

League of Women Voters
of Dallas

VOTER



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

SUMMER ACTIVITY AFOOT FOR THE LEAGUE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SAVE THE DATES! PLAN TO PARTICIPATE!

WANT TO HELP WITH PROGRAM?

This is a call for volunteers to be on the Program Planning Committee. As a new Board Member and VP of Program, I hope you will help me by sharing your experience. If you are feeling light on experience but are interested in learning about Program, this is the group for you! Program is one of the most basic elements of the League.

The Program Committee selects subject content for the Unit Meetings from a list suggested at the Annual Meeting and current events. It also selects content for three General Meetings throughout the year. Let me know if you are interested, and I will include you in our first meeting which will occur in early August.

One subject to consider for a General Meeting is **Redistricting** which is being studied at the state level of the League for 2016 - 2018. To see the LWV TX current position, go to pages 59 – 65 in [Program Perspectives](#) or click on http://www.lwvtexas.org/files/Program_Perspectives_2016-2018_4.22.16.pdf.

Another subject is **Low-Income and Affordable Housing and Gentrification** which was adopted at our Annual Meeting for a one-year study. This is a big subject and we can use lots of help. We will have enough information to have a General Meeting in the Spring.

I would love to hear your suggestions for additional subjects and/or comments about these.

Please contact me, [Diane Tasian](#), at dianetasian@sbcglobal.net or 214-850-7054; or through Fran Morris at the League office.



WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

We invite you to attend [Women's Equality Day](#) commemorating passage of the 19th Amendment on **Wednesday, August 23, 2017** at Dallas City Hall.

(See pg. 4 for details.)



DALLAS COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION DAY is Tuesday, September 26

There will be opportunities coming up to get deputized and/or help register voters. Details to follow.



NOMINATIONS FOR 2018

SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD ARE OPEN!

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 22nd Annual Susan B. Anthony Award.

The Nomination Form is on pages 9 & 10 of the Summer VOTER and must be submitted by **Friday, August 11, 2017**.

The Susan B. Anthony Award is presented annually to a person who exemplifies the characteristics of Susan B. Anthony - her independence, determination, and dedication in obtaining equal rights for all. Some of her words of wisdom have become memorable quotes, such as "Failure is impossible."

The award is given at the luncheon held near the date of her birthday.

Mark-Your-Calendar and **Save-the-Date**

The Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon will be **Thursday, February 8, 2018**.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



As I start my term as President of the League of Women Voters of Dallas, I am reminded of Margaret Mead's quote: "*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can **change the world**; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*"

As many of you witnessed at our Annual Meeting, we have a stellar Board of Directors that has agreed to serve for the next two years. Although we might not change the world, we are all committed to making an impact. There is much to be done and this Board is uniquely qualified to work together towards Making Democracy Work for all. I would like everyone to get to know the new Board so we will start a new "Board Member Profile" section in the VOTER beginning in September. Stay tuned.

Contributing to a better, well-informed community requires teamwork, partnerships and collaboration. I would like to issue a challenge to all members. I invite everyone to get involved with our Board from educating voters to ensuring the financial viability to do so by helping with our major fundraiser, the Susan B. Anthony luncheon, to be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018. The planning process for the luncheon has begun, your participation and ideas are welcomed.

Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. ~ Mattie Stepanek

Looking forward to many opportunities for collaboration. Have a great summer.

Greetings.

Cecilia McKay

LWVD President

New 2017-2018 LWVD Board Being Inducted



LOCAL ELECTIONS 2017

Elections for city council and school board were held on May 6. Turnout as a percent of registered voters was nearly 8%, which compares favorably to last year's May election in which fewer than 6% of registered voters turned out to vote.

Runoffs were held in several jurisdictions on June 10. Overall turnout as a percent of registered voters was over 8%. A chart comparing runoff turnout to May 6 turnout by contest is below. As in the past, runoff turnout was lower in most individual contests than in May, but the drop off was not as pronounced as we've sometimes seen.

