



# THE VOTER

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News from the League of Women Voters – Hill Country

[LWVHillCountryTexas.org](http://LWVHillCountryTexas.org)

## *Mission Statement: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

League Members and Friends,



### **YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!**

On May 5 Kerrville will hold a Municipal Election for Mayor and City Council. On the same date Fredericksburg will hold a Municipal Election for Mayor and City Council and Fredericksburg Independent School District will have an election for school board members. Early voting will occur April 23-May1.

Primary runoff Elections will be held on May 22 in all Texas Counties. Last day to register is April 23. Early Voting is May 14-18. If you did not vote in the Primary you may still vote in the runoff. If you voted in the primary you will need to vote in the same party election which you voted in March.

Remember, **VOTE411.ORG** is your source for information on the candidates.

### **KERRVILLE SITE OF LWV STATE CONVENTION**

Our local League is excited to welcome League members from across the state to our biennial state convention which will be held April 27-29. Five of our members were elected as delegates at the March meeting. Leslie Starr Hart, Maggie Marsh-Nation, JoAnn McKinzey, Kenneth Ruark, and Joyce Schlechte will attend workshops, hear biennial reports, vote on a budget, and decide on programs for the future. Other members who have registered may attend workshops and plenary sessions, but only the delegates will vote. A large number of LWV Hill Country members will be volunteering to help make the convention a success and many of them will also attend workshops on such topics as Social Media, Advocacy, Candidate Forums, and Parliamentary Procedure, to name a few.

The public can make arrangements to attend all or part of the convention by registering on LWVTX.org. The Saturday lunch at the Inn of the Hills features Ashley Lopez who will speak on "Demystifying Elections for Infrequent Voters". The Saturday evening event at the Inn is the "Defending Democracy in Texas" dinner with Randall Buck Wood as the speaker and honored guest.

### **KERR•KONNECT TRANSIT – Almost there!**

A new volunteer-based transit system is closer to reality. Board members of KERR•KONNECT are only lacking the approval of grants in order to rent an office, set up a computer and train volunteers. The hopeful projected date is mid to late summer this year!

KERR•KONNECT will serve seniors and other persons who do not have reliable transportation by providing curb to curb rides with volunteer drivers within a ten mile radius of the Kerr County Courthouse, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Destinations will include medical services, groceries, prescriptions, social and physical health. Riders will register with a \$20/year dues which will help defray the expense of processing riders' necessary information into the scheduling software, and will represent their commitment to their participation. A voucher arrangement will be available for riders in need through area non-profits. Information on the riders' contacts and needs will be updated yearly. Once riders are "in the system" they need only call the office or access the software by internet to schedule their rides. Fees for rides will be \$2 one way/\$4 round trip, with the driver staying with the rider when feasible. On-going needs will be for funding and especially for volunteers. Board Members are Bob Ogle, Clay Lambert, Mike Burkett, and Karen Burkett (LWV Hill Country member) ([m.k.burkett@att.net](mailto:m.k.burkett@att.net)).

### **BELK CHARITY DAY – MAY 5**

LWV Hill Country strives to maintain affordable dues for members and thus must depend on some supplemental fund raising. If you are thinking of shopping for Mother's Day or graduation gifts the Charity Day sale is an opportune time as the store provides additional discounts for this sale. Tickets are \$5 and this \$5 is returned as a discount on your purchase. If you cannot shop the day of the sale you can shop anytime during the week before and pick up your purchases after the sale. Tickets can be purchased by calling our treasurer, Bonnie Powers, 830-955-9044. All tickets purchased through the League are a direct income to our League. Thank you for your support.

### **ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 10**

At our annual meeting we will take time to celebrate the many accomplishments of our "little but loud" League of Women Voters, Hill Country. Through the efforts of our members we have registered and educated voters, made citizens aware of Human Trafficking, and helped citizens recognize they have information on [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) to help them make informed decisions when casting votes. We will elect new officers, vote on by-law changes, and approve an annual budget. Please plan to attend the meeting to be held at River Hills Country Club with meet and greet beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the soup, salad, and dessert meal to begin at 6:00 p.m.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- **April 27-29, 2018**, LWV Texas convention at Inn of the Hills, Kerrville
- **May 5, 2018**, Belk Charity Day Sale, 6:00-10:00 a.m., Belk store in Kerrville
- **May 5, 2018**, Uniform Election Date for municipalities and school board, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., at your local polling place
- **May 22, 2018**, Primary Runoff Election, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., at your local polling place
- **May 10, 2018**, Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., River Hills Country Club
- **September 25, 2018**, National Voter Registration Day

Respectfully,  
Janice Zitelman, President  
League of Women Voters – Hill Country

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**OUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS-HILL COUNTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- President/Spokesperson:** Janice Zitelman, [presidentlwvhc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentlwvhc@gmail.com)
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- Membership:** Bunny Bond
- Facebook Administrator:** Twanda Brown
- Voters Service:** Mary Ellen Summerlin
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- Member-at-large:** Marie Miller, Julie Sentell

**JOIN US - League Membership**

Be a member of the League; we invite you to join us! A membership application is on our website or you may contact Bunny Bond 830-377-9940, Membership. Our League annual dues month are \$60 for an individual or \$85 for two in a household, and \$30 for student membership. Our dues are prorated from January. Include your name(s), address, email address, and phone number. Make your check to LWV-Hill Country; mail to LWV-HC, PO Box 290303, Kerrville, TX 78029-0303. Join the League and help make democracy work.

**STAY CONNECTED**

Visit our website: [LWVHillCountryTexas.org](http://LWVHillCountryTexas.org)

Like our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/League-of-Women-Voters-Hill-Country-Texas/339618902798405>. The LWV-Hill Country welcomes your questions! Post to this Facebook page or submit questions via e-mail to [President@LWVHillCountryTexas.org](mailto:President@LWVHillCountryTexas.org).

**LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS**

**The League of Women Voters is a local, state, and national nonpartisan organization.**


**Please go to our LWV-Texas, state website, [www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org).** There you will find more voter information and the League positions. The League develops our positions after study and consensus.

The LWV-Texas position on the issue of human trafficking in Texas: The League of Women Voters of Texas is opposed to all forms of domestic and international human trafficking of adults and children, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking. We consider human trafficking to be a form of modern-day slavery and support measures to prevent the use of force, fraud or coercion to exploit a person for sexual or labor purposes, to prosecute traffickers and to protect victims.

**Go to <http://lwvedu.org> for the free, four-hour TEA continuing credit course on issues of human trafficking. Teachers, take note of this!** This is the online course for which we received the state award.

**Our national League, LWVUS, [www.lwvus.org](http://www.lwvus.org),** is actively working to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Go to this website and see the range of issues from voter rights, voter turnout, reforming money in politics, and defending the environment.



Consider giving a membership as a  to a student, as they need only be 16 years of age to join.

**PLEASE CONSIDER:**

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