



# 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.***

## MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

There are lots of activities coming up for our League in the next couple of months – celebration of Women’s Equality Day, Deputy Voter Registration training, our first membership meeting of the year, and National Voter Registration Day. Mark your calendars for these events and plan to join us!

## COMING SOON: NEW FORMAT FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Beginning next month, the newsletter will be landing in your inbox via ConstantContact. We’re excited to be able use this tool to create more visually interesting newsletters and to more efficiently deliver them to you. The newsletter may initially appear in your junk box, so be watching for it.

## CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO BOOTH A BIG SUCCESS

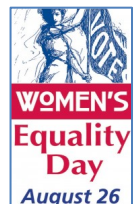
Our League sponsored a booth at the Chamber Business Expo the first weekend in August, and the efforts of our volunteers who staffed it produced several new members and registered voters. Thank you, Twanda Brown, Bonnie Powers, Maggie Megee, and Jana Colgate!!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome five new members to our League – Catherine Learoyd, Susan Lipp, Caroline O’Quinn, Becky Priour, and Brenda Strickland - and look forward to meeting them at one of our upcoming events.

## WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY, AUGUST 26

In honor of Women’s Equality Day, our League will host a three-course dinner on Sunday, August 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Riverhill Country Club. The cost is \$26 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Please make reservations with Debby Berry at [dbbybrry@aol.com](mailto:dbbybrry@aol.com) no later than Friday, August 17.



The program for the event will feature Women in the Media. The following women from local newspapers will speak briefly about their careers, followed by some time for Q&A: from the *Hill Country Community Journal*, Tammy Prout, owner/publisher, and Bonnie Arnold, reporter; from the *Kerrville Daily Times*, Neice Bell, publisher, and Judith Pannebaker, reporter; and from the *West Kerr*

*Current*, Nancy Schroeder, co-owner, and Irene Van Winkle, reporter. Mary Ellen Summerlin will serve as moderator for the program.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends to come get acquainted with the League and to help celebrate Women's Equality Day, which commemorates the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920. The amendment prohibits the states and federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. Women's Equality Day was first celebrated in 1973 and is proclaimed each year by the United States President.

### **DEPUTY VOTER REGISTRAR TRAINING SEPTEMBER 7**

Our League will host Deputy Voter Registrar (DVR) training on Friday, September 7, at 12 noon at Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. The training will be conducted by the Kerr County Elections Department. There is no charge for the training. If you are interested in helping with voter registration on National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 25th, and have not attended training, we encourage you to attend this session.

**Reminder:** All DVR appointments expire on December 31 in even-numbered years. The appointments of current DVRs will expire December 31, 2018, and cannot be renewed until after that date. Training for that purpose is expected in January.

Jeannette Ruark, Voters Service Chair, is creating a list of all League members who are Deputy Voter Registrars. If you are a DVR, please contact her at [texasquilter440@gmail.com](mailto:texasquilter440@gmail.com) so she can add your name to her list.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13**

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 13th, at Riverhill Country Club, at 5:00 p.m. A buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres will be offered for \$15 per person, including tax and gratuity. Bunny Bond, moderator for this meeting, has an exciting speaker lined up for us. Watch for additional details in next month's newsletter.



### **NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 25th. Our League will be contacting schools and other venues to schedule opportunities to register voters that day. Additional details will be included in next month's newsletter.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- **Sunday, August 26, 2018**, Women's Equality Day – Riverhill Country Club, 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Friday, September 7, 2018** – Deputy Voter Registrar Training, Riverside Nature Center, 12noon
- **Thursday, September 13, 2018** – Regular membership meeting, Riverhill Country Club, 5:00pm
- **Tuesday, September 25, 2018** - National Voter Registration Day
- **Tuesday, October 9, 2018** – Last day to register to vote in general election
- **Monday, October 22, 2018** – Early voting begins
- **Friday, November 2, 2018** – Early voting ends
- **Tuesday, November 6, 2018** – General Election

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

- Treasurer:** Mary Ellen Summerlin
- Membership:** Julie Sentell
- Facebook Administrator:** Twanda Brown
- Voters Service:** Jeanette Ruark
- Webmaster:** Debby Berry
- Members-at-large:** Bunny Bond, Gillian Davidson, Maggie Megee
- President's email (presidentlwvhc@gmail.com):** Debby Berry

**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 Julie Sentell, Membership at 325-201-7337. Our League annual dues are \$60 for an individual or \$85 for two in a household, and \$30 for student membership. Dues are prorated from January. Please include your name(s), address, email address, and phone number. Make your check payable to LWV-Hill Country and mail to LWV-HC, PO Box 290303, Kerrville, TX 78029-0303. Join the League and help make democracy work.



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

**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 visit the LWV-Texas state website, [my.lwv.org/texas](http://my.lwv.org/texas).** There you will find more voter information and the League positions on a variety of issues. The League develops its 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, <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.

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