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LWVAA Calendar

 Mon., Nov. 2, 6:30 pm, Board Meeting, League Office, 1011 W 31st. Members.

 Tues., Nov. 3. General Election

 Sat., Nov. 14, 1:00 pm. **SUFFRAGETTE** movie, Alamo Drafthouse, 1120 South Lamar Blvd, Austin.

 Sun., Nov. 15, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, General Membership Meeting, *Money in Politics Study* panel. Trinity United Methodist Church 4001 Speedway.

 Wed., Nov 18, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Unit Meeting with speaker about the influence of money in politics. Old Quarry Library, 7051 Village Center

 Sat., Nov. 21, 10:00 - 12 pm. Local Issues Meeting: Voters Guide planning at League Office, 1011 West 31st Street, Austin.

 Sat., Dec. 5, New Member's brunch. Save the date. Place/time TBA.

The League shall not support or oppose any political party or candidates. It may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest after significant study and consensus is reached.

The VOTER is partially funded by the League of Women Voters of the Austin Area Education Fund.

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Mon., Dec. 7, 6:30 pm, Board Meeting, League Office, 1011 W 31st. Members.

Tues., Dec. 8, 7:00 to 9:00 pm First Consensus Meeting Money in Politics study, meeting at Judy Parken's house 7917 West Rim Drive, Austin.

Thurs. Dec. 10, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Second Consensus Meeting Money in Politics study at Howson Library, 2500 Exposition Blvd, Austin.

Back issues of the LWVAA Voter can be found at this link.

Frances McIntyre
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From the President

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015.
GO VOTE! If you need a ride to the polls, call the League office 512-451-6710 and we’ll have someone to take you. See the Travis County Ballot here.

All Travis County voters will be voting on 7 Texas Constitutional amendments and one county bond proposal for the issuance of $287,275,000 of bonds for the purpose of constructing, improving and equipping civil and family courts facilities and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

 Voters in Cedar Park, Jonestown, Lago Vista, Point Venture, Pflugerville, Sunset Valley, Volente, Webberville, and West Bank Community Library will be voting on their local officials, special propositions as well as the constitutional amendments.

For information on the constitutional amendments, and Travis County Bond issue see the LWV Voters guide here in both English and Spanish versions. Check out Vote411 for an online Voter’s Guide and The Voting App from Think Voting for your smart phone.

The League’s Position on Gun Control
Recent incidents have spurred members to ask about the League's position on Gun Control. The Austin League and the Texas League do not have positions on gun control but defer to the following LWV US for advocating position statements.

Statement of Position on Gun Control, as Adopted by 1990 Convention and amended by the 1994 and 1998 LWV US Conventions:
The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.
The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background checks, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification.
The League supports a ban on “Saturday night specials,” enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers.

Voters Service

Please come to our next planning meeting for Voters Service: Young Voters Project. Saturday, November 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the League office at 1101 West 31st Street, Austin (map). All are welcome.

Jacklyn Williams,
4th VP. Voter Services
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VDR Update

VDR’s call to action!
The Austin Area LWV has been given a stellar opportunity to partner with Travis County to register voters at a special presentation of the movie SUFFRAGETTE at the Alamo Draft House 1120 South Lamar Blvd. Austin. (Map)

We have committed to staffing a Voter Registration station on
LWV US announces new executive director, **Wylecia Wiggs Harris**. See Ms. Harris’ blog [here](#): Let’s give Ms Harris a big welcome. We look forward to working with her on the visions and goals of the League of Women Voters.

~**Carol Olwin**, President
colewin@gmail.com

### LWV Austin Joins Alamo Drafthouse to Respect Suffrage

The Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar Cinema is offering a special showing of the new movie **SUFFRAGETTE** that portrays the United Kingdom women's suffrage movement. The special showtime is 1:00 pm Saturday, November 14 at 1120 S Lamar Blvd. A community panel discussion related to voting will follow.

