

League of Women Voters
of Dallas

VOTER



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

UNIT MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEETING IN OCTOBER

UNIT MEETINGS – “Issues Updates” October 9 & 10, 2013 –

Plan to attend one of the unit meetings listed below for current information on topics of interest to League members.

Lynda Ender, AGE Director for The Senior Source will provide a powerpoint presentation on health care issues including state legislation, mental health reimbursement and removing fear from misinformation about the Affordable Care Act.

Written materials with current information on the gas drilling ordinance, DISD issues and a pipeline update will be provided. Come to these meetings prepared for lively conversation.

Bring your copy of the 2012-2013 LWVD Member Handbook. It is your complete guide to our program positions, bylaws, local League policies, League Lingo and a capsule of state and national League program support positions.

GENERAL MEETING - LWV Texas State Study on “Human Trafficking in Texas”–

▪ Thursday, October 24, at 6:00 pm ▪

First Presbyterian Church
1835 Young Street, Dallas
(corner of Harwood & Young)

PARKING garage entrance on Young Street.

This will be a general meeting to discuss the LWVTX State Study, “*Facts & Issues* on Human Trafficking in Texas”.

This has been a long and arduous study which has revealed an alarming number of crimes with many victims, many of whom are young, vulnerable, and without the resources to escape.

Consensus on the LWV Texas Study on Human Trafficking will be taken at November unit meetings.

The importance of having a position from which to act is great in the face of this insidious crime against the young and vulnerable.

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!

OCTOBER UNIT MEETINGS

Oct. 9 ...10:00 am

Wednesday Morning Unit

Center for Community Cooperation

High Plains Room
2900 Live Oak Street
Dallas 75204

Coordinator:

Mildred Pope

Oct. 96:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Unit

Angela’s Café

7979 Inwood Road
Dallas 75219

Coordinator:

Sheila Collins

Oct. 10 ...9:30 am

Thursday Morning Unit

St Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church

6525 Inwood Road
Dallas 75209

Coordinators:

Patti Crumley and
Pat Vaughan

Oct. 10 ...11:30 am

Far North Dallas Unit

Egg and I

corner of Arapaho
& Montfort/Knoll
Dallas

Coordinators:

Bessie Weed and
Barbara Weinstein



From the President's Desk...

Pat Vaughan, President



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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.

The first sentence of the LWVUS publication *League Basics* states, "The League of Women Voters is a volunteer organization that does a professional job." Our LWVD activities for September and October provide good examples of how the League works to do a professional job in several different areas through development of program positions, advocacy, and voter outreach.

September unit meetings were devoted to giving all members an opportunity to participate in the process of reaching consensus on the study of Trafficking in Dallas County adopted at the 2011 LWVD Annual Meeting and thoroughly studied for the next two years. The study committee chaired by Susybelle Gosslee has provided members with information on the issue through two unit meetings, a general meeting, and a *Facts and Issues* paper. Consensus reports from the four units will be compiled by Program VP Kathryn Carpenter and reviewed by the study committee before going to the LWVD Board. Determining whether consensus has been achieved and how it should be expressed is the responsibility of the board. Once the board has finalized the position, it will be announced to the members and can be shared with the public. The board can begin taking action on it immediately.

LWVD advocacy on gas drilling policies for the City of Dallas has been based on our positions on natural resources at the local, state, and national levels. These positions have been reached through the same careful process described above including member study and agreement on selected issues. Concerted efforts are made to achieve public policies consistent with League positions. We were pleased that the Dallas City Council voted to prohibit gas drilling and fracking in city parks and the flood plain. League members will continue to monitor this issue and others that impact areas covered by our positions and to keep members and the public informed.

Voter Outreach activities coordinated by VP Ana Robles and Elizabeth Walley have centered around National Voter Registration Day, the State Fair, and registering voters at Dallas County Community Colleges. These activities are carried out in cooperation with the Dallas County Elections Department and focus on registering those eligible to vote who are less likely to seek out opportunities to register.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these activities or becoming more involved in the League, please contact the League office by email at lwwdallas@sbcglobal.net or by telephone at 214-688-4125. You will be glad you did. I hope to see you at some League events in October.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."—Margaret Mead

Pat Vaughan, President

Gender Gap

This is just a taste of the speech given by Carol Donovan at the Women's Equality Day celebration on August 21 at Dallas City Hall. She thanked the Women's Issues Network and the League for organizing the celebration.

"Susan B. Anthony would be proud to see this assembly of suffragists, both men and women, including a diverse City Council and a feminist Mayor who has led the fight against domestic violence in our city. She would be proud to know such a devoted group was attending an Equality Day event, celebrating the right of American women to vote; and she would be proud to hear that women of Dallas attend an annual Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Dallas, especially since the League evolved from the suffrage association she helped to create in 1869."

"However, Susan B. Anthony would be appalled to know that, in the 21st century, after all she and others did, **less than half of American women vote!**"

Susan B. Anthony

"Ms. Anthony would be the first to tell you she was not the only one in the fight for the vote, but she is certainly the most well-known. Born in 1820 to a Quaker family, she worked in the family mill until completion of her education, and she then became a teacher and a head mistress. She was an abolitionist and a proponent for the right to vote for all Americans, of both genders and all

racess. I guess you could say she was a "community activist." She was certainly ahead of her time."

