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Remember our LWV garage sale August 19-20!

This will be our major fundraising effort for the year which, with all the elections, will be an expensive one for the League. We are counting on your help. Please donate your unused items, volunteer to help and encourage your friends to attend the sale. The LWV will use funds from this sale to meet our obligation to provide information to voters for upcoming elections and throughout the year. We need your help to succeed!



The Glorious Fourth!

The LWV had an excellent presence at Lubbock's annual 4th of July Celebration this year, with a golf cart and a vintage car, both filled with excited Leaguers, in the parade!

Thanks to Winton Dorow and Nehemiah Gutierrez for the parade pictures!.

2015-2016 Board Members

Co-Presidents - Isabel Gutierrez, Tavita Dorow, Carolie Mullan; Secretary - Virginia Downs; Treasurer – Donna Hunt; Directors - Glenda Boverie, Vivian Burke, Donna Hunt, Janet Caffey, Carolyn Moore, Mark Webb

Presidents' Letter

I have been totally addicted to League Conventions – state and national – since I attended my first one more than 30 years ago. While we usually manage to have at least one member interested in attending the LWV-Texas Convention, it is more difficult for us, in Lubbock, Texas, to relate to the idea of attending a convention in Washington D.C. But we do have strong connections. Since 1994, we have had someone from Texas serving on the LWV-US Board – in some years, two people. Karen Nicholson of Midland is currently LWV-US Vice-President. Many of you know Karen because she has come to Lubbock as a trainer.

I was pleased to attend the recent LWV-US Convention, which was very enjoyable for me for a variety of reasons. Because of my long association with the national Board (serving on it for 6 years and then serving in the MLD program for 2 more years), I now have wonderful League friends from all over the country. Seeing them at Convention is a special pleasure. In addition, LWV-US is able to tap into a wonderful group of nationally known speakers who are always informative and interesting. But most of all, I love to see the League carry on business and come to decisions in such an orderly and efficient manner – I can only wish that our government, at all levels, could take a page from the League book and be so effective !



In addition to adopting the very complicated budget -- no Per Member Payment (dues) increase for the next two years -- the membership elected an excellent board, to be led by Chris Carson, President, from California. The membership also adopted an amendment that now makes voting membership in the League open to non-citizens and individuals 16 years of age or older. In addition, delegates voted to concur with a Colorado position on Behavioral Health – every US resident must have access to affordable, quality Behavioral Health Care.

The workshops are always great on a wide variety of topics – Vote411 Software, Redistricting Reform, Water, and Climate Change- to mention a few. I attended an excellent one on transgender voters. Because birth certificates are often used as a basis for determining voting eligibility, transgender voters are regularly being denied the right to vote in many states. Changing information on a birth certificate is extremely difficult and often expensive, making this an effective roadblock for transgender voters.

My wish is that all League members could attend a state or national convention at least once. Hearing responsible, well-known people praise the League and acknowledge the importance of the organization helps to validate the effort and time we all put into the League.

Carolie Mullan, Co-President

The League of women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Join us in making democracy work!

Membership Renewal –Important!

As a reminder, the League Membership year goes from June 1 – May 31. League dues are due now! Renewal notices were sent to everyone in July, but many members have not yet renewed. Please send yours in by September 1 and save us the cost of mailing you a reminder notice. (Editor's note: If you are joining for the first time, or if you misplaced your renewal notice, a copy is included in the newsletter.)

Donations in July

For your donations to the LWV, Thank you, thank you, thank you!

To: Glenda Boverie, Louise Cummins, Sara McClarty, Kathy Stocco, Tess Trost, Emerson and Pat Tucker, Francie Lowe and Marjorie Reynolds.

And To: Martha Hise Cieszinski in Memory of Betty Anderson

SarahLee Morris in honor of Tess Trost

Neale Pearson in Memory of Byron Abernathy



Special thanks to Honorary Members, Cheryl and Tom Shubert – for In Kind Donations (tables, a showcase, and marking tags) to help make the LWV Yard Sale more successful. Richard Puryear, for the golf cart for the 4th of July parade.

