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News from the League of Women Voters – Hill Country

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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,



Grass Roots

We are a grassroots organization. League members must study and come to agreement on an issue before a position is reached. Studies echo League nonpartisan philosophy by examining all sides of an issue without prejudice; Facts & Issues are just that. Therefore, all of the League positions have been studied at the grassroots/local League level and a position has been developed before the League can take action.

Special Session of Texas Legislature Begins July 18

Just when you thought you could take a break for the summer the Governor announced a special session. Hopefully you have already read your CAPITOL ACTION REPORT from LWV Texas. Anyone can check out the text version at our great new website, <http://lwvhillcountrytexas.org/Empowerment.html>. Please take the time to read the report and then visit, call or write your state representative and state senator. Remind them that...

- Voting rights are extremely important to you.
- You oppose vouchers which rob money from neighborhood public school.
- Local tree and construction project ordinances belong at the local level.
- Women have a right to safe medical abortions and that Texas has an extremely high maternal mortality rate.
- You support LGBT Texans and are concerned for vulnerable children who are transgender.

Taking just a bit of your time to contact your legislator can make a difference and they need to know what their constituents want and believe in.

Summer break provides League training

A regional training for League members will take place on Saturday, July 15, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Canyon Lake Library. Anyone wanting to learn more about the functioning of LWV is encouraged to attend. Participants are encourage to bring a laptop or IPAD. The agenda will include discussion of communication for Leagues, membership development, fund-raising, protection of “non-partisan” stance, alternate candidate forums (LWV Hill Country will be featured) and greater Voter information services through Vote411.org. LWV-Hill Country has budgeted money to pay the \$10 registration fee and several members have already made plans to attend. Please contact Debby Berry via email at dbbybrry@aol.com if you would like to carpool. We want to coordinate and to pay for your registration so please email presidentlwvhc@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Leahanna Young’s Memorial Service

A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2017, 11 a.m., at Unity Church in Kerrville. Leahanna touched many lives and mentored many women in her calm, cheerful manner. Her family has designated that memorials may be made to Unity Church of the Hill Country, League of Women Voters, or one’s favorite charity. Should you desire to make a contribution to League of Women Voters and meet the qualification for tax deduction the donation should be designated for TEF (Texas Education Fund).

Mark Your Calendars

July 12, 2017, Kerr Co. Deputy Voter Registrar Training, 10:00-11:00, Juvenile Probation Center, 3499 Legion Drive, Kerrville, sponsored by County Elections Office

July 15, 2017, Texas LWV Regional Training 1:30-4:30 p.m., Canyon Lake Library

August 26, 2017, Women’s Equality Day, Event TBA

September 8, 2017, Local Arrangements Committee meeting for LWV Texas Convention, 9 a.m., Highlander Club House, Kerrville

April 26-30, 2018, LWV Texas Convention in Kerrville

Respectfully,

Janice Zitelman

President LWV – Hill Country

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, Membership Chair at 830-377-9940. Our League annual dues 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 PresidentLWVHC@gmail.com.

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS is a local, state, and national nonpartisan organization.

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://lwvtxedu.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.

OUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS-HILL COUNTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

President/Spokesperson: Janice Zitelman, presidentlwvhc@gmail.com

Treasurer: Bonnie Powers

Membership: Bunny Bond

Voters Service: Mary Ellen Summerlin

Webmaster: Debby Berry

Member-at-large: Twanda Brown, Marie Miller, Julie Sentell,

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Questions? Email lwvtexas@lwvtexas.org. Thank you for your donation!