"Susan B. Anthony made 75 to 100 speeches on women's rights every year for 45 years. In her spare time, she co-authored volumes I to IV of the History of Woman Suffrage. At age 80, she started slowing down, and she retired as President of the National Women's Suffrage Association, which she had co-founded 31 years earlier. At age 84, she became the honorary president of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance."

"Ms. Anthony's last public appearance was at a gathering of suffragists who were celebrating her 86th birthday in Baltimore in February 1906. Knowing her time was near, she addressed the participants to inspire them to finish her work for suffrage. Referring to the women who had worked with her to obtain the right to vote, she proclaimed: "... with such women consecrating their lives, failure is impossible!" Three weeks later, Susan B. Anthony died at her home in Rochester, New York, 14 years before the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment."

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Next time we'll have some more of Carol's wit and wisdom about the Gender Gap and the Nineteenth Amendment... [Stay tuned!](#)

Submitted by Eleanor Sutherland, VOTER Editor

Gratitude to Jeanne Marie Dodds

The League of Women Voters of Dallas is grateful for a bequest from the estate of 50-year plus League member, Jeanne Dodds.

Her sensitivity to the need for allowing the LWV Dallas Education Fund flexibility in how the bequest is used shows her confidence in the League and is indeed a vote for the future.

The LWVD Board of Directors will decide how best to use this bequest to carry out the League's commitment to Making Democracy Work.

Constitutional Amendment/Joint Election

November 5, 2013

EARLY VOTING DATES: October 21, 2013 – November 1, 2013

Monday, October 21, 2013 <i>lunes, 21 de octubre de 2013</i>	through <i>hasta</i>	Friday, October 25, 2013 <i>viernes, 25 de octubre de 2013</i>	8 a.m. – 5 p.m. <i>8 a.m. – 5 p.m.</i>
Saturday, October 26, 2013 <i>sabado, 26 de octubre de 2013</i>			8 a.m. – 5 p.m. <i>8 a.m. – 5 p.m.</i>
Sunday, October 27, 2013 <i>domingo, 27 de octubre de 2013</i>			1 p.m. – 6 p.m. <i>1 p.m. – 6 p.m.</i>
Monday, October 28, 2013 <i>lunes, 28 de octubre de 2013</i>	through <i>hasta</i>	Wednesday, October 30, 2013 <i>miercoles, 30 de octubre de 2013</i>	8 a.m. – 5 p.m. <i>8 a.m. – 5 p.m.</i>
Thursday, October 31, 2013 <i>Jueves, 31 de octubre de 2013</i>	and	Friday, November 01, 2013 <i>viernes, 01 de noviembre de 2013</i>	7 a.m. – 7 p.m. <i>8 a.m. – 5 p.m.</i>

Eleccione Sobre Enmiendas Constitucional/Conjunta

5 de Noviembre, 2013

VOTACION ADELANTADA FECHAS: 21 de Octubre, 2013 – 1 de Noviembre, 2013

The new website for Dallas County Elections is

www.dallascountyvotes.org.

The rules for voting in Texas elections have a new requirement: You must present an acceptable photo ID at the polls that has been issued by the

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) or the **U.S. Government**.

These include:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Certificate issued by the DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the DPS
- Texas Concealed Handgun License
- U.S. Military Identification with photo
- U.S. Citizenship or Naturalization Card
- Passport issued by the U.S. Government

NOTE: All cards should be unexpired, or expired less than 60 days, before the date of presentation.

Exception: Naturalization/Citizenship card never expires.

NINE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON THE NOV. 5, 2013 BALLOT

The propositions on the November 5 ballot are listed below in ballot order with the official ballot language. The ballot order for proposed constitutional amendments was determined in a drawing by Secretary of State John Steen on August 5. Voters will decide on the proposed amendments below listed in ballot order. A majority vote is needed for passage. The joint resolution for each proposition is also indicated.

Go to <http://www.lwvtexas.org/ConstitutionalAmendments.php#PA> and click on the joint resolution (JR) number. It will bring you to the Texas Legislature Online "Text" page for that joint resolution where you can find the versions of the resolution introduced and passed, fiscal notes, witness lists, analyses, and other documents.

NINE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON THE NOV. 5, 2013 BALLOT

Proposition 1 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.

- Based on [HJR 62](#) authored by Representative Chris Turner (D, Grand Prairie)

Proposition 2 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational.

- Based on [HJR 79](#) by Representative Dan Branch (R, Dallas)

Proposition 3 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.

- Based on [HJR 133](#) by Representative Linda Harper-Brown (R, Irving)

Proposition 4 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization.

- Based on [HJR 24](#) by Representative Charles Perry (R, Lubbock)

Proposition 5 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.

- Based on [SJR 18](#) by Senator John Carona (R, Dallas)

Proposition 6 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.

