

League of Women Voters
of Dallas

VOTER



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

2008 -2009 Unit Meetings

Leaders, Places and Times

Unit Coordinator Ellen Key

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September 11-12

Helping You Vote in '08

Implementing our Voter Service Projects

Oak Cliff Leader Mildred Pope

214-374-8067 or mderrpope@yahoo.com

10:00AM Wednesday Primrose

Oaks Community Room, 2999 S. Hampton Rd
at Perryton Drive across from Kiest Park.

East Dallas Leader Suzanne Wills

214-324-1594 or suzwills@swbell.net

Noon Wednesday Lakewood Branch

Library, 6121 Worth, by Abrams & LaVista.

Dallas Evening Leader Jan Anderson

214-621-8597 or service@pttw.info

6:30PM Wednesday Central Market

(2nd floor Community Room B)
5750 E. Lovers Lane at Greenville Avenue.

North Dallas Leader Gayle Hurst

214-348-7112 or FAX 214-348-7112

9:30AM Thursday Churchill Way Recreation

Center, 6906 Churchill Way off Hillcrest.

Mockingbird Co-Leaders

Pat Vaughan

214-350-2623 or dallasvaughan@aol.com

Eleanor Sutherland

214-368-8215 or ews4167@att.net

9:30AM Thursday St. Thomas the Apostle
Episcopal Church at Inwood at Mockingbird.

LWVD Units meet during the week after the first Thursday Board Meeting. Usually that means the second Wednesday or Thursday of the month, but occasionally the first Wednesday is indicated. Check the Calendar!

**Don't Miss Our
Election Season Opener**

**September 16
7:00 PM**

The Sixth Floor Museum

411 Elm Street, Dallas 75201

with

City Manager

Mary Suhm

speaking on

"The State of the City"

From 6:00-7:00 PM
we have the generous
enhancement of
Free Parking and Admission
to tour
the Museum (\$18.50 value).

**What a Treat for You
and the
Prospective Members
You May Invite!**

From the President's Desk

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Life is full of surprises – both good and not so good. If you are a part of a volunteer organization - such as the League of Women Voters of Dallas; serve as a volunteer for another non-profit organization, or have even managed an organization or agency...chances are you have experienced both the good and the not so good related to volunteering. You also know that the unpredictable and the unforeseen can be, at best, a distraction that can divert time, energy, and vital resources away from the mission. At the core of the worst possible scenario, a bad surprise could be devastating.



This organization receives many requests to do the things that we do best – to include speaking, advocating, and educating on civic and political related issues. What we do we do out of our faith in the cause and the need to provide services to the community. Our need and determination to make things happen around the issue is demonstrated by our enthusiasm and creativity. We have an incredible willingness to achieve this mission and to take the associated risk.

Why am I speaking of this at this time, you ask? My reason is simple... As we gear up for the upcoming speaker circuit appearances, the convening of political forums, and/or the publishing of our non-partisan guides, we are each reminded of this small point: Our best efforts can be viewed totally differently than what was intended to include giving the appearance of partiality or embracing a moral or religious position inconsistent with the League's position. I am hopeful that if any of this does occur, we will have the courage to continue to do what we do with the passion and determination that is the League way and not be held hostage by our fear of "what will someone think?"

Until next time...

Libbie Terrell Lee

Helping You Vote in '08 Election Season Activities

Take your pick of these hands-on opportunities for *Making Democracy Work!*

1. Hear **Dallas County Elections Department Administrator Bruce Sherbet** explain how you can be involved in the election process. Attend this **September 4th - 7:30PM** at Emmett Conrad Junior High School* program that we are co-sponsoring with the Dallas NAACP and Greater Dallas Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. *7502 Fair Oaks Avenue, Dallas 75231
2. Two chances to help at **New Citizen Voter Registrations!** On **September 15 – 10 AM** at the Ruthe Jackson Community Center, 3113 S. Carrier Parkway, **Grand Prairie**, Texas 75052 and on **September 17 – 10AM** at the **Dallas Convention Center**. For additional information, contact **Toni Rose** at 214-376-6140 or toninrose@sbcglobal.net.
3. **September 17th** is Constitution Day and day-long **voter registrations** will be held at **all of the Dallas County Community Colleges** – Brookhaven, Cedar Valley, Eastfield, El Centro, Mountain View, North Lake and Richland. Contact **Toni Rose** at 214-376-6140 or toninrose@sbcglobal.net.
4. Rolling out our **Look to the League** self-standing counter display **signs** with information on how to vote informed and pockets holding voter registration cards. These signs will provide year-round service for voter education and registration. Initial installations will be throughout the Dallas Public Library system, but help is needed **during September and October** to deliver these signs to recreation centers, college campuses, post offices, Y's, and other such locations. Contact **Katherine Homan** at 214-948-6992 or kvhoman@sbcglobal.net.
5. Contact the **League Office** (214-688-4125 or lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net) **by September 15th** to place orders for the **2008 LWV Voters Guide - Dallas County Edition**. How many do you need for your workplace, neighborhood association, church, local bookstore, etc.?
6. Join the **2008 LWV Voters Guide - Dallas County Edition Distribution Committee**. Call **Meg** at the League Office (214-688-4125) to help her bundle orders for the *Voters Guide*.
7. Call **Eleanor Sutherland** to volunteer for phone duty in the office during Early Voting (October 20 - 31) and on Election Day (November 4). She'll be glad to sign you up.

SAVE THIS DATE

October 7th at 7:00PM

LWV Sheriff's Candidate Forum

Working Together to Recruit and Retain League Members

Katherine Homan, Organization VP

Members are the League. They are our lifeblood. Members give the League its clout and visibility. They are the source of our leadership. **Members do the hands-on work of safeguarding our democracy.** They are the ones informing citizens and building participation in voting and the political process.

Today's League member, however, is one whose life is fully scheduled with work, volunteer jobs, family, friends, play and private times. That is why we try to fit the League to a member's preferences by offering **involvement opportunities that are as much or as little as members wish.** Reasons that members renew range from wanting to receive information about League issues and activities, to being active with voter registration and education events, to joining Unit discussion groups on public policies, or to financially supporting the League but participating minimally.

But membership growth doesn't just happen. We are all needed to help attract, involve and keep new members because **most members join and stay in the League due to their associations and friendships with other League members.** Make it a point, then, of asking people to become a League member and offer this opportunity to friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors, shopkeepers, students, public officials and retired persons who you know are interested in understanding and influencing government at all levels. Once you know of a new member, reach out and help them to 'learn' and feel at home in the League.

Joining the League is easy. Membership forms are available online at wvdallas.org or on the back page of each VOTER newsletter. Coming soon is online dues-paying capability! Remember to remind people that the League is **Not For Women Only!**

An excellent way to **introduce and welcome new members** is by coming with a prospective new member to our 2008-9 year **kick-off meeting on September 16 at The Sixth Floor Museum.** At 7PM **City Manager Mary Suhm** will be speaking to us about **"The State of the City."** From 6-7PM we have a unique opportunity to tour The Sixth Floor Museum and park in the rear of the building, all free of charge. A light dinner buffet will also be offered at no charge. As the most trusted source for civic information, we are opening our League year in fine fashion. You won't want to miss it!

Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 PM
Emmett J. Conrad High School
7502 Fair Oaks Ave.
Dallas 75231

IT'S MY VOTE—MAKE IT COUNT!

Oscar Joyner, Bruce Sherbet, Ken Smukler

Co-sponsored by the Dallas NAACP, League of Women Voters of Dallas,
and National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section
info@ncjwdallas.org or 214 368-4405