



VOTER



*Brenda Boston,
President*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

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The May 9th election has passed, but the election is not finalized for Richardson residents in Collin County. There will be a run-off election for Collin County Community College District Place 7. Early voting has started. See page 9 for details.

A new Richardson City Council has been elected and a new Richardson Mayor selected, the Charter Review has been completed, the rain has filled our lakes and the lazy days of summer have arrived.

Your LWV-R had a very busy 2014-2015. I want to thank Ellen Steger and the 2014-2015 Board for their hard work. Check out page 4 to see all the things that were accomplished with your help.

At the Annual meeting in May, the 2015-2016 LWV-R Board was elected. Thank you to those who have agreed to serve. I think we have a fantastic group! You can find pictures and more information in this newsletter.

As we make our plans for next year, the newly-elected board would like your input on what you would like the League to do.

So...if you could think about what projects or programs you would be interested in having or changes you think we should make, please email me (president@lwvrichardson.org) your ideas with the tag line
"I Wish the League Would...."

Looking forward to a great year!

Brenda

LWV-Richardson 54th Annual Meeting May 13, 2015

The League of Women Voters of Richardson held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at the home of Jean Richards. Twelve members attended.

Actions taken at the Annual Meeting:

- ✓ The 2015-2016 Board of Directors was charged with approving the minutes of the 54th Annual Meeting.
- ✓ The membership voted to retain without change LWV-R's 8 positions.
- ✓ At the Local Program Planning Meeting, one topic was proposed for new study: *Is the City of Richardson's emergency response plan adequate?*
 - At its April 22 2015, board meeting, the LWV-R board non-recommended this proposed topic.
 - No motions were made to override the board's non-recommendation and consider the proposed topic for study.
- ✓ Terri Chepregi, Treasurer, presented the financial report.
- ✓ Diana Lace, Finance Drive Director, presented the Finance Drive Report. (See page 3)
- ✓ Terri Chepregi, Treasurer, presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget. The budget was approved as it appeared in the 54th Annual Meeting Workbook.
- ✓ Ellen Steger, President, reviewed the LWV-R activities of the 2014-2015 year. (See page 4)
- ✓ On behalf of the board, Jean Richards presented out-going President Ellen Steger with a certificate from LWV-Texas that honors her as a Local League Leader.
- ✓ Kristin Kuhne, Nominating Committee Chairman, read the Nominating Committee Report.
 - Terri Chepregi removed her name from consideration for Finance Drive Director.
 - Brenda Boston nominated Terri Chepregi for Secretary.
 - See pages 5 for the LWV-R board election results.
- ✓ After much discussion, dues for the 2015-2016 fiscal year were set at \$54. Of this, \$32 goes to LWV and \$22 goes to LWV-Texas. No money from dues is kept by LWV-Richardson.
- ✓ Newly-elected President Brenda Boston requested all members to give the newly-elected board direction on what to do in 2015-2016 by completing the sentence: "I wish the League would...."



Finance Drive for 2015-2016

The Finance Drive for the 2015-2016 year is winding down. To date we have received \$1,949.00 in contributions for the general fund, \$1,825.00 in contributions for the Texas Education Fund, for a total of \$3,774.

Donors who have supported the Richardson League since the last VOTER are:

Anonymous	Linda Grigsby and Dr. J. D. Luttmer
Chuck and Diana Lace	Fulchi Li Family Living Trust
Joan Pask, in memory of Sue Sloos	Barbara and Dean Presnall
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson	

If you would like to make a donation, please don't hesitate to do so:

- Checks written to **LWV-Texas Education Fund-Richardson** are tax-deductible. The League may only use these funds for educational activities.
- Checks written to **LWV-Richardson** are not tax deductible. The League may use these funds for any League activity.



Then mail your donation to:

League of Women Voters of Richardson
300 N. Coit Road, Suite 125
Richardson, TX 75080

Diana Lace

Finance Chairman 2014-2015

finance@lwvrichardson.org



Important Notice about Dues

By Susan Majors, Membership Director

As voted at the 2015 Annual Meeting, individual dues for the period from June 1, 2015, to May 31, 2016, are **\$54.00**. Household dues for two people living at the same address are **\$81.00**. The slight change from last year reflects an increase in the amount that must be forwarded to LWVUS. LWV-Richardson again opted to maintain a level of dues that is equal to the combined total sent in payment to the national and state organizations. As a result, all activities of LWV-Richardson are completely dependent on contributions. The Bylaws provide for a period, which ends on September 15, for the payment of dues, and they state that after that date members who do not renew "shall be dropped from membership."

