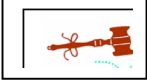




The Voter

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The President's Corner

Fall Greetings to LWV-WV!

LWVUS will be 90 years young on February 14, 2010. This is an event to celebrate!

The board has met, completed Calendar Planning and participated in Board Training facilitated by Jensie Madden from LWV-Comal Area. We are ready for the 2009-2010 year! Since this is the first VOTER we have published, and some members are new to the League, I thought I would provide a brief review of the League Mission and League Basics.

Mission:

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

League Basics:

*The League operates at three levels – national, state and local.

*We are a grassroots organization. Boards at all three levels develop position statements based on member agreement.

*Nonpartisanship means that the LWV does not support or oppose political parties or candidates, whether or not candidates are affiliated with a party.

*League study and action (Program) are basic to League work.

*The League only takes action on issues which it has studied and on which it has a position.

*We speak with one voice, coordinating action with other affected Leagues or levels of League.

*Only the President speaks for the League at each level, unless he or she designates another to speak.

*The League encourages voter participation through voter registration, candidate forums, Voters Guides, and public issue forums.

*LWV educational materials and educational forums examine all sides if an issue without prejudice.

*LWV advocacy materials are based on member agreement after study.

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LWV-WV MAL UNIT CALENDAR 2009-2010



September

03—Board Meeting
11—Board Training

October

03—Voter Registration
09—Board Meeting
14—Constitutional Amendment Meeting at City Hall
17—CARD EcoFest (League will have an informational table)

November

03—Constitutional Amendment Election Day
13—Board Meeting
18—LWV-TX Voting Procedures Study

December

12—Annual Holiday Brunch

January

15—Board Meeting & LWV-TX Program Planning
29-30—Voter Registration

February

09—Candidate Forum & LWV-US 90th Birthday Celebration
12—Board Meeting & LWV-US Program Planning

March

02—Primary Election Day
05—Board Meeting
27—Voter Registration

April

09—Board Meeting
13—Candidate Forum
23-25—LWV-TX State Convention

May

06—Annual Meeting
08—Local Election Day

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League Program consists of the governmental issues selected by the League members for study and - after consensus is reached – action.

*League members must study and come to agreement on issues before a position is reached; studies echo league nonpartisan philosophy by examining all sides of an issue without prejudice; consensus questions are written that do not lead members to preconceived conclusions; the board approves consensus questions before they are used and approves the position statement if agreement is reached. This process occurs at all three levels of the League.

*Local Leagues use applicable state and national positions to lobby at the local level, or, after study local positions can be used to lobby at the local level.

*Local Leagues never lobby in opposition to a League position.

This is a Program Planning year and the board encourages you to participate in the grassroots level program planning events in January and February. We will look at the current program positions (state and national) and come to consensus about a recommendation for each position to either: retain, drop, or update. New studies can also be adopted at the State and National levels. It is important that you participate---
-YOU are the League!

During board training, we set goals for the 2009-2010 year. We will continue to develop our membership base and expand our fund development, continue to offer Voters Guides, continue to host candidate forums and public forums, continue to participate in State and National studies/updates, continue to publicize our events to encourage and educate voters in the community, and continue to encourage all members to participate in our events.

Please watch for future e-mails about the events planned for this coming year!

Carol

LWV-WV preparing for elections in November and March

Planning has begun for our participation in the November 3rd Constitutional Amendment election. League members will be part of a voter registration drive to be held in October and will sponsor a meeting at Wimberley City Hall on October 14th designed to give voters a chance to ask questions and to learn more about the proposed amendments. We will also provide Voter Guides to the Wimberley Library and make them available for voters at polling places on the day of the election. January will bring preparations for the March 2nd primary election. In February, the League has scheduled a Candidates' Forum and a celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters in 1919. Members are encouraged to volunteer to help bring this information to Wimberley voters.

LWV Texas Educational Fund

The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund is a 501 (c)(3) citizen education and research organization. Funds donated for use by the LWV Wimberley Valley Member-at-Large League can be used for educational items such as Voter Guides, candidates' forums, and meetings regarding public policy issues.

Because the Wimberley Valley League is a Member-at-Large unit, all our dues go to the State LWV office. Therefore, we rely on donations for our expenses. We are planning to have a meeting to discuss the Constitutional Amendment election this fall, a candidates' forums for the upcoming elections next spring, and will provide Voter Guides. Therefore, donations are needed.

If you would like to make a donation to LWV of Texas Education Fund, which will be tax deductible, please mail your check to Joy Moden, Secretary/Treasurer of the Wimberley Valley League, at 1111 Thompson Ranch Road, Wimberley, TX 78676. If you do not want to make a tax-deductible donation but want to help our League, you can mail a check payable to LWV- Wimberley Valley. We appreciate your assistance.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR LOCAL LEAGUE. SHARPEN UP YOUR ELEVATOR SPEECH. TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS HOW TO JOIN THE LEAGUE, ABOUT ITS MISSION AND ITS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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