



# THE VOTER

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News from the League of Women Voters – Hill Country

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

**MISSION:** 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

League Members and Friends,



**Women's Equality Day will be celebrated on Saturday, August 26.** This was the date

in 1920 when women in the United States were granted the right to vote under the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution. A forum of female office holders will serve as the highlight of the event. Local politicians who plan to participate include the following: Linda Langerhans, Mayor of Fredericksburg; Janna Lindig, County Attorney for Bandera County; Suzanne Schauman, Mayor of Bandera, Bonnie White, Mayor of Kerrville; and Lucy Wilke, District Attorney for the 216<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. The celebration will be held in the Angora Room of the Inn of the Hills, 1001 Junction Hwy., Kerrville. Guests and members are invited to arrive between 11:00-11:30 to greet and eat by going through the buffet line at the Inn. The business meeting and forum will begin about 12:00 Noon. Anyone interested in attending should please RSVP to [presidentlwhc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentlwhc@gmail.com) by Monday, August 21, to make sure we have ample seating.

## SPECIAL SESSION CONTINUES

Only 9 days left in the Special Session of the State Legislature. Please check out this link to see what action you can take today! [http://www.lwvtexas.org/2017\\_Special\\_Session.html](http://www.lwvtexas.org/2017_Special_Session.html) At our September general membership meeting we are planning a program to provide you with information on what took place in the Legislative sessions in Austin in 2017.

**NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.** The League will have various sites in the community to register voters on that date and prior to October 10, the last date to register in order to vote in the November 7 General Election. Prior to this date we are planning to host another training to become a Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar. You will receive information soon, but you are welcome to email [presidentlwhc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentlwhc@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer to register voters. ***Your Vote Matters!***

## LWV TEXAS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR STATE BOARD

Nominations are now open for the 2018-2020 LWV-Texas Board of Directors. All positions are for two years. The Nomination form is available online at [www.lwvtx.org](http://www.lwvtx.org). The LWV-Texas board meets four times each year to set policies, make decisions that determine the focus of League advocacy at the state level, and support and assist local Leagues in Voters Service, membership growth, and study of public policy issues. Board members interact with outstanding leaguers from across the state in these processes. Each board member holds a portfolio and serves on a committee associated with that position. Most of the work is completed at home between board meetings. The experience is an interesting, rewarding and fun challenge. Nominations for 2018-2020 are due October 2, 2017. The Nominating Committee will interview nominees as it seeks to balance the board with particular skill sets. Our particular known needs at this time are in Voters Service and Development. The slate of nominees will be present at the LWV-TX state convention in Kerrville in April 2018 and service on the new board will begin June 1. If you are interested in more information, please contact Meg Scott-Johnson, one of our own and who is currently serving as Secretary on the state board.

## A FEW LITTLE CHANGES

LWV Hill Country is working to make meeting times more available to all citizens. We want to include working, retired, males, females, students, etc. so we are planning more early evening meetings in the coming year. Additionally, Twanda Brown is now administrator of our Facebook page and Debby Berry manages our local League website. They are anxious to include useful and interesting information. The Leadership Team has worked to schedule meetings through May of 2018, so please check your website. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

## Mark Your Calendars

- **September 7, 2017**, Local Arrangements Committee meeting, (*note change of date from September 8 to September 7*) 9 a.m., Highlander Club House
- **September 21, 2017** General Membership Meeting "What Happened In the 2017 State Legislative Sessions?!", 5:30 p.m. (venue TBA)
- **October 14, 2017**, Forum on Constitutional Amendments which will be on November ballot, 10 A.M. @ Dietert Center
- **November 16, 2017** General Membership Meeting, Program on Re-Districting, 5:30 p.m., (venue TBA)
- **December 2, 2017** Holiday Social Gathering, 5:30 p.m., @ Meg and Richard Johnson's Home
- **January 18, 2018** Program Honoring Local School Boards 6:00 p.m. (venue TBA)
- **April 26-30, 2018**, LWV Texas convention in Kerrville

Respectfully,  
Janice Zitelman  
President LWV – 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)

**Treasurer:** Bonnie Powers

**Membership:** Bunny Bond

**Facebook Administrator:** Twanda Brown

**Voters Service:** Mary Ellen Summerlin


**Webmaster:** Debby Berry

**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.



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). Questions need to be about the issues you think are important. All questions are to be free from bias, as they will be asked of each candidate.

## 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.

## PLEASE CONSIDER:

Helping fund our State League, LWV-TX.

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Search out Amazon Smile; select League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund as your charity

Thereafter, for your purchase to count for the donation, log into <http://smile.amazon.com>

The program will send you an email to install buttons into your browser to make this step easier.