

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of WICHITA FALLS

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## *VOTER for September 2009*

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**TAD GOSE, Park Specialist & Activity Director at Lake Arrowhead State Park, will discuss PARK FACILITIES in the WICHITA FALLS AREA**

*Wednesday, September 2nd - - - at Luby's Cafeteria*

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

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**At the Annual Meeting** in May, the members voted to initiate a Study of "Parks & Recreation Facilities in the Wichita Falls Area." A Study Committee, headed by Irene Lambert, will be meeting monthly to ferret out the details, and ultimately report to the membership.

**Tad Gose will be our kickoff** for this study, and give us an overview of what is available with area lakes & parks. His focus will be on Lake Arrowhead, Lake Wichita, and Possum Kingdom. Tad, and his wife Patti, have been League members for several years.

**He grew up in Wichita Falls**, graduated from Midwestern State University, and has been with Texas Parks & Wildlife, at Lake Arrowhead, since 1978. He currently holds the positions of Park Specialist, Safety Officer, and Activity Director.

**He has been asked** to address [1] the advantages & disadvantages of maintaining a public system, [2] what the government & public funding sources are, and [3] his opinion about the adequacy of public access to lakes & parks in this area. Bring your questions, because Tad has worked in this area for over 20 years. He advises that there is a new Superintendent of Arrowhead State Park, John Ferguson, and he hopes to bring him to our meeting, also.

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### **DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS to the LEAGUE**

**League dues** are \$55 annually (or \$75 for a couple), and extend through June 2010. The treasurer, Lou Lechman, is in the process of collecting 2009-10 dues, now. So, don't forget.

**Contributions of** at least \$15 (or more) makes one a Friend of the League, and are directly mostly at *Voters Guides* and other related items. Send Dues or Contributions to the treasurer at P. O. Box 4034, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308, or bring to a meeting.

**We need whatever you can provide**, because there will be *several VOTERS GUIDES upcoming*. Here's a list: November 2009, General Election for 11 Texas Constitutional Amendments; March 2010, Republican & Democratic Primaries; May 2010, City Council & School Board Elections; November 2010, General Election, for Statewide & Federal Congressional contests.

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### **VISITOR'S DAY - - BRING A GUEST, & MAYBE WIN A DOOR-PRIZE**

**Since this is** our first meeting of the new League year, and after our summer break, we are each being encouraged to bring a guest. For each guest you bring, the member's name will be put in a hat, and a door-prize given to the one whose name is drawn.

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER.

**Our October 7th meeting** will feature Dr. Mike Preda, political science professor at MSU, and our Legislative VP, who will address the Eleven Proposed Texas Constitutional Amendments on the November 3rd ballot.

**Our October Saturday Quarterly Meeting**, will be a membership consensus meeting on the LWV-Texas State Study, titled: *Voting Procedures to Increase Voter Participation*. Which Saturday & what Location is presently being worked on, and you will be advised later. To find information on the State Study, go to the LWV-Texas home web page ([www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org)) and "Please click here for the study material."

**Early Voting begins October 19th**, and we will have *VOTERS GUIDES* available prior to that time, to follow up on what Dr. Preda tells us. It will have a description, a pro, & a con on each proposed Amendment.

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## OUR LWV-WF LOCAL STUDY IS UNDERWAY

**As noted in the above article** about our September meeting program, our Local League Study kicks off our new League year. First of all, how much do you know about our area's parks & recreation activities? I thought I knew a lot, at least about Wichita Falls parks, until I received the Fall Brochure in the newspaper. That's a lot of things to do for kids, as well a adults. But, what else is there in the area?

**We have some League members** who live outside Wichita Falls, and we're extending our study to see what's out there. Two of our six committee members live outside the city, so we will get some information from them, but we could use a couple more committee members. We will meet once a month on the 2nd Monday at 4:30 p.m. (at the Library). Think about joining us.

**Members already on the committee** include Irene Lambert (chair), Penny Miller, Pan McKay, Mike Preda, Liz Meux, and Roberta Sund. We invite you to join us. ---Irene---

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## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY in the UNITED STATES

**As this VOTER is being mailed** out (August 26th) we are celebrating the 89th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment, giving women the right to vote. As we celebrate this historic achievement, we realize that our work is not done, in safeguarding our democracy, and making sure that it is spread to all citizens equally.

**And on February 14, 2010**, we will mark the 90th Birthday of the League of Women Voters. Watch for information the next few months, as we receive updates from LWVUS on what will be forthcoming as we point to that Birthday.

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## DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS?

**Go to our web page** [www.LwvTexas.org/WichitaFalls.htm](http://www.LwvTexas.org/WichitaFalls.htm). Among the items on our opening page, are links to [1] the last Voters Guide we issued, [2] the last 12 *VOTERS* we issued, [3] our Membership Brochure, [4] our Program of Action & Study, and [5] our Recycling Brochure.

**You can also go to** the LWV-Texas home page ([www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org)) from there, and then to the LWV-United States web site ([www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)) from the State home page.

**It's all at the mere click** of your mouse, including more than what has been described here, briefly.

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*See you on Wednesday, September 2nd, at Luby's Feel Free to forward this VOTER to your friends & associates.*

*Feedback to [LaryLambert@prodigy.net](mailto:LaryLambert@prodigy.net), or by phone or fax to the League at 767-0129.*