



The Voter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

On March 3, 2009, Carolie Mullan asked me to lunch. We all know *the feeling* that comes over us when a friend from the League whom we have not seen for a good while invites us to lunch. It is a combo of puffy ego, fear, guilt, and, oddly enough, the excitement of launching a new project. When I told Carolie I would like to go to lunch, I expected I would be chairing a roast or a fund drive and my long term memory completely failed me. I could have thought back to 1988. I was thrilled when Betty Anderson and Dannie Botros asked me to lunch. At that time, I was a relatively new member of the League and earnestly thought I was just going to lunch, not knowing they had something to ask me. Shortly thereafter, in 1989, I became president of the League of Women Voters. Fast forward a couple of decades to 2009. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to serve as president of the League again. I have that beginning of the *new year* excitement that includes the anticipation of seeing old friends, meeting new ones and planning our work.

This year, we will try new organizational strategies while continuing our tried and true events, like holding public forums every other month. Our voter services activities will continue to provide the citizens in our community with factual, unbiased information and we will raise money to sustain our efforts. In short, we will be learning, advocating and informing. We will be recruiting new members and always seeking the wisdom of those with experience. We'll wear old hats, new hats and trade hats. We will work both as protégés and mentors as we move ahead together. This year, I look forward to working with you and welcome your ideas and suggestions. I hope to see you soon. And, I almost forgot....Would you like to go to lunch?

Martha Hise, President

LWV-Lubbock County Appreciates its Contributors

Martha Hise, Ruth Lauer, SarahLee Morris, Carolie Mullan and Tess Trost have made contributions to the League of Women Voters of Lubbock County to honor the memory of Sophia Wilde.

MEMBERSHIP MEANS EVERYTHING

Renewing your League membership when you receive the form in the next few days is important, but it is equally important that you ask others to join. The organization needs members, not just for the money, but also for the clout that the numbers give us with Congress and the Texas Legislature.

Believe it or not, getting people to join is easy. Studies prove over and over that membership can be increased by having interesting events and asking others to join -it is as simple as that! Your LWV-Lubbock County Board is doing their part; they are planning interesting events. Please do your part and ask others to join. If the League is important to you, as your membership indicates, you will be doing a favor for your friends, relatives, and co-workers by asking them to join this great organization.

IN MEMORY OF SOPHIA WILDE

Sophia Wilde, longtime member of LWV-Lubbock County, died on August 1. Sophia was a dedicated League member who was always ready to help and rarely missed a League meeting or event, and she will be missed.

Sophia's friends at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock are having a memorial service for her on Saturday, September 19, at 4:00 pm. The church is located at, 280142nd St.

To make contributions in memory of Sophia Wilde, make checks payable to LWV-Lubbock County and send to 1706 23rd St., Suite 103, Lubbock, TX 79411. Tax-deductible contributions should be made payable to LWV-Lubbock County Education Fund.

Constitutional Amendment Election

On November 3rd, voters will go to the polls to vote on proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. Early voting will be available October 19 – October 30.

The 11 amendments cover a variety of subjects, such as funding veterans hospitals, allowing members of the Texas State Guard to hold other civil offices, limiting the number of terms of those elected to certain governing boards, regulating taking private property for public use, allowing buffer spaces near military installations, setting the basis for the rate of ad valorem taxation on a residence, establishing a national research university fund to help universities achieve national prominence, and more. The amendments are available at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2009novballotlang.shtml>

LWV-Lubbock County's Constitutional Amendment *Voters Guide*, giving the pros and cons for each amendment, will be available the first week in October at distribution points around Lubbock, including major grocery stores. The *Voters Guide* will be on the League's website, as well, at www.lwvlubbock.org.

October 5 is the last day to register and be eligible for this election.





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