



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup>  
OF RICHARDSON**

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# VOTER

CALENDAR		
Date	Time	Event
<b>September, 2015</b>		
1		First day to apply for a ballot by mail for the Nov. 3 election
10	5-7pm	CHIP & Salsa Information, Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet, 8301 Towns St, Dallas, TX 75243
15	5-7pm	Invitation from Texas Representative Linda Koop to an Open House, celebrating the opening of House District 102 office in Promenade Tower
15	11:30am & 7pm	2-time Pulitzer Prize winner Nicholas Kristof will speak from his new book. See page 4 for details.
15		LWV-R dues deadline
19	9 a.m.-noon	CHIP Help Fair @ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Road, R 75080
19	2:00 p.m.	"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
<b>October, 2015</b>		
5		Last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election
14	7pm	LWV-R Public Meeting, COR Charter propositions on the Nov. 3 ballot, Parks Room in Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho
17	9 a.m.-noon	CHIP Help Fair @ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Road, R 75080
19-30		Early voting for Nov. 3 election
23		Last day to apply for ballot by mail for Nov. 3 election
24-25		Huffhines Art Trails; LWV-R will have a table to register voters and distribute VOTERS GUIDES

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Brenda Boston,  
President

School has begun and Fall, with the promise of cooler weather, is just a few weeks away. Your Board has met and planned numerous activities to keep the community up to date on what is happening in the community. CHIP has a Help Fair on September 19, and Martha Dorris can always use our help. Check out the calendar and the rest of the VOTER for other opportunities to get involved.

If you have not already done so, please be sure to get your membership dues in ASAP as the deadline is September 15. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the LWV-R events.

*Brenda*

## Time to Renew YOUR LWV-Richardson membership!

LWV-RICHARDSON DUES COVER A PERIOD FROM THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE TO THE LAST DAY OF MAY.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2015-2016 DUES,  
NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME!

Individual dues are \$54.00  
Household dues (two people) are \$81.00

MAIL CHECKS TO:  
League of Women Voters of Richardson  
300 North Coit Road, Suite 125  
Richardson, TX 75080



## Board Report...

The LWV-R Board met on August 12 with 7 Board members present. Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the prior Board Meeting were approved.



- ✓ Lynette Weisheit presented the Treasurer's Report which was approved.
- ✓ Guest Keith Burgess presented the Audit Report that he had prepared, and the report was approved.
- ✓ Dates from the Calendar Planning Meeting were reviewed and accepted.
  - Additional dates for potential programs were discussed.
  - A public education meeting on the LWVTX study on Payday and Auto Title Loans will be held November 12 in conjunction with the LWV-Collin County. LWV-R Concurrence Meeting will be on December 2.
- ✓ The Board authorized Brenda Boston, as President, to contact AT&T concerning renewing the contract for the LWV-R phone. The Board felt there might be other less expensive options.
- ✓ Nancy Wilson announced that in January the Local Program Review Committee will present their findings on Position IV, *Childcare in Richardson*, and Position V, *Public Health Care Services in Richardson*.
- ✓ Off Board Chair Martha Dorris' report gave the schedule of tentative dates for CHIP sessions. (see article, page 4)
- ✓ President Brenda Boston appointed a Bylaws committee to review the LWV-R bylaws and make recommendations for any amendments.

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

Martha Dorris

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*Thank you for all of your help and support during the last Texas Legislative session for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).*

We are invited to attend a special event at the North Texas CHIP Coalition Meeting on **Sept. 24th from 10:00 to 11:30 am** titled "**Legislative Update and Action Steps for Texas CHIP/Children's Medicaid**" presented by Melissa McChesney. She is the Outreach Coordinator, Health and Wellness at the Center for Public Policy Priorities. It will be held at the Community Council of Greater Dallas, 1341 W. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 1000W, Dallas, TX 75247. Please check your schedule and consider attending what promises to be an enlightening advocacy presentation.

The Council of PTAs is our essential link to publicize events to our families and their membership has graciously agreed to continue this collaboration. Events are hosted at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) which provides space free of charge and at the individual campuses of RISD when we are invited to participate in health fairs, parent forums, PTA meetings and other events.

We have the following CHIP application help sessions planned from 9 am to noon at St. B., 1220 W. Belt Line Road, Richardson, TX 75080 (adjacent to Richardson High School). If you know of any family who might have interest in these insurance programs, please share this information. Of course, you are invited to assist with any help session, or just drop by to meet our families.

