

Lingering Impressions of 81st Legislative Session

Mary Finch, Austin, Advocacy VP



One of the hardest fought battles of the session was defeating the voter suppression or "Voter ID"

bill. **Mary Wilson**, National League President, was in Austin shortly after the Senate passed this bill and just before the House Elections Committee took up the related bills. She held a press conference in the Capitol to detail the problems with the voter suppression bills. Mary, **Karen Nicholson**, and I spent the afternoon visiting with the Speaker's staff and the chairman and members of the House Elections Committee about their views and the League's on these bills.

Anita Privett, Capitol Corps member, spent long hours (and most of one night) in the Capitol waiting to give the League's testimony against the "Voter ID" bills. The final bill was defeated by a procedural tactic on the House floor at the end of the session.

Anita also worked with a coalition of organizations to develop a positive non-partisan plan for election reform. The League along with the coalition is asking the Speaker to

appoint a committee during the interim to study these suggestions in time to implement election reforms in the 82nd session. [Step up the Vote in Texas.](#)

One battle we lost was getting an independent redistricting bill passed. Senator Wentworth's bill, which the League has supported for several sessions, did not pass the Senate. **Dee Brock** developed an advocacy plan to involve local Leagues who were asked to help. Many Leagues talked to their local representatives. We appreciate the many local Leagues that helped in this battle. Opposing Senators were approached more than once, but too many legislators want to keep the present partisan system. Senator Wentworth kept his bill on the Senate agenda, but was never able to rally enough votes for it to pass. The 82nd legislature will be required to address redistricting after the 2010 census.

Small battles were won in several other League programs: education, women's health, criminal justice, CHIP, Medicaid, and air quality among others. If you have not already checked out the League's Legislative Newsletter, take a look at the last issue for a complete update on our website at:

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President's Podium

Karen Nicholson, President, Midland



90 years old! That's quite a milestone, and that's the League of Women Voters. We reach that milestone next February, and in Texas, we're making plans to celebrate. Our 90th Anniversary will play a prominent role in our state convention in April.

I got the following from the LWVUS website: "The League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The convention was held just six months before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle." Many of you know how we were formed, but it's always good to remind ourselves of our powerful history.

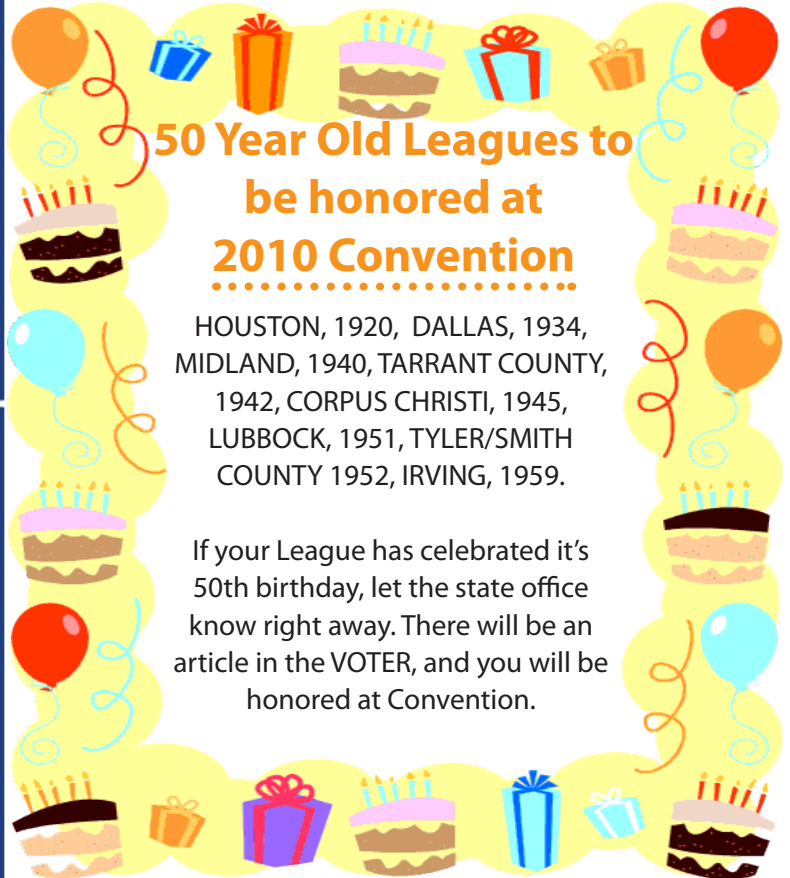
I hope local Leagues are planning to celebrate. This is such a good opportunity to use our momentous birthday to remind everybody what we're all about, and for us to have some fun doing it! Have a party. Use the fact that we're 90 and still thriving in all that you do this year. Celebrate our having helped make democracy work for 90 years!

