Dear,

Your membership will expire on . If this date is approaching or has passed, you can renew online immediately or mail payment to the office.

**Calendar**

**LWV-AA Board Meeting**
Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
League Conference Room #202
Members welcome.

**Let's Dive Into Equity: Part 1, Witnessing**
Thursday, November 8, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
League Conference Room #202
Everyone welcome.

**Development Committee Meeting**
Saturday, November 12, 12:00 - 2:00 PM
League Conference Room #202
Members welcome.

**Advocacy Committee Meeting**
Saturday, November 17, 11:00 - 12:00 PM
League Conference Room #202
Members welcome.

**Holiday Brunch**
Saturday, December 1, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
Ascension Lutheran Church
6420 Hart Lane, Austin, TX 78731
Members welcome.

**Election Day**
Tuesday, November 6
Polls open 7 AM - 7 PM

Looking for volunteer opportunities with the League? Find them below in RED!

**President's Message**

November is here. That means election time. And it means a time for giving thanks.
If you voted during early voting, thank you. If you haven't voted yet, please make sure to do so on **Tuesday, November 6th** and let your voice be heard. In either case, you can still make a difference by contacting your family, friends, coworkers, or neighbors and reminding them to vote.

Joyce LeBombard

We have a wealth of information about everything concerning voting on [LWVAustin.org](http://LWVAustin.org) under the Voter Info tab, including the electronic version of the **Voters Guide**. The download page has been visited 31,000 times since being uploaded. The printed version of the **Guide** is in all public libraries throughout Travis and Williamson counties, and the October 25th edition of the *Austin Chronicle*. Of course, there is also the League's interactive online voting resource, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org).

We offer the nonpartisan **Voters Guide** for free to the general public in both English and Spanish. Obviously, it is not free for us to produce, despite the many volunteer hours and in-kind donation for services. We need your help and support to raise funds for the **Voters Guide** and all the voter education. Please consider a donation yourself or by asking your family and friends to donate. You can learn more about all our Development/Fundraising efforts later in this newsletter.

**Thank You!**

Those who know me, know I do a daily gratitude list. A few years ago, I started a tradition of posting on my personal Facebook page one thing a day I am grateful for during November. There is no shortage of people and things to be grateful for this year!

I am grateful for the entire LWV Austin Area leadership team. From the support and help you have given me, to being open-minded to try new ways of doing things, and all the work you have done on behalf of the League, thank you. On behalf of all the membership, your efforts and time are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the volunteers who spent many hours Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy through:

- Producing and distributing the **Voters Guide**, including contacting candidates, developing questions, researching ballot initiatives, formatting and laying out the **Guides**, doing translations, and proofreading;
- Coordinating and conducting candidate forums;
- Educating and registering high school students;
- Registering a record number of voters via a variety of registration events, including going door-to-door, and then getting out the vote;
- Coordinating and conducting various member and public education programs, including speaking at events;
- Developing new social media, website, and constant contact communications and public relations campaigns;
- Answering the office phone and processing the mail;
- Welcoming new members and working with them to get involved.

And last, but not least, I am grateful for all our financial supporters. Whether it is through your sustaining membership, donating funds or time, or in-kind donations for services, we couldn't do all the great work that we do without you.

I'm sure I have left some things out, and for that I apologize. It's not because it is not appreciated, it's that there are just so many things I can't keep up with them or possibly
list them all. The number of things this League does is incredible and I am so proud and grateful for everyone.

Wishing all of you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

**Development and Fundraising**

With changing technology comes new opportunities. For LWV-AA, this means better outreach for voter registration, GOTV, and more. It also gives us a fresh approach for fundraising.

In the past, LWV-AA primarily relied on membership contributions and an annual fundraising dinner to generate funds to support the publication of the *Voters Guide* and other LWV-AA services. But now we have more options to raise money through online promotions that reach members and nonmembers.

Thanks to all who recently donated $25 through our "I love voting so much" T-shirt fundraising. The t-shirts from the first campaign have been delivered. Fear not though, we opened a second campaign until November 7th, so go NOW to lwvaustin.org/voting-gear to order yours!