LWV Austin will be registering voters in the theater lobby before and after the event. Susan B. Anthony will be making her debut appearance at the cinema and be available for selfies with new or existing voter registrants.

To join the fun and support the LWV Austin Education Fund, you may buy tickets to the 1:00 pm showing by going to [https://drafthouse.com/austin/show/suffragette-community-screening](https://drafthouse.com/austin/show/suffragette-community-screening). The Alamo will graciously donate a percent of the ticket sales to the Ed Fund. Go [here](#) for a preview of the film.

### Money in Politics National Study

The landscape around the use of money in our political campaigns has changed dramatically over the last decade. LWV chapters around the country are asked to review the League’s current position on campaign finance by coming to consensus on several predetermined questions. LWV-AA is participating in this national study.

**Important Dates for Money in Politics:**
**Sunday Nov 15, 2:30-4:30 General Meeting** with panel discussion about *Money in Politics* at Trinity United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway. ([map](#))

**Joanne Richards** announced the following panelists have confirmed for the meeting:
**Craig McDonald**, Texans for Public Justice Director.
**Roger Borgelt**, Austin attorney who specializes in campaign finance and law.
**Kurt Hildebrand**, Texas Libertarian Party Chair.

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**Friday, November 13 from 3:00 to 10:00 pm and on Saturday November 14 from Noon to 10:00 pm. We should have two members for each shift so this will require eight VDR members on Friday and ten on Saturday. Staffing shifts will be as follows:**

**Friday Nov. 13:**
2:30-4:30  
4:30-6:30  
6:30-8:30  
8:30-10:00

**Saturday Nov 14:**
12:00-2:00  
2:00-4:00  
4:00-6:00  
6:00-8:00  
8:00-10:00

This is going to be fun and great exposure for us. Other organizations will be participating at other times but the League of Woman Voters is the ONLY entity that will be allowed to “fly our colors” because of the trust we have established as non-partisans.

All members who are VDRs, choose your day and time and email to June_conwy@yahoo.com ASAP!

There will be other opportunities for the LWV to provide Voter Registration during the run of this movie. A “blast” will be sent as soon as we have dates and times.

~**June Conway**,  
Voter Registration Chair.  
[June_conwy@yahoo.com](mailto:June_conwy@yahoo.com)

### Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training

Volunteers needed to become Volunteer Deputy Registrars. VDRs help register eligible citizens to vote by distributing, reviewing, and accepting completed voter registration applications. This...
Sara Smith, formerly with TexPIRG now staff attorney with Environment Texas.

**Wednesday, Nov 18, Unit meeting** 1:00-3:00 pm. at Old Quarry Library, 7051 Village Center, Austin (map) There will be a speaker to explore further the influence of money in politics:

**Tuesday Dec 8, 7:00-9:00 pm. First consensus meeting** at Judy Parken’s house 7917 West Rim Drive, Austin (map)

**Thursday Dec 10, 10:00 AM - 12:00 pm. Second consensus meeting** meeting at Howson Library 2500 Exposition Blvd, Austin (map)

*Statement of Position on Campaign Finance,* as Announced by National Board, January 1974 and Revised March 1982:

_The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public’s right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process._

_This position is applicable to all federal campaigns for public office - presidential and congressional, primaries as well as general elections. It also may be applied to state and local campaigns._

~Mary Cullinan 2nd VP of Programs
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~Joanne Richards Chair, Money in Politics study
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**Local Issues Discussion Group**

Be sure to mark you calendars for Saturday November 21!

This month the Local Issues Group will be working on questions for the candidates participating in March Primary. We are already starting on preparations for the Voters Guide for the March Primary Election. We will have a brain drain thinking of questions for the candidates on the ballots. The Primary VG will have questions for all candidates in 5 counties -- from U.S. Representatives, State Reps. and Senators, County District Court Judges and Judicial Districts, State Board of Education, County Commissioners, Constables, Sheriffs, Tax Assessor-Collectors, District Attorneys, Courts at Law, Austin City Council, and AISD Trustees.