- Based on [SJR 1](#) by Senator Tommy Williams (R, The Woodlands)

Proposition 7 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.

- Based on [HJR 87](#) by Representative Sergio Munoz, Jr. (D, Palmview)

Proposition 8 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

- Based on [HJR 147](#) by Representative Bobby Guerra (D, Mission)

Proposition 9 Official Ballot Language:

The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Contact.

- Based on [SJR 42](#) by Senator Joan Huffman (R, Houston)

Last Day to Register to Vote for the Constitutional Amendment/Joint Election is: **Monday, October 7, 2013**

Last Day to Receive Application for Ballot by Mail is: **Friday, October 25, 2013**

First Day to Vote Early (in Person): **October 21, 2013**

Last Day to Vote Early (in Person): **November 1, 2013**



October Calendar

1	National Night Out @various parks
1	Susan B. Anthony Award Nomination Forms DUE (to League office)
2	'What Does the Affordable Care Act Do For Me?' (see below)
3	LWVD Board Meeting @League office
3	Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class @H&HS Bldg, 2377 N Stemmons Frwy, 6 th Fl
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7	Last Day to Register to Vote in November 5 Election
9&10	LWVD Unit Meetings (see pg.1 for details)
13	Hajj Season (October 13-18)
14	Columbus Day
15	Eid al-Adha
15	November VOTER articles DUE
21	Early Voting Begins
24	LWVD GENERAL MEETING (see pg.1 for details)
24	Girl Scouts of NE Texas '2013 Women of Distinction' Luncheon (see below)
25	Last Day to Receive Application for Ballot by Mail
31	Halloween

Mark your calendars -

*The Eighteenth Annual Susan B. Anthony Luncheon
will be held February 13, 2014, at the Lakewood Country Club*

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!PLAN AHEAD!

**League of Women Voters of the United States 51st National Convention
June 6 – 10, 2014**

Dallas Omni Hotel

The League of Women Voters of Dallas will host the 51st LWVUS Convention

Job Opportunities Abound! Volunteers are needed in all areas.

Contact **Mildred Pope @ 214.374.8067**
or the LWVD office @ 214.688.4125

<p>Girl Scouts of NE Texas <i>"2013 Women of Distinction Luncheon"</i> Thursday, October 24, 2013 11:30 a.m. Doors Open 12:00-1:30 p.m. Program Hilton Anatole, Chantilly Ballroom 2201 N Stemmons Freeway, Dallas 75207 Register online at www.gsnetx.org/WDL For more information call 972.349.2438</p>	<p><i>"What Does the Affordable Care Act Do For Me?"</i> Wednesday, October 2, 2013 6:15 p.m. Registration 6:30-8:15 p.m. Program Center for Community Cooperation Oak Corner Room, 2900 Live Oak Street Register at www.dallaswomenscouncil.org or Leave message at 972.238.5508</p>
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS EDUCATION FUND

2014 Susan B. Anthony Award Nomination Form

Past recipients of the Susan B. Anthony Award

- 1997 - Elizabeth Cowles
1998 - Cathy Wilkins-Moffitt
1999 - Joanne Hill
2000 - Elizabeth Johannaber
2001 - Catalina Garcia-Gary, M.D.
2002 - Rebecca Russell Sykes
2003 - Suzanne Ahn, M.D.
2004 - Vivian Castleberry and Louise Raggio
2005 - Patricia Patterson
2006 - Essie Reed
2007 - Laura Estrada
2008 - Virginia Bulkley Whitehill
2009 - Cecilia Guthrie Boone
2010 - Julie Lowenberg
2011 - Ellen K. Solender
2012 - Jan Sanders
2013 - Beverly Mitchell Brooks, Ph.D.

This award is presented annually to a woman who exemplifies the characteristics of Susan B. Anthony her independence, persistence, determination, and dedication in obtaining equal rights for all.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Eighteenth Annual Susan B. Anthony Award

Nominations must be received by October 1, 2013, to be considered. The Recipient must be in attendance on Thursday, February 13, 2013, to accept the Susan B. Anthony Award.

With the Nomination Form, please submit a detailed explanation of how the nominee exemplifies Susan B. Anthony. Supporting information and/or documents may be added. All attachments must be legible. Documents submitted with the Nomination Forms will not be returned. An organization or individual may submit more than one nomination for consideration.

Return the Nomination Form with a nominating letter and any other attachments by -

- Email - lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net
Fax - League of Women Voters of Dallas, Dial (214) 688-4125, Press (1) to fax
Mail - Susan B. Anthony Award, c/o LWVD, 2720 N Stemmons Frwy, Ste 812S, Dallas, TX 75207

For further information, contact Katherine Homan at (214) 948-6992 or League of Women Voters of Dallas at (214) 688-4125.

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Name of Nominee
Occupation Employer (if applicable)
Address
Home Phone Cell/Work phone
Fax Number Email

Name of Nominator/Contact
Organization/Company (if applicable)
Address
Home Phone Cell/Work Phone
Fax Number E-Mail Address

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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

___\$25/year Student \$___ Contribution to LWVD Scholarship Fund

Name(s) _____

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