Dues for both renewing and new members, as well as contributions, may be mailed to the following address:

*League of Women Voters of Richardson
300 North Coit Road, Suite 125
Richardson, TX 75080*



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®]
OF RICHARDSON

2014-2015 Year in Review

VOTER SERVICE

- ◆ Sponsored forum with RISD Council of PTAs for HD102 candidates
- ◆ Sponsored forum with RISD Council of PTAs for SBOE D12 candidates
- ◆ Sponsored forum for Richardson Mayor and City Council
- ◆ Produced, mailed, and distributed online and printed *VOTERS GUIDE* for COR Mayor & City Council election
- ◆ Held voter registration event at Huffhines Art Trails

PROGRAM AND ADVOCACY

- ◆ Held public meeting: *Are YOU Water Wise?*
- ◆ Held Periodic Program Review (*Positions I, II, & VI*)
- ◆ Held Local Program Planning Meeting (*Member meeting*)

CHIP

- ◆ 8 Help Sessions at St. Barnabas
- ◆ 6 Health Fairs at RISD schools

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Produced 12 informative, colorful, monthly VOTER newsletters
- ◆ Helped voters with questions received via telephone and email
- ◆ Mailed and distributed an updated *Guide to Elected Officials*
- ◆ Updated the LWV-R website with information concerning voting, elections, and events
- ◆ Tweeted about important election and LWV-R events
- ◆ Hosted videos of HD102, SBOE D12, and Richardson Mayor/City Council forums

LWV-R MEETINGS

- ◆ Calendar Planning Meeting (*Member meeting*)
- ◆ Annual Meeting (*Member meeting*)
- ◆ 7 Board meetings
- ◆ Board training session

NATIONAL LEAGUE

- ◆ 1 Richardson League member was the Microphone Sub-Committee Chair for the National LWV Convention
- ◆ 4 LWV-R members were MicMonitors at the LWV National Convention plenary sessions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ Held Finance Drive (*135 letters mailed; 29% were returned with donations*)
- ◆ Sponsored the Political Science/Government table at the Friends of the Library book sale
- ◆ Attended meetings of the LWV-Far North Dallas League
- ◆ Held "over the Hump" party



Congratulations to the New LWV-R Board

The following were elected to the 2015-2016 LWV-R Board at the May 13, 2015, Annual Meeting:

Officers

President.....	Brenda Boston
1 st VP, Citizen Education/Advocacy Coordinator	Open
2 nd VP, Organization Coordinator	Jane Daboub
3 rd VP, Voter Service Coordinator.....	Ellen Steger
Secretary	Terri Chepregi
Treasurer	Lynette Weisheit

Directors

(Up to four directors may be elected.)

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

Elected

Communications/Webmaster	Jean Richards
Finance Drive	Open
Membership.....	Susan Majors
Newsletter	Diana Lace



The newly-elected board met immediately following the Annual Meeting to appoint the following directors:

Appointed

CHIP.....	Martha Dorris
Program Review	Nancy Wilson
Publicity	Linda Grigsby

May 9, 2015, Election Results Richardson Mayor and City Council



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The Dallas County Elections Department ran the May 9, 2015, election in both Dallas and Collin Counties for Richardson Mayor and Places 1-6 of the Richardson City Council. Below are the results of that election, with all 28 precincts reporting:

Richardson-Mayor Place 7 (Vote for 1)		VOTE TYPE SUMMARY	CONTEST DETAIL MAP
28 of 28 Precincts Reporting		Percent	Votes
Laura Gibbs Maczka	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	100.00%	1,207
1,207			
Richardson-Council Member PI 1 (Vote for 1)		VOTE TYPE SUMMARY	CONTEST DETAIL MAP
28 of 28 Precincts Reporting		Percent	Votes
Bob Townsend	<div style="width: 61.80%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	61.80%	1,666
Rick Wilder	<div style="width: 38.40%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	38.40%	1,040
2,708			
Richardson-Council Member PI 2 (Vote for 1)		VOTE TYPE SUMMARY	CONTEST DETAIL MAP
28 of 28 Precincts Reporting		Percent	Votes
Mark J. Solomon	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	100.00%	1,781
1,781			
Richardson-Council Member PI 3 (Vote for 1)		VOTE TYPE SUMMARY	CONTEST DETAIL MAP
28 of 28 Precincts Reporting		Percent	Votes
Scott Durn	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	100.00%	1,767
1,767			
Richardson-Council Member PI 4 (Vote for 1)		VOTE TYPE SUMMARY	CONTEST DETAIL MAP
28 of 28 Precincts Reporting		Percent	Votes
Claude Tatum	<div style="width: 29.67%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	29.67%	781
Mabel Simpson	<div style="width: 70.33%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	70.33%	1,851
2,632			
Richardson-Council Member PI 5 (Vote for 1)		VOTE TYPE SUMMARY	CONTEST DETAIL MAP
28 of 28 Precincts Reporting		Percent	Votes
Paul Voelker	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	100.00%	1,742
1,742			
Richardson-Council Member PI 6 (Vote for 1)		VOTE TYPE SUMMARY	CONTEST DETAIL MAP
28 of 28 Precincts Reporting		Percent	Votes
Steve Mitchell	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div></div>	100.00%	1,849
1,849			

