



## ***League of Women Voters Kerrville Area***

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# ***VOTER*** for November 2008

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Encourage everyone you know to **VOTE!****

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Next Meeting – NOVEMBER 11**

We now have a regularly scheduled **General Membership Meeting** on the **second Tuesday** of each month (except for July and August) in the meeting room at **Billy Gene's Restaurant**:

**11:30 AM** – Fellowship & order meal

**12:00 PM** – Brief Business meeting followed by Program

**1:00 PM** – Meeting will adjourn promptly at 1:00 PM

The LWVKA Board is actively working on lining up interesting speakers and events for you to attend. We welcome your ideas and suggestions and look forward to seeing everyone on **November 11 (Veteran's Day)** at **11:30 AM** at **Billy Gene's Restaurant**, 1489 Junction Hwy, Kerrville. The speaker will be, **Paula Kinsel** and she will be speaking about the services available at the **Kerrville VA Hospital**, 3600 Memorial Blvd, Kerrville, Texas. The following information was taken from their website:

*The Kerrville Division (KD), located 65 miles Northwest of San Antonio, began operations in 1947. Acute medical, intermediate medical, primary and long term care services are provided for an estimated 16,000 veterans residing in the Texas Hill Country. Comprised of 226 authorized hospital beds and a 154 bed Nursing Home Care Unit, the KD provides such services and technology as geriatric evaluation and management, hospice care and a computerized tomography scanner. Kerrville enjoys successful affiliations with local institutions such as the Schreiner and Howard Colleges. The KD has developed an extensive primary care delivery system and was the recipient of the VA Deputy Secretary's Scissors Award for their accomplishments. The KD is part of the [South Texas Veterans Health Care System](#) and the [Heart of Texas Veterans Integrated Service Network \(VISN 17\)](#) located in Grand Prairie, TX.*

\*In honor of Veteran's Day, there will be a Color Guard present at the start of our meeting. **Please invite every veteran that you know** and come learn more about a valuable service for veterans that is located in Kerrville, Texas.

\*\*Also on the agenda is a **VOTE** regarding a **BYLAWS change** that will make the LWVKA fiscal year match the LWVUS fiscal year. The following suggested change was discussed at the September 9, 2008 General Membership meeting:

ARTICLE IX  
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1- Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWVKA shall be from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. This should be the same as LWVUS, which is July 1 – June 30

**In order for the restaurant to have an accurate head count, please RSVP to Barbara Lingle at [blingle@hctc.net](mailto:blingle@hctc.net) or (830) 367-6072 by November 10, 2008.**

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**DUES for the NEW LEAGUE YEAR....**



**2009 DUES RAISED TO \$55.00**

- ❖ At our October 14 **General Meeting**, the membership voted to raise the annual dues to \$55.00, beginning in 2009. This will allow us to keep up with increased per-member payments to State and National, and to leave some in our treasury for the voter education fund and other local League activities. Your \$55 does a tremendous amount of work at all three levels of the League (local, state and national) and you are to be commended for your civic involvement.
- ❖ Following a decision by the Board, we will send your dues statement for 2009 on November 19. You will have until January 1 to send them in. For this year only, we are pro-rating all dues to January 1, 2009. SO, if you are due to renew in January 2009, you will be paying \$55.00. If you were due to renew some time in 2008, those pro-rated dues will be added to your 2009 dues. If your renewal date is later in 2009, your pro-rated dues will be less than \$55.00.

**The next dues statement you will receive will be at the end of 2009. At that time, everyone will be billed \$55.00 for 2010.**

**Because we are always looking for ways to operate more efficiently (and economically) we look forward to sending out dues notices just once a year! This is one more way to make your \$55 stretch further.**

**For questions contact Melinda Wasson, Organization V.P. at 830-895-2521 or [melindaw@kvc.com](mailto:melindaw@kvc.com) Send all Dues & Contributions to the League of Women Voters, Kerrville Area at P.O. Box 290303, Kerrville, TX 78029-0303 or you may hand deliver them when you attend a meeting. Thank you for helping LWVKA continue to educate voters.**

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**A LETTER FROM THE 2008-2009 PRESIDENT: Barbara Lingle**

October witnessed another historic event for the Kerrville Area League of Women Voters, the CANDIDATES' FAIR held on October 23, 2008. We used a different format from previous League events. The "Fair" provided a very relaxed and informal event that allowed the public, and our local and state wide candidates to mix and mingle as all things political were discussed. Where there was more than one candidate for an elected position; those individuals were given five minutes to speak regarding their qualifications for the position they were seeking. We plan to use the Candidate Fair format at future

events, and they will be scheduled the week PRIOR to EARLY VOTING. We hope to have more publicity, and with your help, greater public attendance. Please join us in our efforts to provide nonpartisan events that allow everyone the opportunity to see and hear all the candidates as they seek public office...BL

**Your LWVKA Officers and Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 League year:**

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| President:                      | Barbara Lingle                                   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President: | Ann Sullivan (Programs)                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: | Melinda Wasson (Organization & Membership Chair) |
| Secretary:                      | Ingrid Painter                                   |
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| Voter Service Director:         | Meg Scott Johnson                                |
| Communications Director:        | Donna Snow Robinson                              |