Circuit Court Rules That Restrict Texas Voter ID Law Violates the Voting Rights Act!

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans recently ruled that the Texas voter photo ID law violates the Voting Rights Act because of its racially discriminatory effects. The Court, in making its ruling, ordered the Federal District Court in Corpus Christi to find the appropriate remedy as soon as possible.

The Fifth Circuit Court's ruling suggests one option is to permit voter registration cards as acceptable identification for voting. Voter registration cards are mailed to every registered voter every two years and were accepted prior to the imposition of the very strict Texas photo ID law.

The League of Women Voters of Texas and many other civic organizations are busy registering voters and educating voters about the voting process. Because we need as much time as possible to make sure that every voter in Texas is informed about the changes well in advance of the November 2016 election, Elaine Wiant, President of LWV-Texas, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas, has urged the State of Texas to end its legal challenge, and thus draining expenditure of state funds. It's estimated that more than \$3.5 million has been expended appealing rulings on the subject since the law's passage in 2011.

League Fundraiser – Yard Sale – August 19-20

The LWV-Lubbock League is having its first ever Yard Sale as a fund raiser August 19-20. In order to pay for Voter Guides and other election related materials, the League of women Voters of Lubbock must have fundraisers. Although we can still accept donations of items to be sold, we have accumulated a fair amount. – items such as terra cotta churches, baskets, a treadmill, exercise bicycle, barbecue, jewelry, sewing machines, bread machine, buttons, framed pictures, tools, dishes, clothing and much, much more.

We still need workers – to help set up, Monday through Thursday, 8 am – noon, August 15 through 18 and also to help work the sale from 8 am – 3 pm (2 hour shifts) , August 18 and 19.

If you are willing to volunteer some time or have items to donate, please contact Carolie Mullan at carmelchai@aol.com The sale will be at League Member, Glenda Boverie's house, 3210 23rd St.

Board Meeting Cancelled

The League of Women Voters July Board meeting was cancelled because of a lack of a quorum –the summer travel bug got to us! The next Board meeting will be Thursday, August 11, at 5:30 pm in the conference Room adjacent to the Volunteer Center at 1706 23rd.

The Lubbock LWV welcomes donations in support of our work from members and friends. Please send the form below with your check to:

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PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY

Your Name _____

Address _____

My check is enclosed for my donation of \$ _____ to support the:

_____ LWV-Lubbock Education Fund (May be tax deductible) or

_____ LWV-Lubbock (NOT tax deductible)

(Please note: separate checks should be made to the LWV and the LWV Education Fund)

My donation is In Honor of or In Memory of _____

If you would like an acknowledgement sent to the person or family, please give us the name and mailing address



LWV-Lubbock will have a table at the Back-to-School Fiesta August 13 in the TTU Student Union. Call Carolie Mullan if you can help!



Forgot to renew? if you misplaced your LWV renewal form, use the one below. And if you have additions, corrections, news or other items for the LWV newsletter (or if, sadly, you want to be removed from this list), please reply to this message or e-mail me at frances.lowe@ttu.edu.

LWV--Lubbock Membership Form 2015-16

PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone(s): Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Email Address _____

Annual Membership Dues begin at \$60 and include the levels listed below.

Please select your Membership Level:

\$60 Individual \$100 Susan B. Anthony \$200 Elizabeth Cady Stanton

\$250 Suffragist \$35 Student \$40 Senior \$90 Household (2 in same house)

Additional Support

I also wish to support the League of Women Voters--Lubbock with an additional donation of \$_____ for: _____ LWV-Lubbock Education Fund and/or _____ LWV-Lubbock (please make separate checks for the LWV and the Ed Fund; the latter may be tax-deductible.)

My donation is (circle appropriate wording) In Honor of or In Memory of _____

If you would like an acknowledgement sent to the person or family, please print name and mailing address _____

Please return this form with your check(s) to

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