Obviously this will take some time and cannot be done in one session, but we need to get started on it and it’s quite a lot of fun. Hope you can come. Saturday, November 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Local Issues Committee meets in the League office on 1011 W. 31st Street. (map) Everyone is invited.

~Frances McIntyre, Advocacy Chair and Voters Guide Editor,
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__Payday and Auto Title Loan Study Update__

Citizens interested in becoming a VDR or renewing their eligibility may attend a one-hour training session held the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Training is at the Travis County Voter Registrar's office located at 5501 Airport Blvd, Austin, TX 78751. Upcoming dates are Tuesdays November 3, 2015 and December 8, 2015.

Bruce Elfant, our Travis County Voter Registrar, is offering extra Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) training the second Saturday of each month from 10:00AM - 11:30 am (usually ends at 11:15). The next sessions will be November 14 and December 12 at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover, Austin. Space is limited. Sign up at this [link](http://www.travisvotes.org/).

~ June Conway,
Voter Registration Chair.
[link](http://www.travisvotes.org/)

**Office Corp Volunteers**

What is the Office Corps?

The Office Corps is a group of local League members, just like you! Each member of the Office Corps comes to our League office, on 1011 W. 31st Street, once a month for 3 hours, to handle mail, phone, membership payments, and donations.

http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs137/1102770450271/archive/1122724251469.html 10/30/2015
The Payday and Auto-Title Loan Study Committee ended the project with two consensus meetings, which were well attended. As we discussed the consensus questions, we drew upon the information from the panel discussion on October 11 at Trinity United Methodist Church, which featured seven very interesting and well-informed speakers representing a diversity of perspectives on these loans. We also found the online materials published by the Texas League of Women Voters to be extremely valuable. Committee members also found themselves pursuing additional research.

All of our expert consultants at the panel discussion demonstrated that this is a complex and difficult topic. We are left feeling better informed and certainly encouraged about the very real and successful alternatives to these loans, as demonstrated by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Texas Community Capital. The League’s response to the consensus questions includes our views that we should support alternatives to these loans, strengthen financial literacy in the schools, and safeguard consumers who use these loans. We also recognize that political support for these businesses in Texas is very strong, with powerful lobbying at work, yet we still would like to see additional regulations put into place.

At the panel discussion, Bee Morehead from Texas Impact urged us to be involved locally on this issue; Dana Edgerton, from the Office of Consumer Credit Commission of Texas, gave us an overview of her roles in educating the public, responding to citizen complaints about lenders, and educational initiatives; Kathleen Hunker, policy analyst for the Center for Economic Freedom with the Texas Public Policy Foundation, helped us recognize the economic realities of the loan business; Mark Pogor, the Treasurer for the Diocese of Austin Society of St. Vincent de Paul, gave us a great deal of hope through his description of the successes St. Vincent de Paul has had in their work to help borrowers get out from under the burden of debt and stay out of debt. We learned from Howard Porter about the ways in which Texas Community Capital is a model for effective and ethical alternatives to payday and auto-title “credit access businesses.” Ann Baddour, from Texas Appleseed, gave us immense amounts of facts and research pertaining to the history of these loans and current efforts to reform regulation; and Jeff Patterson, Executive Director of the Texas Catholic Conference, emphasized the ways in which these loans are inconsistent with faith communities and urged us to keep our attention focused on the very negative effects these loans have on people’s lives. In conclusion, I want to note that the League CAN take an important role in promoting better regulations by keeping the pressure on political candidates to state their positions during candidates’ forums. Tim Morstad from AARP supported our idea of asking candidates to comment on the fees and interest rates that frequently go beyond 600%.

KEYE ran a segment on the panel discussion on the Sunday 10 pm news, which included a brief overview of the event and an interview with our president, Carol Olewini. This was good publicity for the work of the League!

