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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The National Popular Vote Compact discussion and consensus meeting is set for 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Center Conference Room on Thursday, March 5. We'll have drinks and dessert; feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch if you wish. National NPV Compact Study chair Carolie Mullan will serve as our moderator. The League has opposed the Electoral College and supported direct popular vote of the president for a long time; the question is whether we support adoption of the National Popular Vote Compact. You may find much more information in Carolie's article beginning on page 2 and at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org).

Our tour of the West Texas Region Disposal Facility is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12. League member and Environmental Specialist Catrenia Williamson will lead our tour. Afterwards, we'll have an optional brown-bag lunch at the scalehouse there. Look for the directions to the WTRDF on page 3 of this *Voter*.

Our tour of the County Jail was fabulous. We were really impressed by the planning by the architects, contractors, and Lubbock County personnel, the concerns for inmates and employees, and the expertise of our

guides, Chief Deputy Kelly Rowe and Captain Travis Rogers, who gave us the tour of the massive building. I have been inspired to volunteer to teach GED classes there.

We had a fun, productive meal and discussion at our program planning meeting on February 19. The local education committee recommended that the language in our local program on education be updated.

Tess Trost and Linda Krefting will represent us as delegates at the League's State Meeting and Lobby Day in Austin on Monday, March 9. If you are interested in attending, let us know.

Judge Drue Farmer's presentation on Specialty Courts in Lubbock County has been rescheduled for noon on April 23 at the Mahon Library Community Room. She'll cover the Teen Drug Court, Adult Drug Court, DWI Court, and the proposed Mental Health Court. Drue, who's also a League member, has been instrumental in developing these Specialty Courts, providing intensive supervision and therapy for people who get caught up in the criminal justice system but have no history of drug dealing or violence.

Our Annual Meeting will be here soon! It's set for Saturday, April 25 at the Lubbock Women's Club. You will receive your Annual Meeting Workbook before long.

Hurray! Please welcome our new members— Eileen and Daniel Nathan, Kathleen McCutchan, Sawyer Swords, Mayra Bigham, and Susie Kinserlow.

Our finance drive has begun. You will soon receive a letter requesting a contribution to the League. Please give if you can.

## **NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT DISCUSSION AND CONSENSUS MEETING**

by Carolie Mullan

League members are urged to be a part of League history by participating in the National Popular Vote Compact (NPV Compact) consensus on Thursday, March 5, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Center Conference Room, just west of the Volunteer Center at 1706-23rd Street. Participants at the brown bag lunch (dessert and drinks will be furnished) will decide whether or not the League of Women Voters should support the NPV Compact as a way to elect the president of the United States.

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# Tour of the West Texas Region Disposal Facility

17304 North F.M. 2528 (Frankford Avenue)

11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12

Optional Brown Bag Lunch to Follow

**Directions:** If you start at the intersection of 19th Street and Frankford Avenue, go north on Frankford for 15.6 miles. You will see large mounds of dirt on your right. {The entrance to the WTRDF is on F.M. 2528, 4.7 miles north of F.M. 1729 and 1.2 miles south of Hwy 597.} Turn right into the entrance of the West Texas Region Disposal Facility. You will see a large green building and the tan scalehouse. Park in the paved parking lot just north of the green building and east of the scalehouse.

Lost? Call Glenda's cell: 787-2333

### **National Popular Vote Compact, continued from page 2**

Members can access text of the Compact, along with background materials and a copy of the consensus questions, on the LWV-US web site at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org). Click on “For Members” and then click on the NPV Compact box on the right side of the screen.

In a nutshell, the NPV Compact provides that legislatures that sign on to the Compact agree that in a presidential election the electors of their states will cast their votes the same as the national popular vote, regardless of how their states actually voted. The Compact will not go into effect until enough states whose electoral votes total at least 270 (the number required to elect a President) have signed on to the Compact. The rest of the Compact deals with enforcement and procedural issues.

If you have questions or comments, contact Carolie Mullan at [carmelchai@aol.com](mailto:carmelchai@aol.com).

## **CALENDAR**

Thursday, March 5 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.—National Popular Vote Compact Discussion and Consensus Meeting at Volunteer Center Conference Room, 1706-23rd Street

Monday, March 9—Statewide Meeting and Lobby Day in Austin

Thursday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m.—Solid Waste Disposal in the West Texas Region: Landfill Tour with Catrennia Williamson, Optional Brown Bag Lunch at Noon

Thursday, April 23 at Noon—Brown Bag Lunch with Judge Drue Farmer on Lubbock County Specialty Courts at Mahon Library Community Center

Saturday, April 25 at Noon—Annual Meeting at the Lubbock Women’s Club



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