

VOTER

CALENDAR		
Date	Time	Event
January, 2016		
9	6:30 p.m.	Over the Hump party @ Tuscany Italian Bistro at Brick Row
13	7:00 p.m.	LWV-R Board Meeting, PM Realty Room
16	9:00 a.m.- noon	CHIP Help Session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Rd., R 75080
20	6:45 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Periodic Program Review meeting social time and refreshments 6:45 p.m., program 7:00-8:30 p.m.
February, 2016		
10	7:00 p.m.	Local Program Planning Meeting and kick-off to Finance Drive, PM Realty Room
16		First day of early voting for Texas Primary
20	9:00 a.m.- noon	CHIP Help Session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Rd., R 75080
26		Last day of early voting for Texas Primary



Brenda Boston,
President

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. 2016 promises to be another busy year for the LWV-R. Coming up this weekend is our Over the Hump party where we have an opportunity to get together and visit and talk about all the great things we did in 2015 and look ahead at our plans for the new year. It is a chance to meet families of our members. Then on January 20, we will have our Periodic Program Review. This year we will be hearing about Health Services and about Child Care Service in Richardson. (See more information in this newsletter.) I hope to see all of you there and bring a friend!

Brenda

You're Invited...

To our annual "Over the Hump" party! Come join us for dinner this Saturday evening, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Tuscany Italian Bistro at Brick Row (on the north side of Spring Valley west of Greenville). Bring a guest as we celebrate our accomplishments of 2015.

Please rsvp no later than Friday, January 8 to
president@lwvrichardson.org.

Periodic Program Review (PPR)

- **CHILD CARE IN RICHARDSON**
 - **PUBLIC HEALTH CARE IN RICHARDSON**

LWV-Richardson has a rich portfolio of positions that have been reached through a rigorous study and consensus process. Once adopted, these positions form a basis for LWV-R education and advocacy in the community.

To ensure that these positions retain their validity, they are re-adopted each year at Annual Meeting. In addition, LWV-R has a four-year cycle during which each position is reviewed in more depth for ongoing member understanding and for preparation for the annual Local Program Planning meeting, the precursor to the Annual Meeting votes.

This year, Nita Thomason will review the Child Care study and position; Nancy Wilson will review Public Health Care Services position. Discussion will include the group's ideas on whether the points are still valid and whether community needs have changed since adoption. The positions can be found in the member handbook and online at www.lwvrichardson.org.

This year, LWV-R will be inviting interested guests to attend and meet with LWV-R members in fellowship and discussion. The two positions that will be reviewed, Child Care and Public Health Care, have wide appeal. This will be an opportunity for visitors to see why League members relish learning about issues of major importance to the COR/RISD community.

For more information, see the flyer in this VOTER or contact League president Brenda Boston at president@lwvrichardson.org.



Mark your calendars now!

Periodic Program Review

Wednesday, January 20

6:45 p.m. Refreshments and Social Time

7:00-8:30 p.m. Program and Discussion

Join us to learn about the LWV-R positions on Childcare and on Public Health Care Services in Richardson. A brief history of childcare and public health care will be presented as well as the positions LWV-R has on each of these topics.

For details, contact Brenda Boston
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The First Woman to Run For President

Victoria Claflin Woodhull was born on September 23, 1838 in Homer, Ohio. She was the seventh of ten children and grew up in a small unpainted shack. Her mother was described later in life as “an unpleasant old hag”. Her father was reportedly much worse, as he was described as a thief and a child beater and “a one-eyed snake oil salesman who posed as a doctor and a lawyer”.

Victoria and her younger sister, Tennessee, led interesting lives as revivalist child preachers, clairvoyants who speak to the dead, fortune tellers and “magnetic healers”, among other “careers”. To say the least, their lives were very unpredictable.



At age 15 Victoria married Canning Woodhull, the first of 3 marriages she would have. Canning Woodhull was a “philanderer, a drunk, and a morphine addict”. He kept Victoria in rags and poverty while he entertained his mistresses with champagne, rich foods and expensive gifts. Victoria had 2 children by Woodhull, a son who was reported to have brain damage and a daughter. She finally divorced Woodhull, but kept his name throughout the rest of her life and other two marriages.

Her second marriage was to Col. James Blood in 1866. Col. Blood was a civil war hero and spiritualist and was a self-proclaimed “free lover”. He encouraged Victoria and Tennessee to go to New York where they met Cornelius Vanderbilt who set them up in business as Woodhull and Claflin where they became the first women stockbrokers and the first women to open and run a Wall Street Brokerage firm.

Using the money they made at the brokerage firm, they founded *Woodhull & Claflin Weekly*, a radical newspaper. They published the first English version of Karl Marx *Communist Manifesto*.

In 1872 Victoria announced that she was running for President of the United States on the Equal Rights Party ticket. It was thought that Frederick Douglass, an abolitionist, ran as her running mate. She campaigned for giving women the right to “marry, divorce, and bear children without government interference.” As it turned out, she ran for president before women’s right to vote had been ratified. That turned out to be moot point as she was in prison on Election Day. Three days before Election Day, she, her sister and Col. Blood having been arrested on charges of “indecent,” for “publishing an obscene newspaper.” Also, on inauguration day, she was only 34 years old and Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution requires that the president be 35 on the day “he” takes office.

In 1876 she divorced Col. Blood. In 1877 she and Tennessee moved to England where she married John Martin, a wealthy banker. She died on June 9, 1927 in Worcestershire, England.