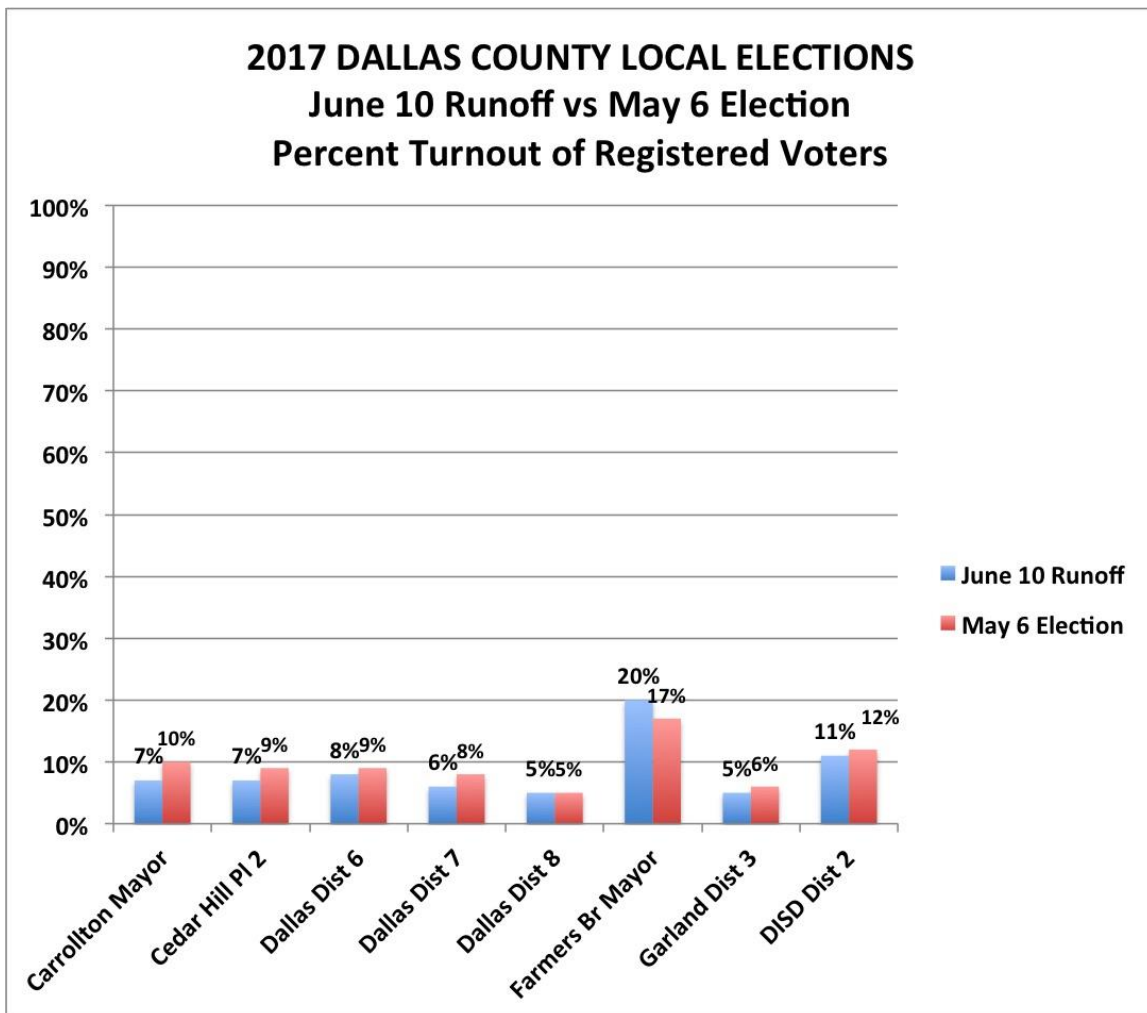
Possible reasons why last year's local election turnout was depressed compared to this year's are that spring 2016 was crowded with partisan primary and primary runoff elections which caused voter fatigue, and "noise" from the high profile and contentious 2016 partisan elections made it hard for voters to focus on local issues.

