Calendar

All meetings and events are held at the League Conference Room, 1609 Shoal Creek Drive #202, Austin 78701, unless otherwise noted.

LWV-AA Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Members welcome.

First Vote! Training
Saturday, April 6, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
Everyone welcome.

Lakeway Candidate Forum
Moderated by LWV-AA
Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
The Hills Country Club
26 Club Estates Pkwy, Austin 78738
Everyone welcome.

New Member Orientation
Saturday, April 13, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
New and prospective members welcome.
Please RSVP: bkoegler@lwvaustin.org

Pinot & Policy
Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 - 8 PM
Everyone welcome.

Advocacy Committee Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 11:00 AM - Noon
Members welcome.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program
Saturday, April 27, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
8401 Cameron Rd., Austin 78754
Everyone welcome.

LWV-AA Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM - Noon
Trinity Methodist Church
4001 Speedway, Austin 78751
Members welcome.

View our Calendar of Events any time by visiting our website, www.lwvaustin.org.

Upcoming Programs
Join Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director María Milner in Meeting Room #8 in observation of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month for another learning opportunity in the 2019 series "Know the Fights for the Rights". We'll take an extensive look at the contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the building of the United States, their struggle for equality, and how the communities are continuing to address those issues to the present day.

Seating is limited to 40 people. Click here for free tickets. Parking is available on site. Contact DEI Director Maria Milner at mmilner@lwvaustin.org with any questions.

Saturday, April 27th, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Asian American Resource Center, 8401 Cameron Road, Austin, TX 78754
Everyone is welcome to this free program.

Please join us for this month's Pinot & Policy, "How to Party Like We're 100". Open to members as well as the public, attendees will meet with the Event Planning Committee to discuss ways to celebrate the League's upcoming birthday!

League of Women Voters Austin Area, 1609 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite #202, Austin
Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
RSVP is helpful, but not required: aboudreault@lwvaustin.org.
President's Message

Many municipalities and Independent School Districts (ISD) across Travis and Williamson Counties are holding elections on Saturday, May 4th. The last day to register to vote in this election is Thursday, April 4th. Early Voting is April 22nd through April 30th. The last day for a request to vote by mail must be received by April 23rd.

The Voters Guide will be available by April 20th, and will only be available online for this election at LWVAustin.org and VOTE411.org. The races the Voters Guide is covering are:

Cedar Park - City Council
Eanes ISD - Board of Trustees, Bond
Lakeway - Mayor, City Council
Georgetown - Mayor, City Council
Georgetown ISD - Board of Trustees
Hutto ISD - Board of Trustees, Bond
Hutto - Mayor, City Council
Leander - City Council
Pflugerville ISD - Board of Trustees
Round Rock - City Council
Taylor - City Council
Village of Briarcliff - Mayor, Aldermen
Village of Webberville - Sales Tax Proposition

The Celebrating Democracy and Making Democracy Work® Dinner was our most successful to date. The food, music, venue, program (see March newsletter) and auction were all wonderful. You can read the keynote speech by Mimi Marziani of the Texas Civil Rights Project here. Please help me thank Elizabeth Cooper, Fund Development Director, Ryann Collier, Communication Director, Debbi Voss, VP Organization, and all the dinner committee members and volunteers who helped, for all their hard work and making it an enjoyable evening. But most importantly, as it is the main reason for the event, we raised over $17,000 after expenses. On behalf of LWV-AA, I thank all donors, and we especially appreciate our sponsors:

Making Democracy Work:
Big Creative Productions

Defending Democracy: Austin Firefighters Association PAC, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, Global Printing Solutions
Honoring Democracy: John Philip Donisi, Sorrento’s Coffee, Texas Disposal Systems

Friend of Democracy: Arrow, Cinde Weatherby, Dochen Realtors, Representative Donna Howard, Grace Chimene, Gwen Santiago, Joyce LeBombard, Karen Kelley, Kassie Phebillo, Robbie Ausley

If you haven't seen the "Fanning the Flame" video, produced by member Nina Mederios of Big Creative Productions, click here. If you are compelled to, you can donate by clicking here.

A reminder that our Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, May 18th. Be on the lookout for the Annual Workbook in mid-April in your email inbox, and a link for it in the May issue of The VOTER newsletter.

Celebrating Democracy and Making Democracy Work® Dinner, March 6, 2019

Mimi Marziani, president of the Texas Civil Rights Project, speaks about social justice issues.

Amber Morena receives the Friend of the League Award.

Donna Pauler, Debbi Voss, Allison DeGroote, Jaci Collins, Laura Shive, Brandi Alexander, and Gwen Santiago are some of the volunteers who dedicated their time to host another successful fundraising event.
Angela Angulo is presented with the Democracy in Action Award by LWV-AA president Joyce LeBombard.