I hope that League members will participate in the next study, Money in Politics, and take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the subject and engage in the grass-roots democratic process that can lead to real change for our communities, state, and nation. Check out the dates for the unit meeting, panel discussion, and consensus meetings for the Money in Politics study and put those dates on your calendar.

~Lea Masiello

A few times a year, the Office Corps helps with special projects; Voters Guides packaging, Voters Guide distribution calling, candidate contact for Voters Guide, answering the phone on Election Day to let citizens know where to vote, and other tasks that may come up.

It’s all about furthering the League’s mission to encourage ‘... the informed and active participation of citizens in government ...’

Would you consider joining the Office Corps?

We ask you for only 3 hours, once a month. We provide full training on all office activities. We have all office procedures documented for your reference and review. There is always someone who can answer any question you might have, now, or in the future. There is always someone you can contact to answer any question from a caller.

Schedule changes are easily accommodated.

Please send your contact information to Jaci Collins at jacic@sbcglobal.net or call in your contact information to the League office, 512-451-6710.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

~Jaci Collins, VP Organization jacic@sbcglobal.net

Webmaster

Already we have over 4,500 downloads of the Voters Guide
LWV Members Feast on TribTest

A healthy delegation of League of Women Voters members participated in the Texas Tribune's 5th Annual TribFest October 16-18 on the University of Texas campus. There were sessions directly pertinent to our overarching mission of enabling voter registration and voting, as well as timely sessions on many LWV advocacy issues.

Three LWV - Texas Board members participated: Laura Blackburn of Houston, Elizabeth Erkel of Collin County, and Grace Chimene of Austin. LWV Austin Board members Carol Olewin, Jaci Collins, Frances McIntyre, Gwen Chisholm, and Cinde Weatherby attended sessions. Other Austin League members attending included Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir, State Rep. Donna Howard, Bill Hamilton, and Carol Whitcraft Fredericks. Member Heidi Gibbons volunteered her time toward the event's success.

Tribune co-founder and CEO Evan Smith promoted voting issues in each session he moderated or introduced. Of particular note, in his one-on-one interview with House Speaker Joe Straus he noted the need for modernized voter registration and questioned Speaker Straus specifically on online voter registration. Straus appeared receptive to learning more about OVR and improvements to encourage more voter involvement. Smith asked Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick the same question in a one-on-one interview session, to which Patrick replied that he did not believe any changes in the voting system are needed.

In the session "Getting out the Hispanic Vote," Secretary of State Carlos Cascos stated his top priority is reaching out to college campuses and addressing the generational gap. He said he has personally been visiting campuses. Cascos noted that he is not just addressing the Latino vote, but everyone. He also said he is enjoying being non-partisan in his approach.

Also in that session, State Rep. Celia Israel noted that Latino voters are young voters who do not use mail. A passionate supporter of online voter registration, she said there is no reason that someone can get a driver's license the same day, but not be able to complete voter registration at the same time. Cascos reported that 33 percent of Texas Latino voters are age 18-29.

The session "Inside the Texas Ethics Commission" featured Ethics Commissioners Hugh Akin (R), Jim Clancy (R) and Wilhelmina Delco (D). Longest tenured Commissioner Clancy provided an overview of the TEC. There are eight commissioners - four Republicans and four Democrats. Most of the

and election day is still over a week away. This is concrete evidence that people depend on the League of Women Voters for their important voting guidance. Next month I'll provide the final tally.

We encourage you to "like" or "share" our Facebook posts to help expand the reach of these announcements to all of your friends. See procedure below.

~ Hal Jennings, Webmaster, hal@jenningsweb.us

"Like" Our League on Facebook

It's so easy to follow our League on Facebook. Thanks to Brigid Hall for these instructions:

1. Go to facebook.com and login to your existing account or create a new one.

2. Enter "League of Women Voters of the Austin Area" in the search box at the top of the page.

3. Facebook will show you possible matches to your search terms as you type. Simply click on the box with our logo and title.

