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The League of Women Voters
of Midland, Texas

The Midland

VOTER

A nonpartisan organization that encourages informed participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

April /May 2010

Dear League Members,

This has been one busy year for the league. We have held a forum featuring local candidates in contested races for the primary, printed the Voter's Guide, and are about to have a forum featuring Betty Newman and Ron Moss from Midland Independent School District. They will be speaking about counseling and the impact that counselors have on our students. The League has a position on counseling and we felt being better informed about the needs of students would be of benefit to us all.

The Midland League has decided to hold our 90th Birthday Party celebrating the ratification of the 19th amendment in August. Why August? The amendment was ratified in August and we felt that would be a great way to kick off a new year and membership drive. More information will be coming concerning dates, location, and activities about this exciting event.

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For LWV-Texas

Information go to

www.lwvtexas.org

For LWVUS Info go to

www.lwv.org

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Midland LWV's Upcoming Event

Monday, April 12, 2010 the Midland League will be hosting an MISD forum at Midland College beginning at 7 pm. Our speakers will be Betty Newman, Executive Director of Student and Scholar Development. With her will be Ron Moss, Supervisor of Student Development and Susan Zachary, Supervisor of Advanced Academics. This will be a discussion of the counseling programs of our school system. This is something the League has a support position on. It will be held at the lecture hall of the F. Marie Hall Academic Building, where we have had several candidates' forums.

If you can help with passing out and picking up cards for written questions, greeting people or just being available, please call Pat Stanley at 682-1848.

All members are encouraged to come and to bring friends and family. We care about our young people and our schools, so come be with us.

President Report Continued...

May 17th we will meet for our Annual Meeting at my home, 3201 Lockheed. We will have a potluck dinner with a short business meeting. Mostly we will eat, drink, and talk which is what we do best. I am looking forward to seeing all of you.

I want to encourage all of you to begin planning to find one friend to join the League next year. Exciting events will be happening with elections locally, statewide, and federal. Getting the word out about voting is what we do best and keeping our citizens informed through the Voter's Guide and forums is our priority.

I will be looking forward to seeing you April 12th for a Forum on Counseling in the Schools and for dinner on May 17th.

Mary Smith

AROUND TOWN CALENDAR



April

Monday 4/12—Midland League will be hosting an MISD forum at Midland College beginning at 7 pm. F. Marie Hall Academic Building.

May

Monday 5/17— The Midland League of Women Voters will hold its annual meeting on Monday, May 17, at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the home of Mary Smith 3201 Lockheed for a pot luck supper. Members will voting on the program positions, the proposed budget and the nominating committee report. This information is printed in this April/May Voter. Please bring it with you and join in an evening of fun and fellowship. As always, spouses and guests are welcome

League of Women Voters of Midland Local Program Revised May 2008

HOUSING

The League of Women Voters of Midland supports equal access to housing for all citizens. Measures the League supports include:

- * Increased supply of low cost housing
- * Alternative types of housing
- * Flexibility of zoning
- * Housing assistance
- * Continuous review by the City Council of proposed housing developments
- * Activation of a Housing Standards Board of Code Enforcement, as provided in the City Charter

LEGAL AID

The League of Women Voters of Midland supports the provision of legal aid services for those who need it.

WATER

The League of Women Voters of Midland believes that reasonable access to quality water as defined by the EPA should be available to all residents. Availability of quality water should not be based on the ability of an individual, industry or recreational facility to pay. Federal, state, county and city governments, in addition to individuals and private industry should share the cost of protecting and testing the quality of water

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LWV MIDLAND PROPOSED BUDGET 2010-2011

INCOME & REIMBURSEMENT

Membership		
Single	\$2,250.00	45 @ \$ 50.00
Family	600.00	8 @ \$75/00
Contributions	2,500.00	Finance Drive
LWVTX Education Fund	625.00	Voters Guide, other Educational Activities
TOTAL INCOME AND REIMBURSEMENTS;	\$ 5,975.00	

EXPENSES;

PMP LWVTX	1,254.00	Per Member pay- ments
PMP LWV US	1,408.00	State * National
Midland Voter	750.00	Postage, printing, etc.
Bulk Mail Fee	185.00	Annually
Voter Mail-out	200.00	8 months
State and National Convention	1,000.00	travel & expenses- delegates
Voters Service	300.00	Guides, stickers,
GEO		
Program	200.00	Forums, Seminars
Finance Drive	250.00	postage, printing, let- ters
Administration		
P.O. Box	110.00	annually
Subscriptions	60.00	state & national
Miscellaneous	258.00	stationary, postage, etc.
TOTAL EXPENSES;	\$ 5,975.00	

MEMBERS ON BUDGET COMMITTEE: Pat Stanley, Vice-President and Pat Schneider, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted for member approval.