Jaci Collins receives a well-deserved Volunteer of the Year award.

"Suffragette" Janet Maykus uses her persuasive skills in the service of the nation and the LWV-AA live auction.

Help LWV-AA in our Centennial Year!

Your help is needed more than ever. We have many opportunities to be engaged with LWV-AA!

Click here for details on current opportunities within the League.

For current one-time SignUps needed, click here. You can also email volunteer@lwvaustin.org to ask about volunteer opportunities. Sign up today!
ATX Food Truck Festival- The Texas Throwdown

Free entry for all League members!

Sunday, April 7th, Noon to 5:00 PM (rescheduled date)
Barton Creek Square, 2901 Capitol of Texas Highway, Austin, TX 78746
Click here to reserve your free ticket! (Use code 'womenlovevoting.‘)

Action Alerts from LWV Texas

Oppose SB 9! This bill would make it more difficult to vote, and create new barriers on those needing assistance to vote, loosen safeguards protecting voter's private information, and bolster an ongoing campaign of selective criminal prosecutions.

Redistricting Reform: for the first time in 8 years, the House Redistricting Committee will be holding a hearing on Thursday, April 4th at 10:30 am to review legislation on redistricting reform. Fairmaps Texas, which we are a part of, has an Action Alert. Please call the committee members this week, if you can't make it to the hearing, to register their support.

Membership Report and Interest Survey

Brenda Koegler, Membership Director

Welcome, New Members: Freda Collier, Jim Eikner, M. Grayson, Megan Herrel, Kathy Jones-Hospod, David King, Jennifer Lynch, Lucia Melendez, Ellora Rahman, Sharon Walther
Thank You, Sustaining Members: Melissa Crijns, David King, Jennifer Lynch, Cynthia McCollum, Anne Peticolas, Anita Privett, Ruth Rubio

Thank You, Renewing Members: Heather Becker, Nancy Busbey, Mary Cullinane, Judy Daniels, Jimmy Flannigan, Edna Fuller, Karen Rankin, Anne Rioux, Polly Street

To anyone interested in becoming more involved in the League in 2019: We hold new member orientation coffees once a month. The next one is April 13th at 2:00 PM. Email Brenda at bkoegler@lwvaustin.org if you would like a refresher on opportunities.

As a member of the Austin League, each of you is also a member of the national and state leagues. See the links below for an abundance of educational information.

www.lwvaustin.org       www.lwvtexas.org       www.lwv.org

Member Interest Survey: We are very interested in seeing what in particular interests you and why you joined the League. Click on Select Your Action Involvement to complete the survey. Please fill it out and hit submit. We will then connect you to the appropriate League leaders.

Need more information? Visit our webpage for more information on new memberships and membership renewals.

Thank you for supporting the League!

Donations: Frances McIntyre, Jaci Collins, Bob and Stephanie Thomas.

Memorial/Honorary: David King, in honor of Frances McIntyre; Beverly Reeves.

Amplify Austin: Keely Bostick, Julie Moore, Amy Webberman, Bronwen Hobbs, Jean Hopkins, Gretchen Otto, Karen Swenson, Sarah Sederholm, Carol Eckelkamp, Rebecca Elder, Laura Kennedy, Elizabeth Cooper, Adonia J. McFarland, Mary Graf, Gloria DeVere, Debbi Voss, Jennifer Loehlin, Sarah Carriker, Rebekah Dobrasko, Mary Cullinane, Rebecca Beck, Jean Frank, Nancie Moster, Anita Privett, Anne-Marie Griger, Lea Masiello, Jan DeVault, Pam Bixby, Amy Holland, Melissa Crijns, Kathryn Judge, Teresa Portone, Hal Jennings, Adrienne Brown, Judith Clack, Carol Olewin, Kassie Barroquillo, Daniel Kamat, Blake Locklin, Mollie and Jay Snow, Carolyn Osborne, Walter Holland, Lindsey Tishgart, Ruth Rubio, Roslyn Breen, Martha Frede, Adam Rasmus, Ryann Collier, Bria Buroojy, Melvin Oakes, Elizabeth Shrader, Joyce Jackson, Karen Hayward, Ruby Roa, Gaye Sodoma, Mary Overton, ZoAa Trieff, Mary Childs, Karen Darby, Eric Shenk, Martin Hoff, Joan Burnham, Jocelyn Chamra-Barrera, Jayne Polly.


Randall's Good Neighbor Program gives the Austin League a percentage of sales from members who link the League to their Remarkable Cards. Complete this document and return to any Randall's store. Our account number is 465.

Making a legacy donation to the League of Women Voters Austin Area in your will is the easiest way to offer support of the League's work for years to come. Learn how to leave your legacy and become a member of our League's Legacy Society.

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