Jan Sanders

2012 Susan B. Anthony Award Recipient

exemplifies the independence, persistence, determination and dedication of Susan B. Anthony in obtaining equal rights for all.

Jan has been a long time member of the League, having worked primarily on voter registration, especially with students at area high schools and new citizens at naturalization ceremonies. She has also participated in the League’s Speakers Bureau, and she facilitated the League’s active use of the cable Community Access channels when she headed up the program for the whole city.

Soon after Hamilton Park United Methodist Church was founded, Jan helped the new congregation and its pastor, Rev. Zan Holmes, with citizen education, community organization and voter registration. The seeds she planted subsequently led to Zan Holmes running successfully for the State Legislature.

Jan taught 5\textsuperscript{th} grade in the DISD and also spent a year teaching government at SMU. She considers herself a teacher beyond these brief positions. Recognizing a gap in the public’s understanding of the role of government and the responsibilities of citizenship, she has taught many workshops called Advocacy 101 or Citizenship 101 or Politics 101, depending on the situation, to groups as varied as the Texas Council of Churches, the Dallas Peace Center, local congregations, schools and community organizations. She has served many years as an Election Judge and created a training curriculum for poll workers, poll watchers and others. Jan is especially proud of her work with the ‘Dismantling Racism Team’ of the Greater Dallas Community of Churches.

Because of Jan’s active participation in all of her husband’s many political campaigns, she has never been a member of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters; however, she has worked diligently throughout her life to advance the role of women by her example of service to the community.

She is the widow of the late U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders, the mother of four adult children, the proud grandmother of ten and the daily dog walker of Buddy.
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Mission Statement
The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

We are so excited that Jan Sanders will be the Susan B. Anthony award recipient in 2012. Please mark your calendars for February 10, 2012. We will once again lunch at the Lakewood Country Club. We need lots of volunteers to make our primary fundraiser a big success. Jane Pak, Becky Brakke and their amazing committee are already putting together another fabulous silent auction. They need vacation homes, luncheons or dinners in your home with special guests, jewelry, tickets to sporting and cultural events, restaurant dining and more. Please get your auction forms in early. They would like to post the auction items on the website in advance of our special day. Please call Fran in the office and volunteer to be table monitor for the auction or cashier for speedy checkout. It is essential that we raise a lot of money this year. Producing our signature Voters Guide for the 2012 elections is very expensive. It is what makes the League of Women Voters Dallas beloved by so many.

Thank you to all who participated in coming to consensus on the LWVUS study of ‘The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education’ and the LWVTX study on ‘Water as a Commodity in Texas’. It is so important to be an informed participant in this important League work.

Please note the update from representative Rafael Anchia on the new Voter ID requirements and redistricting attempts in Texas. We will keep you apprised of the ongoing progress on these two issues.

Consider hosting a holiday party and ask each member to bring at least one prospective member as a guest. Consider giving a friend a membership as a holiday or birthday gift. Bring friends to the Unit Meetings, the Susan B. Anthony luncheon, campaign forums and general meetings. Share with them the benefits of League membership.

Have a lovely holiday season!
Michelle
Soon there is likely to be a move to terminate the U.S. Election Assistance Commission as part of the Senate appropriations process. With many continuing threats to the right to vote, now is not the time to kill the only federal agency that devotes its full resources and attention to improving our elections.

This legislation has no bill number yet, and has not been debated. But the move to end the EAC is expected directly on the Senate floor very soon.

Tell your Senators to oppose the termination of the EAC.

Elections are fundamental to a functioning democracy. The value of the EAC far outweighs its monetary costs; in fact, the costs of poorly run elections are intolerable. It is time for election administration to move into the 21st Century, not back toward the 19th.

TAKE ACTION
1. Send your Senators a message now. Tell them to oppose the termination of the EAC. Say that Congress should not turn its back on federal efforts to ensure election integrity, improve voter access to the polls, and improve election systems.

2. Send this alert to other concerned citizens -- your grassroots network, your friends and coworkers -- encourage them to contact their Senators.

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Subject: An Update on State Redistricting and the Photo ID Legislation

It has now been nearly five months since the end of the 82nd legislative session. The ramifications of some of the bills that were passed during the session are being felt across our state. Several of the bills against which I fought, including the Voter Photo ID bill, have resulted in lawsuits that have yet to be decided. Redistricting is also staying on the front burner as we await action by the Federal courts. EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

● Redistricting. Two major Texas redistricting cases are currently pending; one in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, in San Antonio; the other in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The Department of Justice has intervened and said that there is intent to discriminate in the map that was passed by the Texas legislature in 2011...The courts have already issued new filing deadlines for candidates, from November 28 through December 15. I'm honored to represent both current and future constituents of District 103 and have always supported the practice of keeping "communities of interest" together... I stand ready to represent the people in District 103 regardless of what map is approved by the courts.

