



# The Voter

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## Our Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Neither the League nor its Educational Fund supports or opposes any political party or candidate.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of the LWV-CA,

Just a quick note to say it has been a great year and I thank you for the privilege of serving you as your President. With the help of very talented and willing members, we completed "all of our state and national tasks": provided Voter Guides, Voter and Community Forums, Fund Raisers, and much more. I thank each and every person that shared their leadership, organizational skills, and willingness that enabled our League to complete a successful year.

We do have two major events before the year is complete:

1. Tim Briney, Chairman of the McKenna Systems, will speak at a Open Forum on May 13<sup>th</sup>; and
2. Annual Meeting and Dinner on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

More information inside of the Voter with separate reminders will follow prior to these events.

Again, thank you, and see you May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Fran Hargrove, President

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Fran Hargrove

## **Every Member Urged to Attend**

Mr. Tim Brierty, President of the McKenna Systems, speaks at a LWV, Comal Area Forum, Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. As CEO of McKenna Hospital, Mr. Brierty led the hospital through the selling of and the acquisition of the hospital by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa.

Mr. Brierty will give an update and provide information about McKenna Village. His topic will also include McKenna Systems in transition.

Please join the League at 7:00 for this community event. It will be held in the Meeting Room of CASA of Central Texas, 1619 East Common, Suite 301 (Canyon Vista).

For more information, contact Fran Hargrove at 830-620-0080.



### **LWV-CA AT EARTH DAY**

Thanks to Leaguers **Beverly Hicks, Mary Jean Tipler, Bonnie Leitch, Fran Hargrove, and Jensie Madden** lots of people learned about the environmental impact of rapid growth in Comal County at the recent Earth Day in New Braunfels. Our display caught some eyes, especially the county engineer's map of new subdivisions in Comal County! When people asked, "What can we do?" we gave them *When You Go to Austin* (LWV-TX publication) and encouraged them to contact our legislators to ask for county authority to regulate new developments.

We also invited folks to come to our Candidate Forums and gave out membership information. It was a great venue for meeting new people and letting them know about the League of Women Voters. Thanks to everyone who helped!



## LWV-CA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters--Comal Area will be at the Unitarian Church in New Braunfels on May 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

Please put this date on your calendar. Additional information will be sent closer to the date.

### LWV-CA Nominations

Members, below are the candidates for office for our League for the coming year. Please examine the list and prepare for voting for the slate May 22, at our annual meeting. If you have any questions, just ask.

Nomination Committee Chair  
Bonnie Leitch

#### 2008-2010 Officers

President TBA

Organization VP – Erika Curtis

#### Community Service VPs

<u>Voter Guide</u> –	Julie Swift
Forums –	Bonnie Leitch
<u>Voter</u> Editor	Bonnie Jakob
Webmistress*	Beverly Hicks
Director of Hospitality	Mary Jean Tipler
Nominating Committee	Kitty Glaza, chair
	Deanna Frisk
	Bonnie Leitch

\* New job description to be explained at the annual meeting.



League of Women Voters - Comal Area  
Treasurer's Report  
May 12, 2008

## Checking Account

Statement Balance Forward as of 03/07/08		\$4323.20
Outstanding Checks/Charges		(\$2,051.84)
NB Chamber Dues	\$ 215.00	
LWV-Tx Donation	\$ 100.00	
Transfer to Savings	\$1,500.00	
Delegate to State Convention	\$ 205.00	
Voter – Postage	\$ 11.42	
LWV Pres gift	\$ 20.42	
Outstanding Deposit		\$1,880.00
Roeder/Streater Ind Dues	\$ 50.00	
Auction	\$1,700.00	
McCombs Dues	\$ 50.00	
Redeposit Ck	\$ 80.00	
<b>Checking Balance (as of 05/12/08)</b>		<b>\$4,151.36</b>

## Savings Account

Beginning Balance (01/01/08)		\$2,309.74
1st Quarter 2008 Interest Earned	\$ 2.28	
Outstanding Transfer	\$1,500.00	
<b>Savings Balance (as of 05/12/08)</b>		<b>\$3,812.02</b>

## Education Fund

<b>Balance as of 03/10/08</b>		<b>\$1,776.85</b>
(No change – no statement received)		

**Net Worth as of 04/14/08** **\$9,740.23**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Swift, Interim Treasurer

**LWV-COMAL AREA GENERAL FUND  
Budget 2008 – 2009**

**Beginning Balance:                    \$7057.97**

**Revenue:**

Membership (25X\$50)                    1250  
Family (8X\$75)                            600

**Total Membership Dues                \$1850.00**

Circle Arts                                1200  
Auction                                      1000  
Dinner                                       400

**Total Fund Development               \$2700.00**

**Total Revenue                            \$7150.00**

**Expenditures:**

State Dues                                 902  
National Dues                             1,000  
Membership Development               100  
Printing                                     100  
Delegates' expenses                     300  
Post Office Box                            52  
Greater NB Chamber Of Commerce 215  
Voters Guides                             8,600  
The Voter                                    100  
Circle Arts Theatre                       720  
Auction                                      300  
Supplies/Hospitality                     100  
Dinner                                       200  
Service Scholarship                       100

**Total Expenditures                    \$12,789**

**Projected End of Year Balance                                    \$7037.47**

**LWV-COMAL AREA EDUCATION FUND  
2008-2009 Budget**

**Beginning Balance \$1,777**

**Revenue:**

Donations 500  
Corporate Sponsorship 4000

**Total Revenue: \$4,500**

**Expenditures:**

Voter Services 100  
Publications 0  
Program Meetings 100  
National Dues 0  
State Dues 0  
Land Use Study 0

**Total Expenditures: \$200**

**Projected End of Year Balance \$6,077**

## LWV of Texas Convention 2008

There were approximately 96 delegates present for Convention 2008. Also attending were Carolie Mullan, LWVUS Director and Cheryl Graeve, LWVUS Senior Director, Membership/Field Support. It was a virtual whirl of activity and events. Lots of information shared and lots of camaraderie.