Karen

Tribute to Louise Raggio

Linda Wassenich, Dallas, PR VP

In June Louise Raggio, celebrated lawyer and the subject of the book Texas Tornado, celebrated her 90th birthday. Members and friends donated more than \$6,000 to honor her and sent in 84 tribute letters and cards, which were delivered by Virginia Whitehill and Linda Wassenich. Louise's son Grier was also present when the letters were given to Louise. Afterwards, as she read some of the letters, it was clear that they meant a great deal to her.



50 Year Old Leagues to be honored at 2010 Convention

HOUSTON, 1920, DALLAS, 1934, MIDLAND, 1940, TARRANT COUNTY, 1942, CORPUS CHRISTI, 1945, LUBBOCK, 1951, TYLER/SMITH COUNTY 1952, IRVING, 1959.

If your League has celebrated it's 50th birthday, let the state office know right away. There will be an article in the VOTER, and you will be honored at Convention.

JOIN IN THE FUN FOR CONVENTION 2010!

COME AND HELP CELEBRATE
THE LEAGUE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!
BE A PART OF HONORING OUR 50-YEAR LEAGUES!

Start planning your visit to San Marcos April 23-25 for the 32nd Convention of the LWV-TX on April 23-25, 2010, at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center. San Marcos, with its beautiful river, charming downtown, outlet shopping, and Texas State University, will be the perfect setting for our celebration. Delegates and observers will have the opportunity to attend great workshops, honor individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to environmental awareness, bid at the silent and live auctions, be entertained by the LWV-San Marcos, and make new friends as well as renewing old acquaintances.

Joyce Robinson, Sherman, Convention Chair

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LWV-Texas Convention
San Marcos, Texas

LWV-TX Study of Voting Procedures



The study of Voting Procedures to Increase Voter Participation, adopted at Convention 2008, has been brought to a conclusion and is now in the hands of our members for concurrence this fall. The research committee did outstanding work on the five topics to bring all the issues, both pro and con, for our consideration.

I feel that every member will find the information really interesting and informative. Our current Voting Rights position now allows us

to take a position on bills relating to these topics, but we want to make sure there is member understanding and agreement on the various nuances of these topics. The concurrence form will have 10 questions, with each one allowing the options of "concur, do not concur, and could concur only if the statement were changed as follows," with space for comments.

The Facts and Issues are now available on the lwvtexas.org website. It is comprised of individual papers on five

We did it again!!

Barbara Weinstein, Dallas, Organization VP

It was a good idea, so we did it again... In the Spring of 2009 LWVTX held the second "go around" of Regional Workshops. (In 2007 we called it Regional Training.)

Three local League's, Plano, Wichita Falls and Kerrville were the hosts. Sixteen Leagues were represented, and 92 members took part. All went home with handouts on League procedure as well as new League friends. There was an afternoon of sharing and addressing topics of common concern: Membership, Program, Effective Meetings, Fundraising, Collaborations, Nonpartisanship, Communication, Advocacy, Forums.

