

Mission Statement: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

League Members and Friends,

At our annual meeting on May 10, the following persons were elected to serve on the Leadership Team for 2018-2019:

Treasurer – Mary Ellen Summerlin

Membership – Julie Sentell

Voter Services – Jeanette Ruark

Webmaster – Debby Berry

Facebook Administrator – Twanda Brown

Members-at-Large – Bunny Bond, Gillian Davidson, and Maggie Megee

Because no one was able to accept the position of president this year, the Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) coach for our League, Phyllis Ingram, recommended that an additional member-at-large be added to the Leadership Team and that the Leadership Team divide the president's responsibilities, including conducting meetings and serving as spokesperson, among the team members. The Leadership Team at its May meeting divided the president's responsibilities among themselves as follows:

Membership meetings – to be planned and chaired by a Leadership Team member, as follows:

September 13, 2018 - Bunny Bond

November 8, 2018 – Maggie Megee

January 10, 2019 – Debby Berry

March 14, 2019 – Mary Ellen Summerlin

President's email – Debby Berry

Newsletter "The Voter" – Julie Sentell

Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce Mixers – Gill Davidson

Please feel free to contact any of the Leadership Team members with any questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXPO AUGUST 3-4

The Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its annual Business Expo August 3-4 at the Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Hwy. 27. Our League will have a booth there again this year, just as we did last year. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 3rd - First Friday Wine Share and Business Expo Kick-Off. Set-up is from 12 noon

until 5:00 pm. The event opens at 5:15 pm and closes at 8:00 pm. Twanda Brown has offered to set up and staff the booth on Friday, as well as create a basket of Kerr County products for a door prize. We also need another League person there who is a Deputy Voter Registrar, as we want to offer people the opportunity to register to vote.

Saturday, August 4th – The Expo opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 3:00 p.m. Maggie Megee and Mary Ellen Summerlin have offered to staff the booth on Saturday and to take it down after the event closes.

If you are interested in helping staff the booth, please contact Twanda at twandabrown@yahoo.com, Maggie at maggiemegee@icloud.com, or Mary Ellen at meskt@icloud.com.

LWV REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON COUNTY AUTHORITY AUGUST 4

The Comal Area LWV has invited members of LWV-Hill Country, LWV-Austin Area, LWV-Hays County, and LWV-San Antonio to a workshop on Saturday, August 4, 2018, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Tye Preston Memorial Library, 16311 South Access Road, in Canyon Lake. The purpose of the workshop is to explore introducing legislation in the 2019 Legislative Session regarding additional authority for fast-growing counties.

Texas is experiencing phenomenal growth, especially in the Hill Country. Subdivisions are being built in the unincorporated areas of counties, with little or no regulation regarding water resources or impacts on roads. Industrial operations can be built next to subdivisions because counties do not have authority regarding incompatible land uses.

Attendees will share examples of the impacts of growth in their communities, learn the history of previous attempts for county authority legislation, brainstorm ideas for educating locally about the need for county authority legislation, and build a network for advocacy with local commissioners' courts and with legislators. "Advocacy Help" handouts will be provided. All interested members are urged to attend.

Registration is free, but advance registration is requested no later than Tuesday, July 31, 2018. To see the complete agenda, please see the attached invitation from LWV-Comal Area. If you are interested, please email the presidentlwvhc@gmail.com so we can plan to carpool.

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 dbbybry@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 Q&A and discussion: from the *Hill Country Community Journal*, Tammy Prout, owner/publisher, and Bonnie Arnold, reporter; from the *Kerrville Daily Times*, Neice Bell, publisher; and from the *West Kerr Current*, Nancy Schroeder, co-owner, Irene Van Winkle, reporter, and Judith Pannebaker. 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 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. National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 25th, and we encourage everyone who is interested in helping with voter registration to attend the training.

Mark Your Calendars

- **July 31, 2018** – Deadline for registering to attend August 4th LWV Regional Workshop (see details below)
- **August 3-4, 2018** – Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 Hwy 27: Friday, August 3, 5:15 pm - 8:00 pm – First Friday Wine Share and Business Expo Kickoff; Saturday, August 4, Business Expo 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **August 4, 2018** - LWV Regional Workshop on County Authority, 11:00-3:00, Tye Preston Memorial Library, Canyon Lake
- **August 26, 2018**, Women's Equality Day – Riverhill Country Club, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- **September 7, 2018** – Deputy Voter Registrar Training, Riverside Nature Center, 12 noon
- **September 25, 2018**, National Voter Registration Day

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 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

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 visit the LWV-Texas state website, 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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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.

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