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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,



PRIMARY SEASON IS UPON US

Voters Services began planning for the primary elections last month. Election Day is March 6, 2018, and first day of early voting will be February 20. This election, as is every election, is very important. Since our local area is dominated by one party many candidates will be deemed “elected” on March 6 because they will have no opposition in November. LWV Hill Country is working to cover 3 counties, Bandera, Gillespie, and Kerr. Candidate Fairs are planned for January 27 in Bandera Co., and February 3 in Kerr County. The fairs will be meet and greet events so that citizens can get to know the candidates and ask individualized questions. A special booklet will be provided to citizens with suggested questions, a candidate “report card”, and other election information.

VOLUNTEER DEPUTY VOTER REGISTRAR TRAINING

The League will, once again, be sponsoring a training on January 5. The Kerr County Elections Department will conduct training for volunteers who wish to register voters in Kerr County. Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos, in Kerrville will be the site of the training which will be held from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Training is open to the public and it is helpful if you pre-register by calling Kerr County Elections Office, 830-792-2242.

LEAGUE 101

January will be the month to renew your membership and your commitment to the League of Women Voters. At the membership meeting on January 18, 5:30 p.m. at Fuddrucker's, members will have the opportunity to hear about history, protocols, studies, and goals for the League. Plan to come and bring a friend.

LWVUS VISION STATEMENT

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

Mark Your Calendars

- **January 5, 2018**, Deputy Voter Registrar Training, 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m., Riverside Nature Center
- **January 18, 2017**, General Membership Meeting, “League 101”, 5:30 p.m., Fuddruckers, Kerrville
- **January 27, 2018**, Bandera County LWV Candidate Fair, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Bandera High School, Bandera
- **February 3, 2018**, Kerr Country LWV Candidate Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Tivy High School, Kerrville
- **February 5, 2018**, Last Day to Register to Vote for March 6 election
- **February 17, 2018**, Gillespie County LWV Candidate Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Fredericksburg High School, Fredericksburg
- **April 26-30, 2018**, LWV Texas convention in Kerrville

Respectfully,

Janice Zitelman, President

League of Women Voters – Hill Country

OUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS-HILL COUNTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

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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

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.

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. 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, 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:

Helping fund our State League, LWV-TX.

Do you purchase from Amazon? Please donate 0.5% of your purchase to LWV-Texas.

Instructions can be found on our web site, www.lwvtexas.org. Scroll down - it's way down there.

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On your Amazon account:

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.