This year's Dallas City Council elections were notable in several ways. Four incumbents were ousted, which was an upset. Two of the winners had previously

served on the Dallas City Council but had been term limited off. The other unusual circumstance was that nearly 800 mail ballots were sequestered by Dallas County pending the outcome of an investigation into allegations of voter fraud. The County said that release of the sequestered ballots would not have changed the outcome of any of the contests.

The Farmers Branch mayoral election stands out as a relatively high turnout contest, and is also notable because turnout in the runoff was higher than in the May 6 election. Farmers Branch has raised the voter turnout bar.

In the quest for ways to improve voter turnout in local elections, we should consider moving local elections to November of odd numbered years, to be combined with the statewide constitutional amendment election. It would streamline the process for voters by making November the important voting month, would reduce the number of trips they have to make the polls by one, and would avoid the distractions of politics in a partisan election year.





Women's Equality Day 2017

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Flag Room, 6th floor, Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street

with Mayor Rawlings, Members of the Dallas City Council and County Commissioners Court!

Women's Equality Day 2017 will be celebrating 97 years of women's right to vote in the United States with the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution and the continuous effort for equal rights for women.

Please wear white in honor of America's Suffragists!

The **2017 NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY** is
Thursday, September 14, 2017, from 6 a.m. - 12 midnight.

Please mark your calendars, and designate your donation for the **League of Women Voters of Dallas**, a 501(c)3 nonpartisan organization.

We would appreciate it if you would also promote this program to friends and family on your social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

Let's roll for **TEAM: Together, Each Achieve More.**

As September 14th nears, check the **LWV Dallas** page at the **North Texas Giving Day** website at <https://northtexasgivingday.org>.

Stay tuned for more information about **LWVD** and the **North Texas Giving Day**.

Thank you. We appreciate your continuous support.
Together, everything is possible!



DEVELOPMENT CORNER

SUPPORT THE LWV

It's summer, a time when many organizations including the League tend to see revenues coming in at a slower pace. However, LWVD still has fixed expenses, such as rent, salary for our office administrator, action alerts to send out, the VOTER to mail, and much more.

We've said it before, and we'll say it again. The League is needed now more than ever! In this time of "alternative facts" and ever-changing statements, the political landscape seems chaotic. All sides are using this chaos to raise money for their agendas.

The one place people can turn for factual, unbiased information about issues is the League of Women Voters. Help us keep the doors open and keep putting the facts out there. You can make a monthly recurring gift, a gift in honor or in memory of someone, a gift to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary, or even a gift to round off your checkbook balance. Whatever...just give. You will know you are making a difference.

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DONOR HONOR ROLL

Many thanks to the following individuals for their generous contributions since the last report in the May VOTER.

Benefactor: Kay Irvin

Patrons: Sandy Thornton and Sheri Campbell, Karen Bassett, Lucy Polter, Sally Dunning, and Molly Van Ort

Scholarships: Carol Barger, Rose Harp, Trish Houck and Lyssa Jenkins, Shirley Cooper, Patti Crumley, Barbara Materka, and Molly Van Ort

In Honor of: Susybelle Gosslee and Linda Wassenich by Fran Morris

Contributions: Ruth Alhilali, Kathryn Tucker, The Hon. Adlene Harrison, and Gwen McKinney

ANNUAL DONATIONS ROUND-UP

Let's give a big round of thanks to the following who generously gave to the League of Women Voters of Dallas during the 2016-17 fiscal year. In addition to the \$53,000+ from the Susan B. Anthony luncheon, silent auction, and raffle, 158 contributions were made for more than \$27,100. This report represents the cumulative donations of the following individuals excluding amounts paid for the silent auction and the raffle.