● Photo ID Legislation. The status of SB 14, the photo ID bill that was passed during the 82nd legislative session, remains in limbo. Immediately following the end of the session, several groups sent letters to the DOJ stating that the new law will disenfranchise and discriminate against Texas voters and to invoke Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Under that section, changes to Texas’ election laws must be pre-cleared to ensure that the law does not have discriminatory effects. The DOJ has requested additional information from the Texas Secretary of State, including how and when the SOS office intends to educate voters on the implications of the new law, and the number of registered voters who may be unable to comply with its requirements... if the bill does take effect, there are almost certain to be more lawsuits once people are turned away from the polls for lack of photo identification.

(From: Rafael Anchia, State Representative, District 103 Email info@rafaelanchia.com)
What are You Donating to the Susan B. Anthony Silent Auction?

Let us know early! As items arrive, we’d like to email you the growing list of offerings, so those attending the luncheon can plot their path through the crowd to place their bids.

Auction items are already arriving. Once again our 2008 SBA honoree Ginny Whitehill leads the parade – this time with a collection of colorful knitted scarfs. Won’t you join her?

Each year individual members come up with restaurant and bakery gift certificates…., theater and symphony tickets…., gift items…., jewelry…., art pieces…., the offer of a vacation home…!

One or two members might work together to organize a luncheon or dinner with an interesting guest. Traditionally, each Unit puts together a themed gift basket or two. What strikes your fancy to contribute?

Let’s fill those auction tables!
A donor request letter and form are in this VOTER.

For further details, contact –
Becky Brakke, 214.363.0921, or Jane Pak, 972.233.2715.

LWVDallas 2011 Check List

✓ LWVTX Consensus on Water as a Commodity in Texas
✓ LWVUS Consensus on The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education

Time to rest on our Laurels and Holly Leaves… Hardly! Now is the time to plan for the future of LWVUS, LWVTX, and LWVDallas.

December unit meetings will explore program prospects for all three levels of the League. Come and join in charting our future and kick off the holiday season with your League friends.

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Save the Date to Celebrate -
2012 Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon

Friday, February 10, 2012
Lakewood Country Club

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
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2012 Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon

What Do We Do?
The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in their democracy through

- Candidate debates
- Issue forums
- Helpful Web site
- Voters Guide
- Hotline for voters on Election Day
- Voter registration of citizens
- An annually updated brochure titled How to Contact Your Elected Officials
- Publication of issue studies

Dear Fellow Citizen,

Am I registered to vote? How do I register? Where do I vote? What is an acceptable photo ID? How do I vote by mail? These are citizen questions that the League Office is continuously fielding.

As voters struggle to understand the new voter ID requirements, redistricting, and the presidential election season, the League will be busy providing more voter services than ever.

Please support our efforts to strengthen our citizen-led democracy by contributing items or gift certificates to our annual fundraising event on February 10, 2012, the Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon and Silent Auction.

All donations are tax-deductible, and we’d welcome any information or brochures to display along with your donation. A donor form is included for your convenience.

We look forward to your favorable consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Auction Co-chairs Becky Brakke at 214-363-0921 or Jane Pak at 972-233-2715.

Together we can make democracy work for all citizens!

Sincerely,

Michelle Manners
President

Becky Brakke
Silent Auction Chairs

Jane Pak

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Silent Auction for the Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon

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Please complete and forward copy to:
LWV-Dallas, 2720 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 812, Dallas, TX 75207 Fax 214-688-4125,
or return it with the item to Becky Brakke 214-363-0921 or Jane Pak 972-233-2715.

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Santa has his workshop elves who create gifts for good boys and girls. LWVDallas has its own cadre of elves who monthly send out membership renewal notices and volunteer for the innumerable office projects that arise. They fold letters, collate mailings, stuff and stamp envelopes, answer the telephone ... all with a smile.

OUR THANKS TO THESE UNSUNG HEROINES:
Ann Adams, Agnes Ellsworth, Lea Frailey, and Alice Johnson

League members who can be “on call” for office duties are always welcome. If you might have time in your schedule and would like to become one of the “LWVD Elves On Call”, please contact the office at 214.688.4125 or via email at lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net.

Happy Holidays!

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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The League’s most recent rebate $93.95

IN MEMORIAM

We note with sorrow the passing of Elizabeth “Liz” Cowles

Former LWVD Board Member
First Recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award
Past President of the Women’s Council of Dallas County
Past State President of Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice
A Lifetime Devoted to Community Service
October 18, 2011
Join the League of Women Voters of Dallas

where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.

It’s not for women only!

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___$60/year Individual  ___$30 additional member at same address
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___$25/year Student  $______Contribution to LWVD Scholarship Fund

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