Sept. 19, 2015

Oct. 17, 2015

Nov. 21, 2015

Jan. 16, 2016

Feb. 20, 2016

March 26, 2016

April 16, 2016

May 14, 2016

In addition, we have received an invitation to be at Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet on Sept. 10 from 5 to 7 pm for their annual CHIP and Salsa information session and an invitation to attend the RISD Parent Information Forum on Nov. 14 (more details later). Thank you again for your dedicated advocacy to these essential programs. Please contact me for any other information.



**The League of Women Voters of Collin County  
cordially invites you to celebrate the  
95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium  
300 N. Allen Dr., Allen, TX 75013**

## **"We Hold These Truths"**



LWV Collin County members perform a readers theater production tracing the suffrage movement 1848-1920, portraying prominent women leaders of the fight to gain the right to vote for women and how they contributed to the cause.

***Public is welcome! No fee or reservation required.***

Everyone is invited to stay for LWV-CC's Fall Membership Kickoff immediately following the play. Learn what the League has planned for elections, studies and action programs for 2015-2016. Reception outside auditorium after meeting.

*The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

**For more information about LWV or the event:  
Visit our website [www.LWVCollin.org](http://www.LWVCollin.org)  
Or contact [president@LWVCollin.org](mailto:president@LWVCollin.org)**





**NICHOLAS KRISTOF...**  
*TWO-TIME WINNER OF PULITZER PRIZE*  
*NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST*

...will speak from the book he recently co-authored with wife Sheryl WuDunn:

***A Path Appears:  
Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity.***



presented by  
**World Affairs Council of Dallas-Fort Worth**  
in partnership with  
**Gendercide Awareness Project**  
**Embrey Human Rights Program at Southern Methodist University**  
**Human Rights Initiative**

**Kristof will speak twice on Tuesday, September 15:  
11:30 am luncheon at the Fort Worth Club**

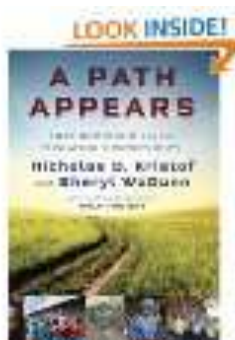
\$60 for World Affairs Council members  
\$75 for non-members  
Includes lunch

**7:00 pm at Parish Episcopal School in Dallas**

\$30 for World Affairs Council members  
\$45 for non-members

**[Click here for information and tickets](#)**

Their previous book, Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, written in 2010, relates stories of Asian and African women, often poor, brutalized, or sold into prostitution, who defied their oppressors and rebuilt their lives.



Their book, A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity, due out in paperback September 1, 2015, continues the focus of “marginalized” women, this time enlarging the picture to consider women in the United States as well. The book emphasizes the role of poverty and childhood abuse in making women vulnerable to exploitation later in life. Equally important, the authors offer heartening, inspiring examples of individuals who stepped up to help, showing that one person truly can make a difference for others.



Join us for an informative public meeting

Panelists will discuss many of the  
**Richardson City Charter Amendments**  
**that will be**  
**on the November Ballot**



**Wednesday, October 14, 2015**  
**7pm**

Richardson Civic Center Parks Room  
411 W. Arapaho Road  
Richardson, TX 75080

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*On the November 3, 2015, Uniform Election ballot  
for the City of Richardson:*

- ◆ **7 Texas Constitutional Amendments**
- ◆ **4 City of Richardson bond proposals**
- ◆ **83 City of Richardson Charter Amendments**

*At this public meeting, panelists will discuss the  
proposed charter amendments  
that are of most interest to the electorate.*

Do you have a question you want the panelists to answer at the meeting?

Email it to [voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org)

Questions that are emailed are given the same consideration as questions submitted at the meeting.

Questions will be screened for repetition and inappropriate content.



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## Famous Firsts by American Women

At 39-years old, **Jennifer Welter** is currently a training camp/preseason intern who is coaching inside linebackers for the [National Football League's Arizona Cardinals](#).



She has 3 “firsts” for men’s football in 2014 and 2015:

- ✓ In July, 2015, Jen Welter was signed by the Arizona Cardinals, making her the first female coach in the NFL.
- ✓ On February 12, 2015, the [Indoor Football League's Texas Revolution](#) named Welter their linebackers and special teams coach making her first woman to coach in a men's professional football league.



- ✓ On January 24, 2014, the Revolution announced signing 5-foot-2, 130-pound Jennifer Welter as a running back. This made her the second female player for a position other than kicker or placekick-holder on a men's professional football team, and the first at running back.

*Source: Wikipedia*