\$5,000+ Cecilia Boone and Debbie Branson

\$2,500+ Drs. Eileen and Harvey Rosenblum and Elizabeth Walley

\$1,000+ Carol Donovan, Julie and Michael Lowenburg, Cecilia McKay, Gwen McKinney, Jane Pak, Jan Sanders, Pat Vaughan, and Linda and Mark Wassenich

\$500+ Carol Barger, Serena Connelly, Patti Crumley, Sally Dunning, Susybelle Gosslee, Dr. Mona Hersh-Cochran, Trish Houck and Lyssa Jenkins, Pat Sabin, Becky Sykes, Sandy Thornton, Elaine Wiant, and Carol Winkleman

\$250+ Donna and Dr. Bob Beavers, Bill Betzen, Leigh Bailey Carrizales, Debra Decker, Adrienne Drapkin, Diana Dutton, The Hon. Harryette Ehrhardt, Ann Folz, Lea Frailey, Kay Irvin, Alice Johnson, Dr. Scherry Johnson, Joy Mankoff, Eliza Solender, Kathryn Tucker, Cat Turner, The Hon. Lupe Valdez, and Molly Van Ort

\$100+ Ruth Alhilali, Karen Bassett, Rebecca Bergstresser, Carol Braden, Terry Brown, Annabelle Catterall, Kathy Calhoun, Cal and Clare Buie Chaney, Judy Coats, Regina Montoya, Dorie Cranshaw, Audrey Curtis, Sophie Fomin, Miriam Foshay, Helen Frank, Kathy Freeman, Monica and Dr. Gabe Fried, Dr. Elba Garcia, Vee Gerkin, Rose Harp, Paul Heller, Beverly Hill, Rosalyn Katz, Sharon King, Dorothy Masterson, Katherine McGovern, Susan Oviatt, Lynn Patterson, Lucy Polter, The Hon. Lorraine and Greer Raggio, Judy Shure, Margaret and Dr. Rick Sorrells, Judi Stewart, Anne Tabb, Diane Tasian, Barbara Weinstein, Marnie Wildenthal, and Elaine Wildman

Donors have been recognized throughout the year in the VOTER. Those who have given more than once during the year, in addition to the ones named above, include Madeleine Crouch, Chris and Hank Guldi, and Sandi and John Hebley.

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**"Those who hope to reap the blessings of freedom must
'undergo the fatigue of supporting it.'" ~Thomas Paine**

Nettie "Terry" Brown

In Memoriam

On May 18, 2017, the League of Women Voters of Dallas lost Nettie "Terry" Brown, who had been a devoted member of the League for 59 years.

Over that time she had served the LWVD in many capacities. Many Unit Meetings and committee meetings were held in her home and much of her effort was spent on program studies, including those concerning the DISD.

Terry's amazing intellect (she had chaired the History Department at The Hockaday School for eight years) was surpassed only by the genuine warmth of her personality.

Private services for her were held at John Calvin Presbyterian Church on June 24 to accommodate the attendance of her three sons.

Barbara "Bobby" Luckadoo

In Memoriam

Barbara Howell "Bobby" Luckadoo passed away July 5, 2017. She was a member of the League of Women Voters for over 50 years.

She was born in Washington, D.C. and received a multi-lingual education in Europe. Barbara was a founding board member of the Alliance Francaise of Dallas, and the Host Family Chair for the Dallas Committee for Foreign Visitors.

Bobby served for many years in community services in various capacities, and she established the Language Bank which provided volunteer language assistance in 107 languages.

A reception was held July 8 at Presbyterian Village North, and a private family memorial service will be held in Colorado at a later date.

(In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in her name to the League of Women Voters or Planned Parenthood.)

Get Well Soon Ellen Steger!



These Peonies represent healing. The League of Women Voters of Dallas offers them to our LWV Richardson friend *Ellen Steger* with our heartfelt

wishes for a fast recovery.

Ellen has her computer and would welcome email communications with friends at esteger@esteger.com.

The 2017-2018 "How to Contact Your Elected Officials" (YEO) is not ready for distribution yet. Thank you for your patience.

Memories of A Friend!

An old friend of mine passed away recently. *David Perrine* died May 22 of cancer, after a long battle.