4. Once you get to our page, there will be a button that says "Like" and has an image of a "thumbs up."

5. Click on that button. Now you are subscribed to our page and will see our news stories on your Facebook homepage.

Follow Our League on Twitter

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panel discussion centered on campaign finance and the legislator-lobbyist relationship.

Commissioner Clancy reported the 2016-2017 adopted Texas budget provides the Commission an increase in funding allowing the hiring of an auditor and an investigator for the first time in 23 years. While it appeared Commissioners were not optimistic that significant ethics reform legislation is forthcoming, Commissioner Clancy offered a suggestion for the League of Women Voters to provide assistance. He suggests the League develop a standard of ethical behavior and request Legislators to pledge their adherence to the standard. Clancy offered some examples of items for inclusion and after the meeting provided the names of some candidate legislators who he believed might readily sign-on and lead the way for others to do so.

A select few sessions are available for viewing online on the Tribfest website.

~ Cinde Weatherby, 2nd VP Community Relations, cindewweatherby@gmail.com

Maxine's Musings:
Our Hidden Assets

My late husband, who was a professional trainer, used to say, "I probably will not teach you something you don't already know, but will help you use your knowledge to become more effective in your job". With this in mind, do you groan when you hear the words "By-laws or Nominating Committee" and think how dull and unexciting? Granted these are not the most glamorous committees in an organization, but both are the glue that holds us together.

By-laws are our constitution, the foundation of the governance of our organization; and the Nominating Committee assesses the current and future needs of League leadership. Both of these are vital to our existence and we need to be reminded of their importance.

Henry M. Robert, the founder of Robert’s Rules of order in 1876 commented, "In a land where perhaps most persons are members of one or more societies, some knowledge of parliamentary [procedure] may be justly regarded as a necessary part of the education of every man and woman. In LWVAA's By-laws, Robert's Rules are the standing rules we use to conduct board and annual meetings, and even committees to provide an orderly process. These rules are interpreted by parliamentary procedure that safeguards the integrity of our deliberations and prevents possible chaos. By-laws are readily available to the membership printed in the Annual Meeting Workbook and located on our website. Have you looked at them recently? I have found it rewarding having served either as By-laws chair or committee member for our local League, my church, the Austin Convention and Visitor's Bureau, my homeowners' association, and my professional organizations. While I am not a professional, it has given me an opportunity to understand how the organization functions in which I was or am a member. In LWVAA's By-laws, for example, Article IX, PROGRAM, spells out how we adopt local programs for study. This orderly process makes it possible for members to vote for meaningful issues the League can study and adopt. Unlike many nonprofits, the League does not try to cover the waterfront with anything that comes across the pike without research and member agreement, and you all know that!

1. Go to twitter.com and login to your existing account or create a new one.

2. Search for lwvatx in the search box at the top of the page.

3. On the left hand side of the page, under "People" click on our logo.

4. Click on the "follow" button and then you will be subscribed to the LWVAA page and get updates on any of our posts.

Honors and Memorials

Donations are continuing to be accepted in honor of or in memory of a League member. Click here to download the form. Then mail with your donation to the LWVAA Office, 1011 W. 31st St., Austin, TX 78705.

Shop at Randalls and Support the League

Randall's Good Neighbor Program gives the Austin League a percentage of sales from members who link the League to their Remarkable cards. Our account number is 465.

Click on this link for a document to complete and return to any Randall's store to join the Good Neighbor Program and help our League.