The Regional Workshops were set up to take place in the non-convention year as an opportunity for members to get together, network, and learn. Convention will bring us together in 2010; then in 2011 we can meet again at Regional Workshops in new locations. By the way, Dallas has already asked to be a host in 2011. If your League is interested in being a host, contact me at gewwendt@swbell.net.

Janet Imhoff, McKinney, Program VP

topics:

- o Vote by Mail
- o Election Day Registration
- o Election Day Centralized Voting
- o Instant Runoff Voting
- o Internet Voting

In addition a short (1 page) summary of each paper is available, which summarizes the issues and the pros and cons. For members without web access, please call your local League or the State Office to have print copies mailed to you.

Many thanks to our committee of Charlotte Foulkes (Arlington), Patricia White (El Paso), Renee Cross (Houston Area), Reed Bilz (Tarrant County), and to Jayne Kraweitz (Midland) for her organizing the study as well as to Diane Sheridan (Bay Area) for editing the final product.

Please read this comprehensive material that could impact Texas voters in the future. Plan to attend your local League's concurrence meeting and give us your input. We are a grassroots organization and our members' opinions count!

81st Legislative Session (cont.)

<http://lwvtexas.org/LNL/2009/LNL%2020.13.pdf> Also on our website at: www.lwvtexas.org are copies of all the Legislative Newsletters, testimony, action alerts, and press releases for the session. KUDOS and a very grateful THANK YOU to **Scherel Carver**, editor of the Newsletter, for the hours of work spent on each of the 13 issues and the new colorful and easy to read layout!

The most lasting impression of the session concerns our League Program Chairs and the Capitol Corps members who helped them in Austin. These volunteers spent countless time and energy tracking legislation, working with like minded coalitions, writing and giving testimony before House and Senate Committees, and keeping our members informed through the Legislative Newsletter. KUDOS and a very grateful THANK YOU to all of them who stayed with us through the session.

KUDOS, too, to Mary from LWV-TX for orchestrating all that she has outlined in this article. Job well done, Mary!

Around the State

At its Annual Meeting **LWV-Austin Area** adopted ambitious Program plans for the coming year. New studies include: Why Austin Energy Do We Have a Publicly Owned Utility? and City of Austin Finances: Sources of Revenue and Expenditures. The membership will also review and update positions on Air Quality: Sources of Pollution Other Than Transportation and Solid Waste: How Are Current Recycling Programs Affecting Our Landfills? Although the Board did not recommend a dues increase, a motion at the meeting for a \$2 raise carried after discussion by the members.

Meeting at the Dallas Public Library for a Breakfast Brunch, **LWV-Dallas** adopted a new local study on Economic Tools for the Dallas City of Dallas and updated its position on Boards and Commission with a statement that “we support serious consideration by the City Council of specific recommendations submitted by appointed boards and commissions, appointed task forces, and ad hoc committees.” Member dues were retained at \$60, and the fiscal year was changed to commence on January 1.

LWV-Houston Area’s Annual Meeting featured a talk by Tax Assessor-Collector Leo Vasquez. A Public Study of a Defender for Harris County was adopted. Although a budget was passed without a dues increase, the local VOTER will only be published every other month due to escalating postal costs.

LWV-Irving reports on a busy year with voter registration drives, collaborative debate-watching events with the Public Library, political forums with The Greater Irving/Las Colinas Chamber, and the Sheriff’s Forum with the Dallas League—just to name a few. Despite all the national and local politics going on, they still managed to do their monthly programs geared to voter education and awareness.

In April **LWV-Kerrville** celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a forum of candidates for City Council as well as local area School Boards.

LWV-San Marcos members attended their Annual Meeting at the Quail Country Club and, by participating in a Silent Auction and a Wine Tasting event, raised over \$5,000 while electing their officers and approving the budget.

