

VOTER

CALENDAR		
Date	Time	Event
August, 2015		
22		CHIP Help Fair @ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church; 1220 W. Belt Line, R75080; 9am-noon – you can help!
September, 2015		
15		LWV-Richardson dues by now
19	2:00	“We Hold These Truths” – a readers theater production that traces the suffrage movement 1848-1920; Presented by LWV-Collin County at the Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium, 300 N. Allen Drive, Allen 75013. Free
22		National Voter Registration Day

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



*Brenda Boston,
President*

As hot summer days are still with us and the temperature is finally hitting the 100° mark, I hope everyone has had time to travel, rest and do something fun for yourself. The LWV-R is already gearing up for a great year.

On July 18, six members attended a LWV-TX area training in Irving. See the article and pictures about the event on page 4 to learn more. Then on July 29, we had our Calendar Planning meeting to get activities for the year in place. It was a very productive meeting with lots of good ideas shared. Thanks to all who were able to participate.

With all the recent activity in the City government, there will be many opportunities for the League and its members to be involved to help educate the community.

LWV-R continues to support CHIP this year. Join Martha Dorris at the CHIP Health Fair on Saturday, August 22. See page 2 for details.

Get involved and bring a friend!

Brenda

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

Martha Dorris

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Thank you for all of your help and support during the 2014-2015 academic school year for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). We anticipate renewed interest from families asking for assistance since two form now asks for information relating to Federal Income tax filing.

For at least twelve 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 are hosted at

- ✓ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B). St B provides space free of charge. Last school year, we hosted 8 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 12 RISD on-site events, 44 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 (ccgd) to assist us with our Spanish-speaking families.

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



Our next opportunity is **August 22** at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church Health Fair from 9 am until noon. In addition to assisting with the application form, **I encourage you to share the information with any families who might be interested in attending.** We will have the ccgd outreach staff with us at this venue.

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.

Dues Are Due!

By Susan Majors, Membership Director

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their LWV-R dues for the coming year. For those of you who, like me, have allowed part of a busy summer go by without doing so, now is the perfect time to take care of it.

Individual dues for June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016, are \$54.00. Household dues for two people living at the same address are \$81.00. This slight increase reflects an increase in the amount that must be forwarded to LWVUS. LWV-Richardson has chosen to continue setting its dues at a level equal to the combined total sent in payment to the national and state organizations. As a result, LWV-Richardson does not keep any money from dues. LWV-Richardson values your membership, but also depends on contributions to fund our work.

Dues for both renewing and new members, as well as contributions, may be mailed to

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



I'm putting my check in the mail right away!



“We Hold These Truths”

*Written by Patty Janthro,
member of LWV-Collin County*

Saturday, September 19, 2015
2-3pm

Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium
300 N. Allen Drive
Allen, TX 75013

The League of Women Voters of Collin County is presenting a readers theater production that follows the prominent women leaders of the suffrage movement from 1848-1920.

It's free. ♦ No reservation is required.

For a flyer, [click here](#).



*LWV-R members attending training (from left to right):
Brenda Boston, Jean Richards, Liz Harling, Nancy Wilson,
Ellen Steger, and Susan Majors*

LWV-TX Regional Training

July 18, 2015
in
Las Colinas

On Saturday, July 18, six of our LWV-R members attended a regional training conducted by LWV-TX leaders in Irving. We had the opportunity to meet leaders from other local Leagues in surrounding communities and share ideas, as well as hear from several of the leaders of the state League.

We learned that LWV-TX followed over 500 different bills in the recent legislative session. We also learned about the current state study of Payday and Auto Title Loans in Texas – Should they be regulated and how would that be done?

Information about three LWVUS study initiatives was presented: a current study on the constitutional amendment process, an update by the Money in Politics committee of the League's position on campaign finance, and the formation of a Redistricting Task Force (information gathering only).

At the training, members of each local League had the opportunity to work together to develop a plan for an event they might like to do in the coming year. LWV-R attendees worked on a plan for a public informational meeting on the proposed amendments to the Richardson City Charter that may be on the November ballot as a result of the charter review process this past year.