Source: Dallas County Elections Department

For more election information, see www.dallascountyvotes.org.

Richardson Mayor & City Council Are Sworn In

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At the May 18, 2015, Richardson City Council meeting, the votes from the May 9, 2015, Joint Election were canvassed. Laura Maczka reported that she had previously submitted her declination of the office of Mayor to the City Secretary.

The remaining elected Council Members from Places 1-6 were sworn in to their offices by the City Secretary. This left the Mayor's seat vacant.

Because there was no Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to preside, Bob Townsend was selected by the City Council Members to act in place of the Mayor. He dismissed the Council into Executive Session to discuss the vacancy in the Mayor's seat.

When the City Council reconvened, council member Paul Voelker was unanimously elected by the Council Members to be Mayor Pro Tem for 2015-2017. According to Section 3.03 of the Richardson City Charter, the Mayor Pro Tem fills the unexpired term when there is a vacancy in the Mayor's seat. Thus, newly-elected Mayor Pro Tem Paul Voelker automatically fills the Place 7 Mayor's seat for 2015-2017 (vacated when Laura Maczka declined the office). This leaves Mr. Voelker's Place 5 seat on the City Council vacant.

Mr. Voelker was sworn into the office of Mayor, then presided over the council meeting and asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. The City Council unanimously elected Mark Solomon, Place 2, as Mayor Pro Tem for 2015-2017. In addition to serving as Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Solomon will continue as the Place 2 council member.

According to Section 3.07 of the City Charter, vacancies on the City Council are filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of City Council. The person selected shall serve the unexpired period of the term, which will be until the next general City Council election in 2017. City Council Place 5 has no geographical requirements for residency.

The next meeting of City Council will be Monday, June 1, 2015, since Monday, May 25 was a holiday. At that time, the City Council will begin the process of filling the vacant Place 5 seat.

Richardson City Charter

Section 3.03. – Mayor pro tem (Rev. 11/06/12)
...Upon a vacancy in the Mayor's position, the Mayor Pro Tem shall fill the unexpired term. The Mayor Pro Tem's council position then becomes vacant.

Section 3.07. – Councilmember Vacancies. (Rev. 11/06/12)
Vacancies in the city council, where the same do not exceed two (2) at any one time, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the council, and the persons selected to fill such vacancies shall serve only until the next general city council election. A vacancy filled[,] as in the case of an original election, shall be only for the unexpired period of the term of the councilmember whose office is to be filled....

Richardson ISD Trustees Are Sworn In

The May 9, 2015, election for Richardson ISD Board of Trustees was cancelled because none of the places on the ballot were contested.



New Trustees Eron Linn (left, in picture), Jean Bono (center), and Kim Caston (right) were sworn into office on Monday, May 18, 2015. Ms. Bono begins her first 3-year term in Place 1, while Kim Caston returns to the board in Place 2. Mr. Linn fills the one-year unexpired term in Place 5.



Your "Team of 8" (Richardson ISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent) for 2015-2016 are:

Front row: Kim Caston, Superintendent Dr. Kay Waggoner, Lanet Greenhaw

Back row: Kristin Kuhne, Justin Bono, Eron Linn, Kris Oliver, Jean Bono

After the 3 new trustees were sworn in, the seven trustees named the following officers for the 2015-2016 school year:

President	Kim Caston
Vice President	Kristin Kuhne
Treasurer	Kris Oliver
Secretary	Justin Bono
TASB delegate	Justin Bono

May 9, 2015, Election Results Collin County Community College & Plano ISD



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The Collin County Elections Department ran the May 9, 2015, elections for Collin County Community College Board of Trustees and the Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees. Below are the results of those elections, with all 41 vote centers reporting:

Collin County Community College

Community College Trustee P7			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	204		
Precincts Reporting	204	100.0 %	
Vote For	1		
Times Counted	23875/470039	5.1 %	
Total Votes	16080		
Times Blank Voted	7794		
Times Over Voted	1		
Number Of Under Votes	0		
Collin Kennedy	4325	26.90%	
Mike Gould	2153	13.39%	
Steve Cone	3176	19.75%	
Jim Orr	6426	39.96%	

