

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of WICHITA FALLS

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VOTER for December 2009

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LARRY LAMBERT, will discuss the following subject:

ARE WATER WARS IN OUR FUTURE??

Wednesday, December 2nd - - - at Luby's

Go thru lunch line prior to 12 noon, call to order

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How important is water in our daily lives? In our agriculture? In our industrial production? In our overall way of life? **Answer:** Absolutely essential. Yet, there are looming problems. Scientists are predicting that in this century, we will start seeing wars break out worldwide, over water needed for human life. And those wars may not be limited to foreign countries - - - because our country is also vulnerable. In fact, they may have already started!!!

Larry Lambert has always been interested in science & technology, ever since his physics class in high school. He reads several science journals, and was intrigued by an article by a science professor, from Penn State University, in July titled: "Probing Question: Are Water Wars in our Future?" This started his quest for an answer, and he believes he has it.

Larry has been a member of the League since the mid-1980s, and has served as a Program VP & Secretary in the past. He is presently a Board Member, editor of the Monthly *Voter*, and editor of our *Voters Guides*, during "election season." He has been a member of the Wichita Falls City Council (including one year as Mayor ProTem), the MSU Board of Regents (including one year as Chair), and is active in the Toastmasters Club. His wife, Irene, has been a League member for over 30 years, has served several terms as President, is a past member of the LWV-Texas State Board, and is presently our co-Program VP. They have four grown children.

Larry will seek to answer three questions on this issue. Why may water wars be in our future; What will they be like; and How might they be avoided? Bring your questions, and bring any associates who might find this problem of interest.

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DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS to the LEAGUE

League dues are \$55 annually (or \$75 for a couple), and extend thru June 2010. Renewing members must pay their dues before January 10th, because our report to LWVUS is due shortly after that. New members may join and pay dues at any time.

Contributions of at least \$15 (or more) makes one a Friend of the League, and are used primarily for Voters Guides & other voter service items. Send Dues of Contributions to the treasurer at P.O.Box 4034, Wichita Falls, TX 76308, or bring to a meeting.

A big election year is coming up, and we really need your help.

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THE 2010 ELECTION YEAR

During 2010 we will have Primary Elections, City Council Elections, School Board Elections, and the General election in the Fall. We will be publishing a *Voters Guide* for the Primary Election, and here is the Calendar for the Primary:

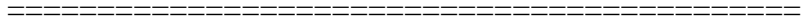
January 4, 2010, is the deadline for candidates to file for a place on the ballot.

February 1, 2010, is the last day for new voters to register to vote.

February 16, 2010, early voting begins (and ends Feb. 26th).

March 2, 2010 (Tuesday), is the date for the Primary Election.

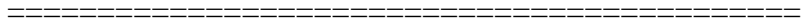
Our Voters Guide should be available prior to early voting, both in Print and Online.



OUR LWV STUDY of WICHITA FALLS AREA PARKS & RECREATION

At the Annual Meeting, we voted to study the available parks & recreation facilities, and our Study Committee (with Irene Lambert as chair) has held several meetings. Last month, the committee met with Jack Murphy, who is City Director of Parks & Recreation. On Monday, December 14th, at 4:30 pm, at the Library, the committee will meet with Alan Donaldson, who is Chair of the City Parks & Recreation Commission.

If you want to participate, then come to our committee meetings. We try to arrange them just prior to our board meetings, the 2nd Monday, of each month, in the WF Public Library downstairs meeting room.



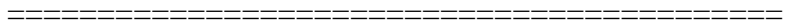
THANKS TO CONTRIBUTORS, during THE PAST YEAR

Without contributions we cannot be a full-functioning League of Women Voters. Our dues are barely enough to cover our Per-Member-Payments to LWVUS and LWV-Texas. So, the cost of *Voters Guides*, our other efforts to serve the voters and citizens of this area, must be supported by contributions. The following list includes both Members and non-member Friends, who have helped support our efforts.

Each one of you, who have contributed, are due our Special Thanks. Without you, we could not exist as a viable aid to all of our citizens:

- Non-Member Friends: Doris Brandon
- J. I. Ginnings
- Donal Boley
- Paul Hughes
- Aurelia Brown
- Janice Sons
- Cheryl West
- Ruby Ditto
- Lou Murdock
- Venture HRO

- Member Contributors: Kaye Holland
- Lou Lechman
- Penny Miller
- Blanche Donnell
- Liz & John Meux
- Pan McKay



LOOKING AHEAD to our JANUARY 6th MEETING

Our Membership Meeting on January 6th, noon, at Luby's will be devoted to our Program Planning for the year of 2010. Each year, we devote a meeting to this subject, in order to better focus on *What the League stands for*. Also, we appreciate input from each member on what the League maybe *should* be doing, as well as what the League *is* doing. Be sure to put January 6th, on your calendar.

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THE HOME & GARDEN SHOW in FEBRUARY

On the weekend of Feb. 27/28, the Kemp Center for the Arts will be sponsoring its Home & Garden Festival at the MPEC Center. The League is a member of the Kemp Center, and will have a booth. We will be distributing *Voters Guides* (the election is the next Tuesday), and other information about the League.

We need Leaguers who will spend a couple of hours, at the booth, and helping to distribute materials, talk to those interested in the LWV's work, and to put a human face on our organization. So, put that weekend on your calendar, and notify President Penny Miller of your willingness to "man" the booth for a little while. A Booth Chair will be appointed at the next board meeting.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, PENNY MILLER

As we kick off the holiday season, I am thankful for each of the members of the Wichita Falls League, especially those members who are able to make the time to get involved in League activities. I hope all of you have a joyous holiday with family and friends and can make a positive difference in one life. There are many opportunities in our community to make the holiday brighter for someone -- please pick one. Whether it's a can of food, a gift of time with someone who's lonely, or a contribution to your favorite charity, we can all touch someone. If you need a suggestion, what better gift than educating voters? Please consider a donation to our League -- we have elections coming up and will need to produce *Voters Guides*, which is a major expense for us.

Please put the League State Convention on your calendar now. The convention will be April 23-25 in San Marcos. This is where all of the program planning for the state League takes place and is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the League now and how it operates. I have enjoyed going to each of the conventions I have attended. I learned a lot and met some great people.

We have some interesting programs coming up. Our December program on water promises to be thought provoking and our January program planning meeting will set the stage for the convention. Please mark these meetings on your calendar and bring a guest in December. People just want you to ask. - - - Penny.

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Feel free to forward this VOTER to your friends & associates. Feedback to LaryLambert@prodigy.net or 767-0129.