Dear The,

Member renewal notifications will be sent via email from the membership team prior to your expiration date, and will no longer be included in the monthly newsletter.

We apologize for the technical difficulties in previous newsletters concerning renewal dates and thank you for your patience as we worked to iron out the kinks!


#GivingTuesday

Tomorrow’s the day - #GivingTuesday that is! Our goal is to increase our exposure beyond our membership as well as raise funds towards the printing of the two Voters Guides we will produce in 2020. In exciting news - we have an anonymous donor who has committed to match up to $2,000 towards our goal of $5,000! If we meet our goal - we could end up raising $7,000 or more towards the cost of our next Voters Guide!

Here are a few ways you can help us increase the awareness of the League’s Mission:

1. Go to the League’s Facebook event and follow the instructions to change your profile picture using the League’s "#IVoteHereIGiveHere frame".
2. Share the League’s Facebook event with all of your Austin friends that you think would support our Mission.
3. Print this sign and write in your most compelling reason why Democracy is important. You can take a selfie of yourself holding the sign and posting on Facebook, or do a Facebook or Instagram story!

Share our link to donate on your social media and donate yourself. Even $1 helps toward our Mission!
You're invited to the members-only LWV-AA Annual Holiday Brunch honoring our new members. Meet new friends, greet old ones, and enjoy a brunch buffet. RSVP today!

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019  
Time: 10:00am - 12:00 pm  
Location: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6420 Hart Lane 78731  
RSVP here!

At-a-Glance

LWV Austin Area is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing any candidates or political parties, but always working on vital issues of concern to our members and the public.

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<td>We moved! We are now located in Alamo Drafthouse's new HQ at 3908 Avenue B, Austin TX 78751.</td>
<td>12/03, All day #GivingTuesday. Please spread the word of our mission and help us raise funds by donating here.</td>
<td>We’re looking for a new Communications Director. For more information, contact Joyce at <a href="mailto:jlebombard@lwvaustin.org">jlebombard@lwvaustin.org</a></td>
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<td>Began using Salsa Engage fundraising tool for #GivingTuesday.</td>
<td>12/07, 10:00 am - Noon Holiday Brunch honoring new members. RSVP here!</td>
<td>The Equity and Inclusion committee is looking to expand its team. Contact Maria at <a href="mailto:mmilner@lwvaustin.org">mmilner@lwvaustin.org</a></td>
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<td>Venue is scheduled and plans are well underway for the Celebrating Democracy Dinner for March 25, 2020 at The DoubleTree Hotel.</td>
<td>12/21, 11:00 am - Noon Advocacy &amp; Program Committee meeting. New office location: 3908 Avenue B, Austin - Alamo Rocket Rm#102.</td>
<td>Voter Registration &amp; Turnout is always looking for members to be Event Leads. Contact Michael at <a href="mailto:mkeller@lwvaustin.org">mkeller@lwvaustin.org</a></td>
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Letter from the President

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Certainly not because of the weather but because it is the season of gratitude, giving, and hope. To me, it is the time of giving thanks for what I have, giving to others, and resolving to make a better future. I hope you will join me in celebrating all that we have accomplished, give some time or money to help us and others, and resolve to help Empower Voters and Defend Democracy.

We've Moved!

We are very excited to be all moved into our new office space! Our office is at 3908 Avenue B, Austin TX 78751 (the old Baker Elementary school building), which is now the
Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas' new headquarters. Once we get a little more settled in and used to new building procedures, we will begin having events here.

We will miss seeing our friends at Leadership Austin, but we are so grateful to Tim League and his team for leasing this space to us, for their generous support, and for making us feel welcome.

Please join me in thanking Debbi Voss, VP Organization, for working so hard to make the move happen smoothly. A big thank you to Jaci Collins and Lea Masiello for helping with the move as well.

**New tools are coming!**

Progress on the new website and Salsa tools are proceeding nicely. We are looking forward to the new capabilities and flexibility these will bring us.

Susan Hewitt, Webmaster and technical lead, is doing a fantastic job fitting this work into her hectic schedule as we continue to move forward on both. We are very fortunate to have her volunteering her time and talents. Thankfully, Mari Robinson, Volunteer Management Director, is volunteering time from her busy schedule to take the lead on working with members and SalsaLabs to migrate our data.

Please continue to be patient with us while we are migrating and transitioning to these new systems. They will be worth all the effort and wait to make them happen.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Our annual Celebrating Democracy Dinner and Making Democracy Work Awards is on March 25th, 2020, at the DoubleTree by Hilton located at 6505 IH 35. This is our largest fundraiser for the year with proceeds funding our **Voters Guide**, which will be extensive this coming year.

Please submit your Make Democracy Work award nominations by February 7th, 2020 [here](#).

Wishing you and your families Joy and Peace this holiday season,

Joyce LeBombard  
President, League of Women Voters Austin Area (LWV-AA)  
jlebombard@lwvaustin.org  
512-585-4090

**LWVAA Calendar**

Click [here](#) for details on the events listed below.

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| CRM Kickoff Committee 11 AM | #GivingTuesday  
Williamson County VDR Training 2PM 6PM | Voters Guide Questions Committee 6:30 PM | New Member Holiday Brunch 10 AM  
Travis County VDR Training 10:30 AM |
**LWVTX/LWVUS News**

**4th LWVTX County Website Review**
Ensuring a safe and secure election should be a priority for county election officials. Of the 254 counties, 201 of them have a website labeled "not secure." To see the full report, go to [LWVTX County Website webpage](#). To see how our counties fared click [here](#).

**DEI Webinars**
LWVUS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webinar on December 19, 2019: [Register here](#)

**Condolences**

We have lost a long-time member and friend, Maria Johnson. After a long battle with brain cancer, she passed away surrounded by family. Memorial services for Maria will take place at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home (3125 N Lamar Blvd.) on Saturday, December 7th at 2 pm. You can find more information [here](#).

Maria was a vital member of our local League and served as VP Programs. When LWVUS did a study on National Security, Maria led the LWV-AA in the study and consensus-taking. She got internationally prominent writer/journalist James Fallows, who was in residence at UT, to speak with our local League.

Our deepest sympathies to Maria's family and friends.
Welcome Our Newest Members!

Amanda-Sue Rondon  Berit Kragas  Billie Bogart  Brooke Freeland
Cameron Young  Cyral Miller  Dana Winter  Ginny Fredricks
Jeana Pethel  Linda and Amy Litzinger  Lisa Feder  Lori Martinelli and Nathan Griff
Mary Coneway  Mary Graf  Tammy Cooper

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Thank you to all Sustaining and Renewing Members!

As a member of the Austin League, you are also a member of the national and state leagues. See the links below for additional information.

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

The League of Women Voters Austin Area thanks its generous Celebrating Democracy sponsors!

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action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest after significant study and consensus is reached.