We also appreciate your contributions during the online fundraising promotion on July 27 in honor of the 100th anniversary of Texas women voting in their first primary. We raised $3,670 from these two examples of online fundraising for LWV-AA.

Please tell your friends about upcoming fundraisers including:

- November 27, 2018 - #GivingTuesday
- February 29-March 1, 2019 - Amplify Austin
- March 6, 2019 - Celebrating Democracy fundraising and awards dinner (formerly known as the State of the City dinner)
- Date TBD - Kendra Gives Back Party

Karen Kelley, Debbi Voss, and Joyce LeBombard raise awareness and funds (and model the new t-shirts!) at the Voter Bar Hop event at Stay Gold on October 27.
Help raise funds for LWV-AA on #GivingTuesday

We have two days for getting deals - Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On #GivingTuesday, we have a day for giving back. The LWV-AA is joining this global movement built by people, organizations, and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world.

Look for more information in your email and on social media about #GivingTuesday on November 27. We hope you will use this day to include plans for supporting LWV-AA in your year-end giving.

For more about #GivingTuesday activities, please visit: www.givingtuesday.org; www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday; or twitter.com/GivingTuesday.

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You're invited to the members-only LWV-AA Annual Holiday Brunch honoring our new members. Let's eat, talk and learn about one another.

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2018
Time: 10:30am - 12:30 pm
Location: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6420 Hart Lane 78731

RSVP here!

Let's Dive into Equity!
Thursday, November 8, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
League Conference Room #202

LWV-AA has set a goal to become a more diverse, inclusive, and accessible organization. Join Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director Maria Milner as we begin the conversation with learning how to identify the characteristics of the Dominant Culture. From there, we'll discuss the importance of noticing these characteristics in our work. Finally we'll discuss the power of witnessing as it relates to allyship as being an action we can take every time beyond the performative. All members, guests, and the public are welcome to attend this program.

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Membership Report and Interest Survey
Brenda Koegler, Membership Director

Welcome, New Members: Judy Alexander, Lilia Beaman, Elaine Branagh, Kate Bulla, Genevieve Davis, Jennifer Delk, Judy Donohue, Carolyn and Tom Downing, Linda Esper and Robert Finch, Tami Halcomb, Katy Hall, Patricia Hiller, Elizabeth Hoseley, Sharon Isaac, Jayd Jackson, Elizabeth Keene, Elizabeth and Aubry Klingler, Mallory Lineberger, Becky McPherson, Sara Medeiros, Virginia Oskouipour, Jan Rooker, Valerie Salinas-Davis, Milton Shaevel, OliviaSkedd, Brenda Smith, Denise Urbanovsky, Clarese Walker
Thank You, Sustaining Members: Judy Alexander, Lilia Beaman, Linda Esper and Robert Finch, Susan Gilg, Katy Hall, Patricia Hiller, Elisabeth Hoesley, Elizabeth Keene, Elizabeth and Aubry Klingler, Vicki Kullberg, Joanne Lovelace, Jane Elizabeth Madison and Judd Rogers, Chalda Maloff and Russell Zears, Miriam Mora, Nancy Neavel, Maria Person, Mary Ann Rivera, Caitlin Roetheli

Thank You, Renewing Members: Lorelei Batislaong, Jane German, Lora Ann Gerson, Krissie Marty, Lea Masiello, Joan Reames, Cindy Schaufenbuel, Amy Taylor, Doris Warlick

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.

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Thank you for supporting the League!

Donations: Frances McIntyre, Karen Kelley, Kelly Heath, Rachel Paul, Meredith Roach, William Pate, Nancy Wedemeyer, Karen Sabharwal, Bob Hinman

Voters Guide: Mike Russell, Nancy Walker, Julia Marsden, Carol Todzia, Kate Bulla, Mary Sue Rose, Charles Stephenson, Lorelei Batislaong, Jackie Montaine, Joyce LeBombard, Carol King, Glendel Goehrs, AARP Chapter, Gwen Santiago, Kristen Simmons, Lizabeth Kerr, Brock Miller, James Hamilton, Thomas Gay, Elizabeth Garza, Tom & Kaye Young, Felecha Reece, Bonnie Northcutt

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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