I got to know David through years of Thanksgiving dinners with his family and a long friendship with his mother **Catherine Perrine, a former LWV Dallas president and the League's water guru**. It was Catherine's idea for the Sutherlands and Perrines to spend Thanksgiving dinners together.

David was a talented musician, and Leaguers may recall David's delightful piano accompaniment to a musical spoof of the "Women Who Want To Be Women". They were the group led by Phyllis Schlafly to fight the proposed Equal Rights Amendment. He gave his talent to the show, leading us from rehearsal on to performance with his spot-on piano playing.

I will miss his wit and irreverent sense of humor.

~ Eleanor Sutherland

CALLING ALL LWVD Position Documentation...

Are you hanging on to clippings and/or folders of research you have done for LWVD in years past? As the new VP of Program I am looking for the research behind our local positions. I want to help you clean out your file cabinets (seriously!) or at least borrow what you have to make copies.

This request comes because I was looking for information on Housing since it was approved for our study this year. The Dallas Public Library archives have folders on housing from the '60s, '70s, and '80s, but there is nothing more recent, nor could we find any DVDs or paper at the League office. Don't restrict yourself to housing.

I'm sure it isn't the only position lacking documentation, and I am interested in all of it!

Or, maybe you don't have any papers, but you remember working on something. I would love to meet with you and hear all about it! Please give me a call - [214-850-7054](tel:214-850-7054) or send me an email - dianetasian@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you so much!

~ Diane Tasian, VP Program

VOTER REGISTRATION DEPUTIZATION BY DALLAS COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Saturday, August 26	11 am
Thursday, September 7	6 pm
Saturday, September 16	11 am
Saturday, September 23	11 am
Thursday, October 5	6 pm
Saturday, October 7	11 am

All classes on 6th floor of the HHS Building at 2377 North Stemmons Freeway, Room 627



Deputization also available at the Voter Registration Department, 8th floor HHS Building
2377 North Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820-1
Monday-Friday, 10am & 1pm, excluding holidays and election days.

(more) I Wish the League Would...

LWVD 79th Annual Meeting on April 29, 2017

I Wish the League Would...

Whenever our League is involved in consensus-taking at whatever level (local, state or national), the results will then be published in the following VOTER. We owe that much to our local communities and members who have participated in reaching the consensus to inform everybody as soon as possible about the final consensus. ~ a loyal member of 49 years

I Wish the League Would...

Start a car pool program for League members who reside in assisted living communities and have telephone reminders for meetings and events.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS

Nominations are now being accepted for the Twenty-Second Annual Susan B. Anthony Award

Earlier this year we were proud to host our annual Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon, honoring an extraordinary community leader. We have already begun the process of planning next year's event, which will take place Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the Lakewood Country Club. The selection of our next honoree is of great importance.

We are looking for the next person who exemplifies the characteristics of Susan B. Anthony -- her independence, persistence, determination and dedication in obtaining equal rights for all. Early in her life she developed a sense of justice and moral zeal. Anthony was assertive and compassionate by nature. She had a keen mind and a great ability to inspire.

To that end, we are making an appeal to our members and key community organizations to help us identify the twenty-second Susan B. Anthony award recipient and make our major fundraising event a continued success.

Attached is the Nomination Form that should be returned to us by Friday, August 11, 2017.

We thank you for your help.

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Lisa Sherrod
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS

2018 Susan B. Anthony Award Nomination Form

Past Recipients

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.
 2014 - Hon. Harryette Ehrhardt, Ph.D.
 2015 - Hon. Ann Margolin
 2016 - Regina Montoya
 2017 - Debbie D. Branson

*This award is presented annually to
a person who exemplifies the
characteristics of*

Susan B. Anthony

*her independence, persistence,
determination and dedication in
obtaining equal rights for all.*

Criteria:

- The awardee must be in attendance at the February 8, 2018 Susan B. Anthony Luncheon to receive the award.
- The nominee must have significant history of leadership initiatives, accomplishments and contributions to the advancement of equal rights for all.
- The nominee's accomplishments should be a reflection of the LWVD beliefs and intentions. They are stated in http://www.lwvdallas.org/about_vision.html
- The nominee's political or other orientations should not be considered as factors in the selection of a winner.
- The nominee must not be serving in or actively running for a partisan office.
- The award recipient must allow recognition in the LWVD website and other publications.
- Complete nominations must be received by **August 11, 2017**, to be considered.

