

League of Women Voters
of Dallas

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

Sixteenth Annual Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon

The 2012 Susan B. Anthony Silent Auction on February 10th will feature a treasure trove of unique items, explorations and one-of-a-kind experiences...



- A Fair Park Gift Basket filled to the brim with prizes including: Science Museum, Planetarium and Discovery Garden passes; a personalized brick certificate for the Texas promenade walkway; coffee mugs and other Fair Park wonders
- Formal dinner catered by Angelo's Italian Grill at the home of Harryette and John Ehrhardt with honored guest Senator John Carona
- Gift certificates from Woodlands American Grill, Sambuca, P.F. Chang's, Celebration, Fish City Grill, Blue Mesa and Two Sisters
- Gift certificate for consultation, portrait session & 11x14 family portrait from Robin Jackson Photography
- Tickets to Landmark Theatres, Dallas Theater Center, Dallas Symphony Pops Series and the Dallas Symphony Texas Instruments Classical Series Concert, and admission passes to the Dallas Art Museum
- A pie from Rosebud's Restaurant, a Mozzarella Company cheese basket and Dude Sweet Hot Chocolate mix with Dude Sweet's unique marshmallows
- Surprises and more still to come



It's not too late to be a part of this fantastic annual event hosted by the League of Women Voters of Dallas.

- Purchase a ticket by the February 1st deadline.
- Donate items to the silent auction by contacting Becky Brakke 214.363.0921 or Jane Pak 972.233.2715 by Sunday, February 5th.
- Volunteer to be a cashier or cashier assistant.
- Invite your friends... Arrive early... Join in the fun!

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Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Happy New Year,

I hope that everyone had a lovely holiday season.

This will be a very busy year for the League of Women Voters Dallas.

We are anxiously awaiting the Department of Justice ruling on the Texas Voter ID law so that we can get deputized to register voters and educate voters on the impact of this change in the upcoming elections.

Please plan to attend the membership recruitment champagne reception at Susybelle Gosslee's home on February 7. Come and bring a potential new member.

Get your reservations in for the Susan B. Anthony luncheon, which will be held on February 10. Come to help us honor Jan Sanders. If you cannot attend please purchase an ad in the program in Jan's honor. The silent auction items will be on our website for a preview. Jane Pak, Becky Brakke and their team do an amazing job each year. This is our primary fundraiser. It is so important to our cause. The proceeds from this event allow us to publish The Voters Guide, which so many people depend on for unbiased, comprehensive coverage of the candidates and their positions.

There will be a general meeting on the local study on Human Trafficking. We will send an email with the details.

Plan to attend the LWVD annual meeting March 31 at the Dallas Central Library.

Let's get a Dallas group together to attend both the LWVTX convention in San Antonio April 13 – 15 and the LWVUS convention in Washington DC June 8 – 12. It should be fun and informative.

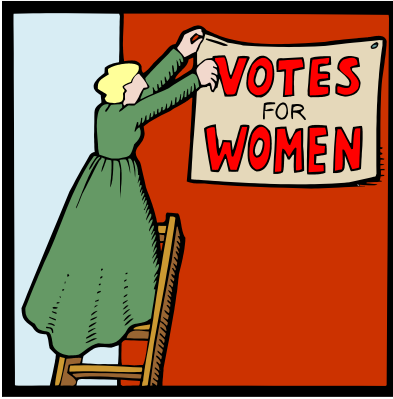
LWVD won a grant from the Dallas Women's Foundation to educate Latina voters. Thank you Elizabeth Walley and Miriam Foshay for taking charge of this effort.

Let us hear from you if you would like to volunteer. There is much work to do in 2012!

Michelle

~ Consider serving on the League of Women Voters Board of Directors ~

Nominations for Board of Director positions for 2012-2013 are due by February 10, 2012



A History of the Dallas

Susan B. Anthony

Award Luncheon

In 1997 Vernie Crabtree and her daughter Carol Donovan initiated the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon named in memory of the foremost advocate of women's rights in the history of the United States. Liz Cowles was the first award recipient at the event which was hosted by the Council on the Status of Women (the "Council") of First United Methodist Church (the "Church").

The Susan B. Anthony award was created to annually recognize an individual in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex who exemplified "the characteristics of Susan B. Anthony, particularly her independence, persistence, determination, devotion to her faith and her dedication to obtaining equal rights for all citizens of the United States of America". The Council noted that no similar award existed in the DFW community. From its inception it was the policy of the Council that nominations for the award would be taken from the community and recipients would not be limited to members of the Church.

By its eighth year the luncheon had become so popular that it outgrew the Church's fellowship hall and was moved to area hotels. In 2005 the Council decided to locate a community organization to host the SBA Luncheon since it was apparent that the community at large had embraced the program. The League of Women Voters was the logical choice since it had evolved from the National American Women Suffrage Association founded by Susan B. Anthony.

Carol Donovan presented a proposal to LWVD Board of Directors that the League adopt sponsorship of the SBA Award Luncheon. The board agreed and the League began to host the SBA Luncheon in the DFW community beginning with the 10th annual award program in 2006. Under the auspices of LWVD, the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon has continued to grow and is considered to be one of the most important annual events in Dallas.

...condensed from an article by Carol Donovan

IN MEMORIAM

We note with sorrow the passing of

KATHLYN JOY GILLIAM

Former League Member
DISD's Longest Serving Trustee
A Champion of Education and Civil Rights
December 11, 2011

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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!

Membership Levels

___\$60/year Individual ___\$30 additional member at same address

___\$150/year Patron ___\$500/year Benefactor

___Scholarship information available upon request. Call 214-688-4125

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