



THE VOTER

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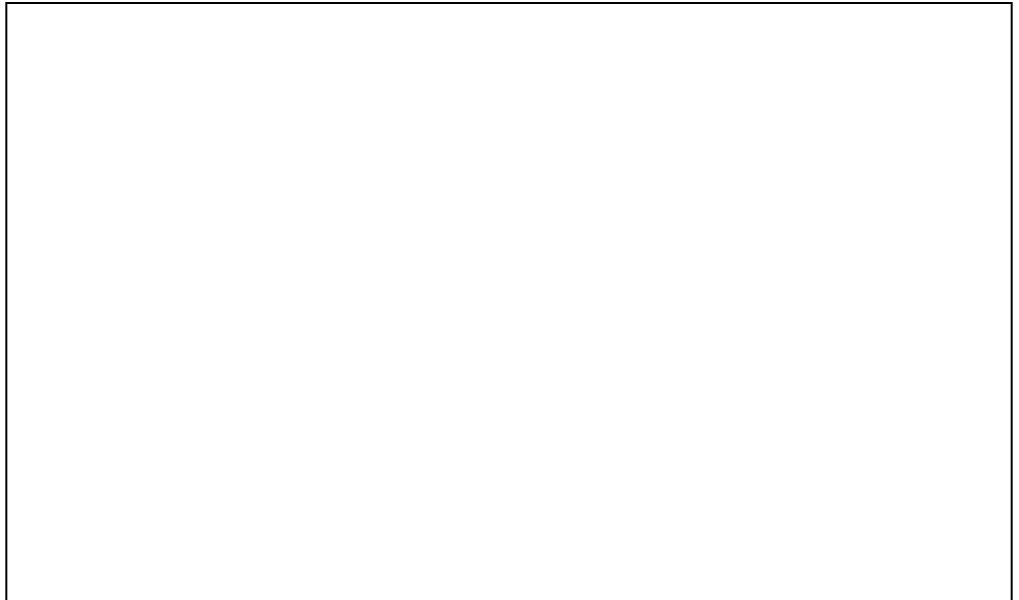
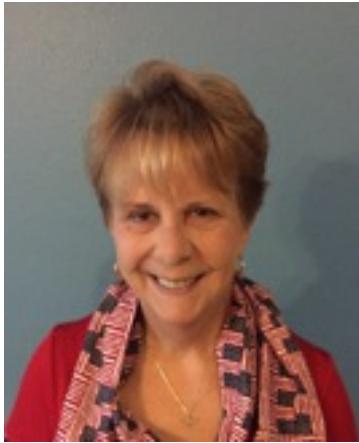
News from the League of Women Voters – Hill Country

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,



9 DAYS UNTIL NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY!

Tuesday September 26, is National Voter Registration Day. LWV-Hill Country will be registering voters at various sites on that date and additional dates prior to the deadline (October 10) to be eligible to vote in the November election. If you have not volunteered to help register voters and wish to do so, please contact Mary Ellen Summerlin (mects@kctc.com). Many Americans don't know that if you recently moved, turned 18, changed your name, or haven't voted in a recent election you need to update your voter registration!

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 5:30 PM, FUDDRUCKERS – KERRVILLE

Please plan to arrive around 5:30 for greet and eat. The business meeting and program will begin about 6:00. You can expect to be energized and motivated by our speaker, Grace Chimene, Vice-President of LWV State Board of Directors. Grace kept us updated during the Legislative Sessions and helped us to focus our advocacy efforts. At the meeting she will speak about what occurred in regards to the positions of LWV Texas. If you have time to stay after the program and want to learn to Tweet, Grace will give us a lesson.

VOTE411.ORG should be live for information on the November Election which will contain 7 proposed Constitutional Amendments. The site is for every voter's use and contains non-partisan information. Please encourage your family and friends to visit the site in order to make an educated vote.



BELK CHARITY DAY SALE will be Saturday, November 4, 6-10 a.m. Our local League raises money by selling tickets for \$5 each. Each ticket is a coupon for \$5 off a purchase on Charity Day. This is an easy fund raiser and hope you will buy several tickets to give or sell to your friends and family. If you can't be in town the morning of the sale you can pre-shop the week before. Tickets will be available at the meeting or contact Bonnie Powers (powersbonnie@yahoo.com).

SUNFLOWER CARDS TO FUND LWV – HILL COUNTRY-TEXAS EDUCATION FUND (TEF). The American Suffrage Movement adopted the Kansas state symbol, the sunflower, to represent their cause. One of our own, Debby Berry, took this cue and used a sunflower theme to make greeting cards. She has generously donated her time and materials for the cards which will be sold in packets, 5 for \$15, by LWV Hill Country. Look for them at the meeting. TEF helps fund voters service activities and informational materials such as THE VOTERS GUIDE, VOTE 411.org, building use fees for voter forums and volunteer voter registration training, etc.



MODERN DAY SLAVERY was Kenneth B. Morris Jr.'s topic at the 3rd Annual Alamo Area Coalition Against Trafficking on September 14 in San Antonio. Mr. Morris is descended from two of the most important names in American history, Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington. Mr. Morris's is driven by a mission to end human trafficking and all forms of servitude and has been instrumental in founding the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives (FDFI). One of the guiding principles of FDFI is Frederick Douglass's quote, "*It's easier to build strong children than repair broken men.*" Along with two California non-profits FDFI has developed a standardized educational curriculum to assist educators and students to identify and prevent instances of human trafficking. The conference was attended by Meg Scott-Johnson, Debby Berry, & Janice Zitelman who were inspired to continue our League's work as a member of the Hill Country Coalition Against Trafficking. If you would like to work with the Hill Country Coalition contact Meg Scott-Johnson (megdscott@earthlink.net).

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE at Schreiner University on September 22 has invited LWV-Hill Country to participate with an informational table. If you would like to help promote LWV by spending time at the table on September 22, please contact Janice Zitelman (janzit09@gmail.com).

Mark Your Calendars

- **September 21, 2017**, General Membership Meeting "What Happened In the 2017 State Legislative Sessions?!", 5:30 p.m. **Fuddruckers, Kerrville**
- **October 14, 2017**, Forum on Constitutional Amendments which will be on November ballot, 10 A.M. @ Dietert Center
- **November 4, 2017**, Belk Charity Day, 6-10 a.m. @ Belk Department Store, River Hill Mall, 200 Sidney Baker, Kerrville
- **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** General Membership Meeting, Program Honoring Local School Boards 6:00 p.m. (venue TBA)
- **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

- President/Spokesperson:** Janice Zitelman, 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

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. 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.a

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.

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On your Amazon account:

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

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