

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of WICHITA FALLS

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VOTER *for May 2011*

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THIS MONTH'S VOTER:

- [1] Reminder of Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 4th, noon
 - [2] City Election May 14th & online access to Voters Guide
 - [3] Dues are now being received for new League Year (July 1st)
 - [4] Other Miscellaneous items
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THE LEAGUE'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, will be noon on Wednesday, May 4th, at Luby's Cafeteria. *Attached to this Voter* is a copy of the Pre-Annual Meeting Report (2011), which was sent to members on April 3rd, and contains what we will be discussing, and asked to approve, for our next League year.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- 12:00 Call to order
 - Prior minutes
 - Treasurer's report
 - Items for Approval (for 2011-12)
 - Election of Officers
 - Program of Action & Study
 - Annual Budget
 - Misc. Items & Discussion
 - 1:00 Adjournment
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CITY OF WICHITA FALLS MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Will be on Saturday, May 14th.

Early Voting begins May 2nd.

LWV VOTERS GUIDES are available at our usual sites, and here is a direct online link:

http://www.lwvtexas.org/PDFs/VGuide_2011_City.pdf

THE LWV CANDIDATES FORUM was held April 25th

It will be replayed each evening before the election, 9 p.m. on the City's Time-Warner Cable channel 11.

The Forum lasted about an hour & ten minutes, was well attended by Leaguers & others, and all seven candidates for the At-Large, District 1, & District 2 positions participated. The *Wichita Falls Times Record News* published a Letter to the Editor on

Monday, about the availability of Voters Guides and calling attention to the Candidates Forum.

The Forum covered a diversity of subjects, such as the adequacy of our water supply; the moving of our bus terminal to Jolly; sewer treatment in District 2; local jobs development; spending & taxing sources; the smoking ordinance; billboards & electronic advertising; fishing at Lake Wichita; and the three multi-million dollar intersections downtown.

We appreciate the cooperation of City Manager, Darron Leiker, and Public Information Officer, Barry Levy & his staff, for their help with the forum, and its broadcast & taped replays on Cable Channel 11.

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DUES ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED FOR THE NEW LEAGUE YEAR

Our LWV year runs from July 1 thru June 30, and we are now receiving dues for the coming LWV year.

League Dues are \$55 per member annually (or \$75 for a couple). Renewing or new member dues, paid now, will extend through June of next year (2012).

Donations of at least \$15 (or more) makes one a Friend of the League, and are directed mostly at Voters Guides, and other related items. Send dues or contributions to the treasurer at P.O. Box 4034, Zip 76308, or bring to a meeting. *Larger Donations* are very helpful in continuing our service of outreach to voters.

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RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR WICHITA FALLS

The City of Wichita Falls has begun to post recycling information on its web site. This includes three separate pages covering: Recycling curbside; Recycling computers; & Recycling glass & paper. Go directly there with this web link:

<http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/index.aspx?nid=1315>

This link will take you to the Curbside Recycling page. The menu on the left of that page, has additional links, which includes all three of the recycling pages.

RECYCLING AT INTERFAITH MINISTRIES

Interfaith accepts items for recycling, from individuals. Because this is all done by its volunteers, Interfaith is not equipped to take large amounts from commercial enterprises. To help make the volunteers' jobs easier, materials should be *sorted and placed in the proper bins*. This includes.

- Office paper.
- Plastic #1 & #2 (separated & flattened as much as possible)
- Glass: clear or brown.
- Aluminum.
- Newspaper.
- Tin/ steel cans.
- Cardboard (flattened)

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LWV STUDY ON PUBLIC EDUCATION is coming our way.

The LWVUS study on the "Role of the Federal Government in Public Education" is well underway. The target schedule is for Leagues to have materials (papers, consensus questions and a Leaders Guide for taking consensus) starting in May. Local Leagues will have from May through November to conduct their local study and take consensus.

The study committee is writing papers. As they are completed, they will be posted on the LWVUS website. The LWVUS will notify Local League officers of the availability of the study materials, but *any member* may periodically go to the National web site (www.lwv.org) to access the materials at one's convenience.

The League is a grassroots organization. So, we are encouraged to keep reading the Public Education list and *Leaders' Update* for continuing information. We are encouraged to utilize these study materials, because LWVUS will be asking each Local League to have a consensus meeting, before November 2011, to send in our preferences as to a potential LWVUS position on the matter.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ----- PENNY MILLER

May is our annual meeting. This is a very important meeting for our Local League as we elect officers & board members, review our positions & vote on a restudy. The League is a grass roots organization, and the active participation of each of our members is important, so plan to attend the meeting, if at all possible.

Local elections are upon us. Many thanks to Larry Lambert & Mike Preda for their work on the Voters Guide and the Candidates' Forum for the Wichita Falls City Council. Thanks also to the League members who were able to attend the forum.

The League depends upon our volunteers to do the important work we do, and I appreciate everyone who participates in our activities.

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See you on Wednesday, May 4th, at Luby's. Feel free to forward this VOTER to your friends & associates. If they are interested in the League, that meeting will be discussing what we do in more detail than at a usual meeting.

Feedback to LaryLambert@prodigy.net, or by phone or fax to the League at 767-0129.