At the Statewide Conference **San Marcos Leaguers** joined forces with **Wimberley Leaguers** to lobby at the offices of Senator Wentworth and Representative Rose for redistricting, increased county authority, moratorium

Barbara Downey, Dallas

on the death penalty, and against voter photo identification. They also attended a **Wimberley League** meeting about giving full Chapter 36 powers to the Hays Trinity Groundwater District—an issue of importance to both areas.

The **LWV-Tarrant County** League planned a formal sit-down dinner meeting to conduct their annual business and invited The Honorable Marti VanRavenswaay, Tarrant County Commissioner, as their speaker. This League distributes the Annual Meeting Workbook to all members prior to the meeting.

The **Victoria League of Women Voters** scheduled their Annual Meeting for May 21, but asked members to call if they couldn’t attend. They planned to reschedule, if necessary, to be sure they had a quorum of members present to conduct their annual business.

LWV-Waco Area co-sponsored a Candidates’ Forum with the Waco Chamber of Commerce, Parents for Public Schools, and KWBU Radio. The two one-hour forums, organized by the League, featured all five of the candidates who are running in opposed races for Waco ISD School Board and five of the candidates running for the Waco City Council.

At a recent meeting, **LWV-Wichita Falls** members heard Brent Smith, Resource Director for 2-1-1 Texas, speak about “Your Call for Help” to learn how the 2-1-1 Service works and how it is used in times of potential need. At their Annual Meeting they considered a new study on Parks and Recreations Facilities in the Wichita Falls Area.

September’s Song



Each year in September members receive a letter from LWV-TX asking for a donation to the state League. Instead of just focusing on what the state League does for your local League, please think also about the multiplier effect—how much more we can

do for *Making Democracy Work*, a goal that means so much to all of us, when we work together at all levels of the League. Having just completed a legislative session, we know well about that multiplier effect with state and local working together. Some of the issues we care about are local while many others are state and national. Members are encouraged to support their local League but also to give to the state League if possible.

Environmental Awards for Convention 2010

by Linda Hanratty, Fort Worth, Chair



The LWV-TX State Convention and its ever popular Environmental Awards Luncheon is just around the corner. A representative of your community could be an award winner, but you must nominate someone or some group for them to win. Now is the time to begin developing a list of nominees. There is no better time to recognize

members of your community who are making a difference. Remember that the environment is an inclusive term. LWVUS is focusing on Global Climate Change. Energy and transportation efforts that reduce air emissions are part of the solution.

Award categories:

- ☒ *Catherine Perrine Award* to a League member whose accomplishments on behalf of the environment are a direct consequence of her activities as a League member
- ☒ Individual (may be a League member, but accomplishments are not a consequence of League involvement)
- ☒ Nonprofit organization

Program Planning Coming Up

Janet Imhoff, McKinney, Program VP

In preparation for LWV-TX League Convention in the spring and LWVUS Convention next summer, we must do a program review and planning for future studies. We are a grassroots organization, and as such, our members suggest topics of concern for study and approval by convention. After research, the topic is discussed, consensus is reached, and a position is then adopted by the Board of Directors for future advocacy.

Occasionally a position on an issue which was studied by a local or state League might be approved by delegates to a convention, by concurrence, and thus adopted as a state or national position. This occurred at LWVUS Convention 06, when delegates voted to adopt by concurrence on the convention floor a position to abolish the death penalty, (previously studied by LWV Illinois and

- ☒ Corporate/business
- ☒ Media
- ☒ Public Policy (a person who has influenced public policy statewide)
- ☒ Government

General criteria to be applied to all categories as appropriate:

- ☒ Has made a significant difference in improving the quality of the environment in Texas.
- ☒ Has made a positive difference statewide.
- ☒ Has demonstrated a long-term involvement in environmental issues.
- ☒ Has demonstrated risk-taking behavior to protect the environment.
- ☒ Has provided information to educate the public about the environment.
- ☒ Has contributed to protection of the environment for future generations.
- ☒ Has demonstrated coalition-building skills to maximize involvement by others.
- ☒ Has served as a role model for others.

