

LWV[®] *The* Galveston E-Voter

Issue 6 – the League of Women Voters of the Galveston Area – March 2008

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Dear League Members:

Here's a recap of the events of the past two months and information on upcoming events.



LWV-GA co-president Mary Ross (left) congratulates Galveston County Tax Assessor-Collector Cheryl E. Johnson for an excellent presentation at the last General Meeting.

General Meeting – we were most pleased to have **Cheryl E. Johnson, Galveston County Tax Assessor-Collector**, as the featured speaker at the General Meeting held on January 15, 2008. Ms. Johnson gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation about the office of the tax assessor-collector; its history, accomplishments, and future plans. She came well prepared with handouts and pamphlets, encouraged questions from the audience, and entertained as well as informed everyone who attended.

We will keep you posted on the next *Get to Know Your Elected Officials* meeting – part of an ongoing series in which invited officials discuss various aspects of their office and answer questions.

Board Nominations – this is the time of year to select a slate of officers for the LWV-GA board for

the 2008-2009 term of office. If you are interested in any position on the board or want to suggest someone for a board position, please contact Mary Ross at 741-0593.

Fundraiser & Award Dinner – The League of Women Voters-Galveston Area will host a fundraiser and award dinner on Friday, March 28th, at 6:30 pm in the Pelican Club at Gaido's Restaurant. Cost of the dinner is \$35 a person - a cash bar will be provided.

We will be honoring Jim & Lynda Guidry and will present them with the LWV-GA "Bravo Award" which recognizes persons who contribute unselfishly for the betterment of our community. Jim & Lynda Guidry were selected as recipients because of their devotion and commitment to provide the most extensive coverage of community activities and events in the Gulf Coast area – particularly public meetings.

As part of the evening's efforts, we will hold a silent auction with two baskets contributed by the two major political parties. Come and bid on the basket of your choice. Let's see which party can generate the most funds for the LWV-GA so we can continue our nonpartisan work in voter education and advocacy.

Tickets for the event are \$35 per person if purchased in advance; \$40 at the door. Make your check payable to LWV-GA and mail to P. O. Box 3744, Galveston, TX 77552-3744. Please respond by 02/29/08 – this will help with our planning!

Candidate's Forums – The League is partnering with GAIN (Galveston Alliance of Independent Neighborhoods) and hosting a Candidates Forum on April 22 at 5:00 PM at the Rosenberg Library. All candidates on the May 2008 ballot for mayor, city council, and Galveston College board of regents will be invited to participate.

Primary Election Day: Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Polls are open from 7 am to 7 pm on Election Day.

Election Day polling locations are made available before each election. For a complete list of polling places go to: www.galvestonvotes.org

To locate your correct polling location, use your voter registration certificate. Your precinct number is printed on the front of your voter registration certificate. If you do not know your voter registration or precinct number, you may verify your status with the Voter Registrar's office or by calling 409-766-2280.

Registered voters can vote with a voter registration card, driver's license or any official photo ID, birth certificate, United States citizenship papers or passport, a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement or other official document that shows the name and address of the voter.

Voters Guides

The board members of the LWV-GA distributed one-thousand Voters Guides in public sites throughout the county. If you have not yet seen one, please go to the League of Women Voters-Texas website at www.lwvtexas.org

They have created a "Primary Election 2008" webpage with links to resources to assist you in making an informed decision.

Mark Your



Calendar!

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the McCullough Room of the Rosenberg Library starting at 5:30PM. Meeting dates for next two months are:

March 5, 2008

April 2, 2008

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