Nominating Committee Report - Officers and Directors 2010-2012

Presented by Lynnette Schillo, Chair, Jayne Krawietz, Karmen Bryant, Jani Davis, Mary Smith

Organization Vice President - Holly Williams

Treasurer - Pat Schneider

Assistant Treasurer - Jane Hellinghausen

Directors - Donna Robertson

Carla Holeva

Jan Artley

Nominating Committee for 2011

Lynette Schillo, Chair

Janis Keasler

(2 Board members will be appointed)



Officers remaining through 2011 are

President - Mary Smith

Program Vice President - Pat Stanley

Secretary - Kim Doolan

Directors - Karmen Bryant and Jani Davis

Local Program continued...

EDUCATION

The League of Women Voters of Midland supports an equitable education for all students in the MISD. Measures the League supports include:

- * Adequate availability of counseling for all students
- * Remedial and summer school programs at minimal or no cost to students
- * Provision of adequate physical facilities
- * Programs to promote academic excellence and career development
- * Provision of supportive library/computer facilities for all students
- * Expansion of programs which emphasize individual and follow-up counseling in career education
- * Programs and activities to address the needs of at-risk students, such as, but not limited to, mentor programs, parental involvement, and early identification and intervention
- * Positive leadership to ensure fairness to all
- * Attention to excellence of faculty
- * Fair assignment of teachers to ensure faculty excellence at all schools
- * Racial balance to ensure a quality integrated school



From Karen Nicholson, President of the Texas LWV

There are so many things I like about the League of Women Voters. I like that we study before we take action—that our action is based on more than a knee-jerk issue du jour. I like that we inform voters with Voters Guides and candidates forums. I like that we have issue forums. I like that we do so many different things.

That we do so many different things means there is something for everybody! There are many opportunities for you to be involved. Some things require a big time commitment-- some a medium commitment--some a small amount of time. In both job and time commitment there is literally something for everybody.

If city government is your thing, you can monitor city council meetings (and attend as many or as few meetings as you have time to attend). Ditto for education—or county government—or any other governmental entity.

The LWV must constantly be aware of membership and finances. The membership chair has a job with a pretty big time commitment, but she has many little jobs that individuals can do: help her make a finite number of phone calls (You get to decide what finite number you're willing to do.); do specific things for various meetings; help with mailings. Similarly, the finance chair could use some help. Likewise, when we have issue or candidates forums, people are needed to help in just that one meeting.

We have a monthly newsletter called the Voter. Are you a computer whiz? Actually, are you just adequate with a computer? A person to get out our Voter requires a medium time commitment.

At the state level we have program chairs who follow the issues on which we have positions: social policy, air quality, education, health care, land use, transportation, juvenile justice—and on and on. If one of these areas is one in which you have personal knowledge or passion, you can follow it on a local level. What's happening here in Midland? How can we use our positions to bring about positive change?

In short, there are many opportunities for you to be a part of the League of Women Voters of Midland. Contact Mary Smith at marys522@grandecom.net or 520- 0305 if one of the jobs above sounds interesting to you.....or say "Yes" when you are called. You can give an hour a month, or an hour every few months—or choose not to volunteer at all and just support the LWV with your membership. Whatever your involvement is, it is appreciated!





Join the LWV Today!

Annual memberships are \$50 (with \$25 of that going to the State League and \$25 going to the National League). Family dues (2 persons at the same address) are \$75. Please note that memberships dues are not tax deductible. Please send your checks to PO Box 7437, Midland, Texas 79708. Attention: Pat Schneider, Treasurer.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Amount \$ _____

Donations to LWV-Midland

For a donation to be tax deductible as a charitable contribution, make your check payable to LWV-Texas Education Fund (TEF), a 501(c)3 organization and mail it to the above address. Your check will be deposited to the LWV-Midland Area account and be used solely for the support of voter services/citizen education activities in the area. Donation to the LWV-TEF: \$ _____.

General (non tax deductible) donations are also accepted. Please mail your donation to: LWV, PO Box 7437, Midland Texas 79708. Donation to LWV \$ _____.

The LWV-Midland Area is a volunteer organization (with state and national affiliation) dedicated to citizens' participation in government. LWV strives to be a source of nonpartisan information on voter registration, election issues, and candidates, and an organization that studies and takes action. Voting membership in the League is open to all citizens (women and men) 18 years and older. Non-citizens may join as Associate Members. If you received this mailing and are not a member but wish to join, call Jani Davis at 694-3281 to find our more information about LWV and how you can make a difference on issues that matter to you!

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