The convention was peppered with wonderful speakers. Speaking the morning of Saturday, April 5 were Kathleen Hicks, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fort Worth, Glen Whitely, County Judge, Tarrant County Commissioners Court, Ann McGeehan, Director of Elections, Office of the Texas Secretary of State.

While enjoying a wonderful lunch, Becky Richards, PhD, Professor, Environment Science Department, Texas Christian University, and President of Environmental Trainers, Inc. The overall theme for most of the speakers was being green.

During the afternoon session among many chapter recognitions, LWV Comal area was recognized as a winner of the "Texas Top 5 Award for Membership Growth."

Saturday, evening brought a tastefully and entertaining banquet during which we were treated to a live auction. The combined silent, online and live auction raised approximately \$17,000 for the LWVTX. Our Auctioneer was Dan Tribble and speaker for the evening was Keven Ann Willey, Vice President, Editorial Page Editor, Dallas Morning News.

Sunday, April 6 once again brought a lot of activity. New officers were elected. Bylaws were discussed debated and passed. New programs were adopted. The proposed budget for 2008-2010 passed.

The following bylaws were recommended for change by the LWV-TX Policy/Bylaws/Rules Committee, chaired by Edie Jones. The changes in Articles II & III to conform with LWVUS bylaws. Changes in Article V and VI reflect the substitution of "statewide conference" for council. The changes in Article VIII removes mandatory language to more permissible words. The changes in Article X relate to the procedure for program adoption at Convention. The order more closely aligns with that of LWVUS. Major wordage is not changed. All passed.

On Sunday, April 6 an explanation and review of the proposed new study and not-recommended items was given. The State Board voted to recommend one new study. The new study is 'Voting Procedures to Increase Voter Participation.' The new study passed. The not-recommended items that were available for consideration and adoption were mentioned. None were moved for consideration at convention.

The following were proposed program for the LWV-TX 2008-2010 year.

1. Government
  - a. Constitutional Revision
  - b. Election Laws and Voting Rights
  - c. Executive, Legislative, and Judicial
  - d. Financing State Government
  - e. Intestacy (Dying Without a Will)
  - f. Political Campaign Process
  - g. Public School Finance
  - h. Public School Testing and Accountability
  - i. Redistricting
  - j. State-Local Relations
2. Administration of Justice
  - a. Criminal Justice and Capital Punishment Reform
  - b. Drug Laws and Policies
  - c. Juvenile Justice
  - d. Spousal Rape
3. Social Policy/Human Resources
  - a. Child abuse and neglect
  - b. Child care
  - c. Child Support Enforcement
  - d. Domestic Violence
  - e. Equal Opportunity/Income Assistance
  - f. Health Care For The Medically Indigent
  - g. Health Care System for Older Texans
  - h. Immigration
  - i. Post-Divorce Payments
  - j. Service For the Seriously Mentally Ill
4. Natural Resources
  - a. Air
  - b. Land Use
  - c. Transportation
  - d. Water

The following were elected as Board of Directors for LWV-TX 2008-2010

President	Karen Nicholson (Midland)
Advocacy Vice President	Mary Finch (Austin Area)
Organization Vice President	Barbara Weinstein (Dallas)
Program Vice President	Janet Imhoff (Plano/Collin Co.)
Public Relations Vice President	Landa Wassenich (Dallas)
Treasurer	Edith 'Edie' Jones (Tarrant Co.)
Secretary	Barb Swartz (Houston Area)

Directors

Dee Brock (Tyler/Smith County)  
Pat Cheong (Tarrant Co.)  
Susybelle Gosslee (Dallas)  
Linda Krefting (Lubbock)  
Joyce Robinson (Sherman/Grayson Co.)  
Elaine Talarski (San Antonio Area)

Nominating Committee

Maxine Barkan (Austin Area) Chair  
Sondra Ferstyl (Denton)  
Gwen Essinger (Houston Area)

A review of Goals for LWV Texas for 2006-2010 showing updates for 2008.

The following areas were identified: Project Citizen, Project Voter, Project Diversity and Project Reform. With the following goals established for each: Impact (tangible results), Visibility (recognition of League work and results), and Organizational Development (membership growth and financial strength). The steps planned to implement and achieve each goal were shared with the delegates.

It was an interesting and event filled. I encourage all members from Comal Area to consider attending the next LWV Texas in 2010.

## Help Us Bring New Talent Into the League!

We're the League of Women Voters of Comal and Guadalupe counties. We are one of hundreds of local LWV organizations across the nation whose members are committed to **Making Democracy Work**. Our non-partisan organization encourages informed and active participation by citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. **The League of Women Voters does NOT support or oppose any political party or any candidate.** Our goal is to empower citizens to shape better communities around the world.

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

\_\_\_ \$50/year -- **Full voting member**, receiving monthly newsletter, special information on issues, leadership training, and more.

\_\_\_ \$75/year -- Two or more **full voting members** in same household

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues and contributions are not eligible for a tax deduction under I.R.S. 501 (c) (3) rules. You may make a tax-deductible contribution by writing a separate check payable to: LWV/Texas Educational Fund. These contributions will be used for local educational projects supported by the League of Women Voters of Comal Area.

### Mail your application and dues to:

LWV-Comal Area

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New Braunfels, TX 78131-1324

### For more information about LWV Comal Area:

<http://www.lwvtexas.org/comalarea.htm>