

League of Women Voters
of Dallas

VOTER



A nonpartisan organization that encourages informed participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**The League of Women Voters of Dallas
Education Fund**
cordially invites you to the
**Fifteenth Annual
Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon**

Friday, February 11, 2011, at 11:00 AM

**Lakewood Country Club
6430 Gaston Avenue, Dallas 75214**

honoring

Ellen K. Solender

who exemplifies the characteristics of Susan B. Anthony:
independence, persistence, determination and dedication to
obtaining equal rights for all citizens of the United States of America.

Honorary Co-Chairs Eliza, Tom and Katie Solender

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*From the
President's Desk*



The League's upcoming Susan B. Anthony luncheon on February 11th will celebrate honoree Ellen K. Solender. Ellen has had a distinguished career as a law professor at SMU, nurturing many students who themselves have gone on to have noted careers as attorneys and jurists. One of those former students is Judge Lori Chrisman Hockett of the 255th Family District Court. **Judge Hockett**, who says that Ellen "is the reason she is a judge," **will be one of our speakers at the luncheon.**

Ellen's great niece, Felicia Chase Goodman, will speak to us on women's public health issues. Ms. Goodman holds two masters in public health from Columbia University and is the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Central Texas. Ellen sees the future in Felicia's two young daughters, and wants her great, great nieces and all young girls to have every opportunity to fulfill their potential.

Although Ellen has contributed in numerous ways to the advancement of equality and opportunities for women and girls, she believes that there is still much important work that needs to be done in areas such as equal pay, preschool education, health care, legal rights for women, and domestic violence.

Ellen has worked for many years on domestic violence issues. She's been a member of the City of Dallas Domestic Violence Task Force since it was first formed in 1987 and is known as the group's "institutional memory." A speaker to be announced will talk to us about progress made and progress needed to combat domestic violence.

Please make your plans to join us on the 11th. Also, be sure to get there a little early so you have time to find your favorite items in the silent auction--there are always lots of great things to bid on! **If you have items to contribute to the auction, please contact co-chairs Becky Brakke or Jane Pak or call the League office at 214-688-4125.**

No Unit Meetings in February

Our energies are concentrated on the production of our major fundraising effort of the year. There are many ways to contribute to the success of this effort.

Be sure you've signed up for the luncheon by February 1. Can you think of a friend you might invite to accompany you?

Keep the Silent Auction in mind and be sure to **get your contributed items to Becky Brakke's house or to the Office by February 6--at the latest.**

Our Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Chairs



Rose Harder

Katherine Homan

February 17--Another Deadline Reminder

Our bylaws require that certain Items to be considered at our Annual Meeting on March 26 be submitted to members at least 21 days before the meeting. **For publication in the March VOTER, the deadline is February 17.**

Look for reports from a number of our standing committees such as the Nominating Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Program Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Awards Committee.

Proud New Citizens Register to Vote



Each month representatives of the League attend one or two naturalization ceremonies, which are held at the Citizenship & Naturalization Center, 6500 Campus Circle Drive East, Irving, TX. 75063. **An average of 80 to 100 new citizens from approximately 40 different countries are sworn in at each ceremony.**

If you would like to feel the future and promise of America and share in the joy of welcoming new voters by helping them fill out voter registration cards, **please contact Voter Registration Director Elizabeth Walley at ewalley1@gmail.com or 214-695-1361.** Being deputized as a voter registrar is not necessary.

Getting Ready for May Elections

May 14, 2011	
First Day to File for Place on Ballot	Saturday, February 12, 2011
Last Day to File for Place on Ballot,	Monday, March 14, 2011
Local General Election	
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 15, 2011
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 14, 2011
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, May 2, 2011
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, May 6, 2011 (May 7, 2011 is the seventh day, but deadline moves back to preceding business day, Friday)
Last Day of Early Voting	Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Economic Tools Study Winds Down

At Unit meetings in January, members discussed 11 Consensus Questions in an effort to assess how we stand on the results of our Economic Tools Study. With the help of facilitators and resource persons, each group recorded their responses and sent them to the Study Committee.

The Committee has already met to consider the results, and members are working on a Position Statement to present to the Board in February. They expressed their appreciation for the diligent work of each unit and its leaders.

League Bulletin Board

Contributions as of 12/30/10

Nettie Brown; Judy Coats, Patron Membership; **Kathleen Freeman** for the Scholarship Fund; **Katherine Homan**, Patron Membership; **Guy Huntley** for the Scholarship Fund; **Julie Lowenberg** in memory of Betsy Beesley and Lou Ann Ligon; **Barbara Luckadoo**, Birthday Fun Raiser; **Barbara Lynn** for the Scholarship Fund; **Frances McElvaney**; **Monita McGhee**, Birthday Fun Raiser; **Franci Moses**, Patron Member, **Bert Romberg**; Katherine Solender for Susan B. Anthony Fundraiser; **Pat Vaughan**, Benefactor Membership; **Suzanne Wills**.

Calendar

February

- 3 Board Meeting
- 10 March VOTER deadline for Annual Meetings Reports
- 11 **Susan B. Anthony Luncheon**

March

- 3 - Board Meeting
- 9-10 - **Unit Meetings**
- 10 - Apr.VOTER deadline
- 26 - **Annual Meeting**

Save the Date!

46th Annual
Women's Symposium

Happiness is...

March 2, 2011

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My Year of Cooking Dangerously

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IN MEMORIAM

We note with sadness and sympathy the passing of

Ross Forney,

husband of Joyce Forney

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where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters of Dallas (LWVD), in both its values and practices, affirms its belief in, and commitment to, diversity and pluralism.

LWVD welcomes any person to participate in any activity of LWVD, regardless of gender, race, religion, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or political persuasion.

LWVD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making.

LWVD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that inclusiveness enhances its capability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVD affirms its commitment to reflecting diversity in its membership, board, staff and programs.

It's not for women only!

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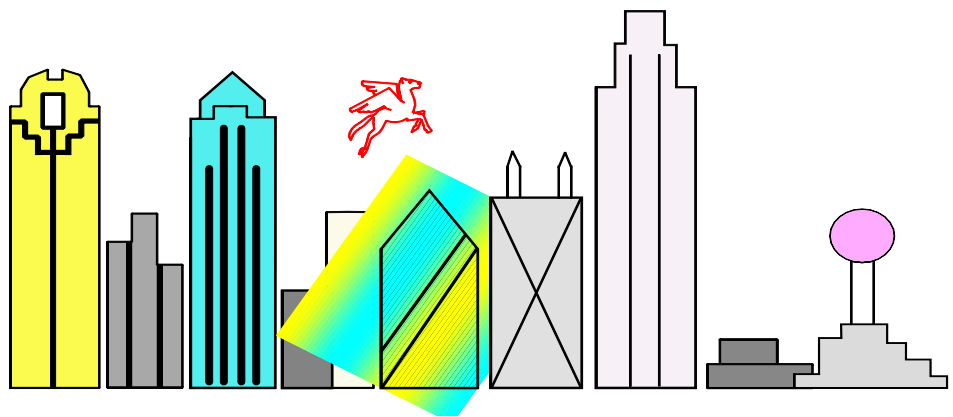
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