Nominations should be accompanied by supporting biographical information and/or documentation. You may submit nominations in more than one category. The deadline for submission to the state office is December 1, 2009, so get busy so your special environmental champion can be recognized. The nomination form is on the LWV-TX web site at www.lwvtexas.org. Contact the LWV-TX office at 512.472.1100, with questions or requests for further information.

other Leagues). Delegates to the next LWV-TX convention will now vote whether to approve this position for LWV-Texas.

Local Leagues in Texas will hold Program Planning meetings this year to suggest new studies, or reviews of current positions which may need updating. Please be thinking about issues of statewide or national interest to suggest. Look at *Program Perspectives* (online at lwvtexas.org) and *Impact on Issues* (online at lwv.org) for current positions which might need to be restudied or updated. Attend your local Program Planning meeting to discuss ideas. Your suggestions must be sent by your Board to LWV-Texas by Jan. 22, and the LWVUS by March 1.

Virtual Council-Trying something new

Linda Wassenich, Dallas



LWVUS held its council meeting on June 13 to pass the budget and conduct other League business. This year, in deference to the cost that LWVUS, state and local Leagues would incur to hold and attend council, it was set up as a

virtual meeting.

Delegates registered and were given training on how to participate. Karen Nicholson and Linda Wassenich were the LWV-TX delegates. A number of other League members gathered in the homes of state or local big city delegates to observe the meeting.

LWVUS invested in new software to conduct the council meeting. Delegates' names were listed on the screen. If a delegate wanted to speak, pro or con, to an issue or ask a

question, the software allowed her or him to indicate that intention and then the delegates were called on in order, alternating between pro and con if that was the issue. Questions could also be typed into a box on the screen, and tech support would respond. This was useful when a number of people had the same question.

Some speakers with prepared remarks were shown on the computer screen with somewhat delayed response in the voice part. Mary Wilson gave her president's report and also interviewed U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan about women seeking elected office. League members who spoke during the meeting were not pictured, and their audio input was also delayed.

In spite of some glitches, the virtual council accomplished its goal of conducting League business and did save money for all levels of the League. We hope that as people become more familiar with using this technology, future virtual meetings will be smoother and more robust.

2010 Census and 2011 Redistricting

Elaine Talarski, San Antonio, Director

Attention to redistricting will now be focused on the 2010 census. Counting every person in 2010 and the subsequent redrawing of district boundaries will have an impact on who represent citizens at all levels of government. In Texas, drawing district boundaries is the responsibility of the state legislature. The process will take place during the 2011 legislative session.

Among the changes will be the reapportionment of U.S. Congressional seats, as well as the redistricting of state house and senate seats, state board of education, and state judicial districts. Municipalities will also be redrawing district lines. The state will likely gain two more Congressional seats with the increased population in Texas, which is becoming the second largest state during the current decade.

Local Leagues are encouraged to communicate with their state legislators and local officials to voice any concerns they may have. Local Leagues might consider sponsoring public meetings on the subject of census and redistrict-

ing. The League's position on redistricting is that the legislature should conduct a special session for the sole purpose of redistricting, and it should operate within a short, strict time frame. For more details see *Program Perspectives*, p.36, [on our website](#).

The process of a valid census and fair redistricting will impact citizens and their votes for a decade. Become informed and be part of the process in *Making Democracy Work*.



State Office Change

As we all know, money these days is tight and contributions have slowed down or dried up. The LWV-TX Board wrestled with our strained finances at the July Board Meeting. One of several ways discussed to trim costs was to reduce the office staff time. Raul Salazar, our Executive Director for the last five years, decided that he would pursue other interests; he resigned effective July 24. He was always helpful with projects and enthusiastic with new ideas. We wish him every success in his future ventures. We hope to have a new Executive Director by the end of August. Stay tuned!