LWV-TX shared their goals and encouraged each local League to be sure that every event we sponsor should include an invitation to participate in other League activities. State leaders also reminded us to have some activities just for fun.

The 2015 Finance Drive Ends

Many thanks to the following people who contributed to the League of Women Voters of Richardson's 2015 Finance Drive. Because of your generosity, LWV-Richardson will be able to continue its educational public meetings, its non-partisan voter service activities, and its support of Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.



Donors to the LWV-Richardson 2015 Finance Drive

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Elaine Johnson	Nancy Wilson
David and Carol Kent	Nancy Yturri

Joint City Council/Charter Review Commission Meeting

After 11 commission meetings and 2 public hearings (October 15, 2014, through May 13, 2015), the 11-member Richardson Charter Review Commission (RCRC) relayed their recommendations to City Council at a joint meeting on June 1, 2015. Among the Commission's recommendations for changes to the City Charter:

- update language, capitalization, and spelling
- eliminate sections where state law now covers the charter's intent
- increase Council pay from \$50 to \$100 per meeting
- revise the procedure for filling Council vacancies



Charter Review Commission Chairman Bob Dubey explains the Commission's recommendations to City Council



LWV-Richardson Life Member and RCRC member Nancy Wilson (second from left) listens as the Commission's recommendations are presented to City Council.

Are YOU "In The Know"?

The City of Richardson will have an election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. It appears that it may be a very LONG ballot!

Items on the November 3rd ballot:

- 7 amendments to the Texas Constitution.
- potentially 4-5 City of Richardson bond items
- potentially 84 City of Richardson Charter changes
(According to state law (section 9.004(d) of the Local Government Code): "An amendment may not contain more than one subject." Therefore, almost every proposed change to the charter, including insubstantial changes to clarify or update language or eliminate redundancy, is listed as an individual ballot item.)

City Council is expected to call a bond election and a Charter amendment election at their August 17th work session. At that time, the number and wording of propositions for bond issues and charter changes will be finalized.

Continue to monitor our monthly VOTER and our website

www.lwvrichardson.org

for more information regarding what will be on the November 3rd ballot.



Richardson City Council Place 5 is filled



The Richardson City Council selected Marta Gómez Frey to fill the vacancy in Place 5 on the City Council. Place 5 is an at-large position. Ms. Frey was sworn into office on June 15, 2015.

Ms. Frey grew up in the Duck Creek neighborhood and has been a Richardson resident for 38 years. She is director of the Collin Small Business Development Center, which provides management education for existing and startup small businesses. She also provides management consulting services, such as financial analysis, marketing strategy assessment, business development, and capital expansion planning.

Ms. Frey has served as a member of the Richardson City Plan commission and the City Charter Review Commission, as well as on the board of directors for the NETWORK of Community Ministries and the Leadership Richardson Alumni Association, and also a member of the Junior League of Richardson.



2015-2017 Richardson City Council

*Steve Mitchell (Place 6), Marta Gómez Frey (Place 5),
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Solomon (Place 2), Mayor Paul Voelker (Place 7),
Bob Townsend (Place 1), Scott Dunn (Place 3), and Mabel Simpson (Place 4)*

Famous Firsts by American Women



Rebecca Lynn "Becky" Hammon (born March 11, 1977) is an assistant coach for the [San Antonio Spurs](#) of the [National Basketball Association](#) and a retired professional basketball player. Hammon played for the [San Antonio Stars](#) and [New York Liberty](#) of the [Women's National Basketball Association](#). She also played for multiple basketball teams outside of the United States. Hammon, who was born and grew up in the [United States](#), became a [naturalized](#) Russian citizen in 2008 and represented the [Russian national team](#) in the 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

- On August 5, 2014, Hammon was hired by the Spurs as an assistant coach, becoming the second female assistant coach in NBA history but the first full-time assistant coach.
- This also makes her the first full-time female assistant coach in any of the [four major professional sports](#) (Major League Baseball, National Basketball Association, National Football League, and National Hockey League) in North America.
- On July 3, 2015, the Spurs announced that Hammon would be the team's Summer League head-coach, the first woman to head-coach in that league.

Hammon led the Spurs to the Las Vegas Summer League title on July 20, 2015.

Source: Wikipedia