the dinner, but would like to contribute a tax deductible donation of: \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the "League of Women Voters Texas Education Fund".  
*Donations of \$250 or more will be recognized as sponsorships.*

**I am pleased to sponsor the event, but do not need all my seats. I am returning \_\_\_\_\_ seats to you.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My table includes the following guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegan Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check enclosed payable to either "LWV-TX Education Fund" (tax deductible beyond the cost of the meal) or "LWV-TX" (not deductible but supports our operations and advocacy)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Amount to charge my credit card \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_ Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Phone & Email required for credit purchase**

Mail or email reservations to: LWV-TX, 1212 Guadalupe #107, Austin, TX 78701; LWVtexas@LWVtexas.org

Secure credit card payment can be made via the donation page at [www.LWVtexas.org](http://www.LWVtexas.org)

## Famous Firsts in February by American Women



On February 9, 2009, the first African American female flight crew took their historic flight, having come together accidentally when the scheduled first officer called in sick. Captain Rachelle Jones, first officer Stephanie Grant, and flight attendants Diana Galloway and Robin Rogers flew together on an Atlantic Southeast Airlines flight from Atlanta to Nashville.



In February, 2010, [Kathryn Bigelow](#) becomes the first woman ever to win an Academy Award as best director. She claimed the Oscar for her 2009 Iraq War movie *The Hurt Locker*.