Leave a Legacy to Your League

Making a legacy donation to the League of Women Voters of the Austin Area Education Fund in your will is among the easiest ways to offer support of the LWVAAEF's work for years to come.
As a former LWV-TX board trainer for many years, (later euphemistically called a facilitator), one of the board responsibilities addressed was the Nominating Committee. Since this committee assesses current and future needs of the League leadership, it should function year-round not just when the Annual Meeting is near and a slate of officers and directors needs to be ready. The committee has a number of functions. First, the committee should review the By-laws to determine what offices are needed to be nominated and their terms of office. Someone(s) from the committee should attend board training sessions, goal setting, and calendar planning to be aware of League’s needs. Someone(s) should participate in all League functions, and in particular, new member orientation. Ideally the committee works with the Membership Committee using the interest survey of each member to determine the appropriate persons to recommend for board and off board positions. The committee also should be available when vacancies on the board occur and submit suggestions to the board for filling the position. This does not mean frequent meetings are necessary but should be available when needed.

Giving these two committees the recognition they deserve will go a long way to promote a healthy well-functioning organization, and may energize you if asked to serve on one of them.

~Maxine Barkan, mbarkan@austin.rr.com

**Membership Report and Interest Survey**

**Member Interest Survey:**
If you are either a new member or a member who may have a **bit of time to volunteer** for the League (either regularly or occasionally), please complete this [Member Interest Survey](#). This will help us identify your skills and interests. A few new members have filled this out already, but most of our members have not. We especially need to hear from all members who have a little time to help us.

Thank you for **doing this now.**

**New Members:**
New member **Julie Nitsch**, student, and Mary and David Overton, household joined our ranks this past month. Florence Smythe-Macaulay joined last month, however her name was misspelled in the last issue of the Voter. As a member of the Austin League, each of you is also a member of the national (LWVUS) and state (LWVTX) Leagues. See these links for an abundance of educational information.

[www.lwvaustin.org](http://www.lwvaustin.org)  [www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org)  [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

**Regular and Sustaining Memberships:** Of your $60 in regular dues, $54 goes to the LWVTX and the LWVUS, and only $6 is left to support our Austin League. Paying at the sustaining level greatly benefits the Austin League because the extra money stays in Austin and supports our local League's activities.

**Thank You, Sustaining Members:**
Special thanks to this month’s sustaining members:

Shelly Baumgartner, Gigi Edwards Bryant, Thomas Coopwood, Kathy Carvell, Lucy and Gary Gibbs, Emma Hampton, Lea Masiello, household, Judy Moore, Nancy Neavel, Mary and David Overton, Judy and Ed Parken, and Kay Taibel

We are grateful for your additional financial support for our local League.

We suggest the following language to include the Austin League Education Fund as a beneficiary of a will or trust:
"I give, devise, and bequeath to the League of Women Voters of the Austin Area Education Fund, a charitable organization formed in the State of Texas, with offices at 1011 W. 31st St, Austin, Texas 78705, (the sum of $___) (___ percentage of my residuary estate)." If you already have a will, you can have your attorney add a codicil to include the LWVAAEF.

After you’ve added the League, please email the Austin League office, [lwvaustin@lwvaustin.org](mailto:lwvaustin@lwvaustin.org), so we can list you as a member of our League’s Legacy Society.

**League Lingo**

**Consensus:** Collective opinion of League members on a particular subject.

**Education Fund:** The tax-deductible arm of the League of Women Voters in which education funds may be established at all three levels of Leagues.
Thank You, Renewing Members: Many thanks to the following members who also renewed this month:

Delores Block, Jim and Clare Cahalan, Cindy Hintikka, Vicki Kulberg, Judi Nudelman, and Doris Warlick

We depend on your support and appreciate your renewals.

New Membership, Renewal Dues Payment, Address Changes: Please mail your name, address, phone number, email address, household member (if applicable), along with your dues payment and/or any changes to the LWVAA office, 1011 W. 31st, Austin, TX 78705. Checks may be made out to the LWV of the Austin Area. Choose an amount below. Or you may instead click here for renewals (or click here for new memberships) to pay your annual dues online by credit card via PayPal while providing all the above information.

Here is the schedule of dues:

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Contact me anytime with your League questions.

~Judy Parken, Membership Chair, japarken@aol.com, 512-502-0278.