Nominator and Nominee Contact Information:

Nominator Information

Individual/Organization Submitting Nomination:
Contact Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Email:

Nominee Information

Name of Nominee:	
Title/Position:	
Company/Organization:	
Business Address:	
Business Phone:	
Home Address:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:	

**Questions required to be answered as part of the Nomination:
Limit answers to two pages.**

1. Give examples of the nominee’s community achievements to obtain equal rights for all.
2. Explain how the nominee persevered in the face of adversity to achieve goals.
3. What are some of the nominee’s leadership initiatives focusing on women’s rights?
4. Show evidence of leadership initiatives at the local, state or national level.

Reminders to complete the nomination:

- Add a biography, if desired.
- All attachments must be legible.
- Documents submitted with the Nomination Form will not be returned.
- An organization or individual may submit more than one nomination for consideration.
- Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

Return the Nomination Form and any other attachments by August 11, 2017, via:

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 Fwy. Ste. 812S
 Dallas, TX 75207

For further information, contact Dominique Torres at (214) 734-0302,
 Lisa Sherrod at (202) 351-9825 or
 League of Women Voters of Dallas at (214) 688-4125

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2017 {NO August Unit Meetings}

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 30	31	AUGUST 1	2	3	4	5 Board Meeting and Retreat 8:30 - 12 p.m. Cecilia McKay's
6	7	8	9	10	11 Susan B. Anthony Nominations <u>DUE</u>	12
13	14	15 September VOTER Articles <u>DUE</u>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 2017 Women's Equality Day 12 - 1 p.m. (see pg. 4)	24	25	26 *Volunteer Deputy Registrar Class 11 a.m. (see address below)
27	28	29	30	31	SEPTEMBER 1	2 Board Meeting 10 a.m. Conference Call
3	4 Labor Day <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	5	6	7	8	9

(*All Volunteer Deputy Registrar training classes will be conducted on the 6th floor of the Health and Human Services building at 2377 N Stemmons Freeway, Dallas 75207 unless otherwise noted.)

SEPTEMBER UNIT MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Sept. 13 10:00 am
Wednesday Morning Unit
 Mildred Pope 469.235.7077
Meadows Conference Center
 Piney Woods Room
 2900 Live Oak Street
 Dallas 75204

Sept. 14 9:30 am
Thursday Morning Unit
 Mary Vogelson 214.415.3972
The Episcopal Church of St Thomas the Apostle
 6525 Inwood Road
 Dallas 75209

Sept. 14 11:30 am
Far North Dallas Unit
 Anne Tabb 972.392.7067
 Eileen Rosenblum 469.879.8801
The Egg and I
 15203 Knoll Trail
 Arapaho & Montfort/Knoll

Sept. 14 6:30 pm
Thursday Evening Unit
 Arline Pitt 972.243.3966
Angela's Café
 7979 Inwood Road
 Inwood & Lovers Lane
 Dallas 75219

<p>22nd Annual Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Thursday February 8, 2018</p>	<p>Women's Equality Day 2017 Wednesday August 23, 2017 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2017 N Texas Giving Day Thursday September 14, 2017 6:00 a.m. - 12 midnight</p>
<p>Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program Good Neighbor #: 2917 Quarterly Payment: \$124.83</p>	<p>Donate While You Shop! www.Smile.Amazon.com Click "change your charity", Type "League of Women Voters of Dallas"</p>	<p>NEW: Kroger Community Rewards Community Rewards #: 95073 Quarterly Payment: \$37.99</p>

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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) _____

Address _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____

Cell _____ E-mail _____

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