LWV-TX and Election Laws

Anita Privett, Austin, Election Laws Program Chair

The 2008 presidential race sent more Texans to the polls, but the state still had one of the lowest turnouts in the country, according to data released by the U.S. Census Bureau. After factoring in population growth, turnout in Texas dropped 1 percentage point from 2004.*

LWVTX is working with a coalition called Texas Election Reform Coalition, a group of non-partisan, non-profit organizations that recently sent a survey to elections and registration officials across the state to gather information and analyze election problems so that we might suggest interim studies for the Texas Legislature to consider and implement. The Texas Legislature will hopefully then craft legislation in the 82nd Session with the goal of solving some of the most pressing problems and needs in our election system in Texas.

The Coalition will be taking the results of the survey to Speaker Strauss and the chairman of the House Elections Committee, Todd Smith in early September.

We will keep you informed as this project moves along.

*Source Aman Batheja, Fort Worth Star Telegram 7/21/09

Take a Vacation from the League

Linda Wassenich, Dallas, PR VP

This year was our most successful yet for this fundraiser. Contributions from 76 people raised \$3,600 for the League. Yolanda Marlene Botino Richardson of San Antonio won the two Southwest Airlines round-trip tickets. Janie Steglitz Kobes of Conroe will enjoy the lake house at Possum Kingdom, and Lauren Cook of Austin will have a week-end getaway at the Omni Hotel in Houston.

Congratulations to these three, and many thanks to our donors and sponsors who contributed the prizes.

Constitutional Amendments for November Vote

The state Legislature is proposing eleven amendments to the Texas Constitution for approval by voters on November 3. They cover topics ranging from property appraisal and eminent domain to beach access and veterans' affairs.

The Texas Constitution is very narrowly written; therefore, many bills cannot be enacted without voter approval to change the Constitution. Unfortunately, the voters of Texas don't seem to care much about participating, and turnout for these biannual elections has been historically

We Met the Challenge!

Linda Wassenich, Dallas, PR VP

In March two anonymous donors issues a combined \$15,000 Challenge Grant to the LWV-TX/TEF to match their donations, and how marvelously you responded!



Over \$23,700 was raised through special activities and other donations. The campaign to honor LOUISE RAGGIO brought in more than \$6,000. "Take a Vacation from the League" resulted in \$3,600, the most ever in the years we have held this fundraiser. DonorBridge, a new program of the Communities Foundation of Texas, raised about \$5,000 for the League. Individual contributions for *Iron-Jawed Angels*, the Sustainers Plaques, memorials, and the challenge grant rounded out the rest.

Your generosity will help the League pay for essential services and begin to regain some financial stability. We have had to use funds that were held in reserves, and we need to rebuild those savings. Thanks to you, we can start.

Share your Membership Success

Barbara Weinstein, Dallas, Organization VP

"I asked and they joined"...how many of your members can tell the rest of the story? What has worked in your League that may work for others?

When your League has a successful membership event or outreach, let us know, so we can share what worked for you with every local League. Just email me (gewwendt@swbell.net), and we will see that those ideas get to other local Leagues. There is no formal form to fill out; just send the facts that you think could help others hold a successful event.

Dee Brock, Tyler, Voters Service Director
poor. In 2007 only 8.39% of registered voters voted (1.57 million of 12.587 million).

LWV-TX is again preparing a Voters Guide giving an easily understood explanation, with pro and con arguments for the proposed amendments. The Voters Guide will be available on our website, and print copies may be ordered by local Leagues for distribution in their areas. Please do what you can to encourage voter participation among your friends and in your community.

In a cost saving effort, LWV-TX will send the Voter via email to everyone for whom we have an email address. If you would prefer to receive a copy via the US mail, contact our state office at membership@lwxvtexas.org or 512/472.1100 and they will be happy to send you a hard copy of our Voter.

If you are a board member, ask at the next board meeting if your League has sent email addresses for all members to the state office. The more people who receive the Voter via email, the more money we will have for other projects. In addition, LWV-TX sometimes sends job specific information only to appropriate people; it's very helpful to have local League email addresses.

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