Community College Trustee P8			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	204		
Precincts Reporting	204	100.0 %	
Vote For	1		
Times Counted	23875/470039	5.1 %	
Total Votes	16135		
Times Blank Voted	7740		
Times Over Voted	0		
Number Of Under Votes	0		
Ken Roberts	6473	40.12%	
Bob Collins	9662	59.88%	

The Collin County Community College Board of Trustees election was called stating that a candidate must receive a majority of votes cast, not just more votes than the opponents. Therefore, there will be a run-off for Collin County Community College Trustee Place 7 between Jim Orr and Collin Kennedy, the 2 candidates receiving the most votes.

Plano ISD

Plano ISD P4			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	89		
Precincts Reporting	89	100.0 %	
Vote For	1		
Times Counted	10347/190713	5.4 %	
Total Votes	9400		
Times Blank Voted	946		
Times Over Voted	1		
Number Of Under Votes	0		
Mike Friedman	2542	27.04%	
Sharon Hirsch	3061	32.56%	
Yoram Solomon	3797	40.39%	

Plano ISD P5			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	89		
Precincts Reporting	89	100.0 %	
Vote For	1		
Times Counted	10347/190713	5.4 %	
Total Votes	5580		
Times Blank Voted	4767		
Times Over Voted	0		
Number Of Under Votes	0		
David Stolle	5580	100.00%	

Plano ISD P7			
	Total		
Number of Precincts	89		
Precincts Reporting	89	100.0 %	
Vote For	1		
Times Counted	10347/190713	5.4 %	
Total Votes	9034		
Times Blank Voted	1313		
Times Over Voted	0		
Number Of Under Votes	0		
Missy Bender	5384	59.60%	
Paul P. Kaminsky	3650	40.40%	

Source: Collin County Elections Department

Collin County Run-off Election
Early voting June 1-9 **Election day June 13**
[Click for LWV-Collin VOTERS GUIDE](#)

For more election information, see co.collin.tx.us/elections.

Plano ISD Trustees Are Sworn In

In the May 9, 2015, election for Plano ISD Board of Trustees, the following won election and were sworn in at the May 19, 2015, board meeting:



Place 4
Dr. Yoram Solomon



Place 5
David Stolle



Place 7
Missy Bender

Members remaining on the Plano ISD Board of Trustees are:



Place 1
Tammy Richards



Place 2
Carrolyn Moebius



Place 3
Nancy Humphrey



Place 6
Marilyn Hinton

The new board elected the following officers for the 2015-2016 school year:

President	Nancy Humphrey
Vice President	Missy Bender
Secretary	Carrolyn Moebius

Famous Firsts by Women



Princess Charlotte of Cambridge is the first female born into the British royal family to be able to retain her succession in line to the British throne, whether or not more male siblings are added to the family.

Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana was born May 2, 2015, in London's St. Mary's Hospital, weighing 8lbs., 3oz. Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte of Cambridge is fourth in line to the British throne.

Among other things, the Succession to the Crown Act of 2013, replaced [male-preference primogeniture](#) with [absolute primogeniture](#) for those born in the line of succession after 28 October 2011, which means the eldest child, regardless of gender, would precede their siblings. The system of male preference primogeniture had been in place since the Act of Settlement of 1701. Versions of the Succession to the Crown Act were adopted by all 16 Commonwealth realms over which the Royal Family reigns.

This means the new princess, the first female to be born under the Succession to the Crown Act of 2013, will retain her place in line to ascend the throne regardless of whether or not more brothers are added to the family. Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte of Cambridge will remain fourth in line to the throne regardless of whether or not her parents have another son.



Interesting Tidbits:

Why the name Charlotte Elizabeth Diana?

- ✓ Charlotte is the feminine form of Charles, the name of 2 former kings and the name of the Prince of Wales, the princess's grandfather (Prince Charles)
- ✓ Charlotte is the middle name of the Princess's Aunt Pippa Middleton
- ✓ There's a cousin Charlotte Spencer (Earl Spencer's youngest daughter) on the father's (Prince William's) side of the family
- ✓ Charlotte was the name of George III's queen in the 18th century

According to the Office for National Statistics

1. 'Charlotte' is currently the 21st most popular girl's name in England and Wales
 - ✓ 2,242 babies were named Charlotte in 2013
2. 'Elizabeth' is 39th on the list
3. 'Diana' is not in the top 100 on the list