Dear The,
Your membership will expire on Custom field 1. If this date is approaching or has passed, you can renew online immediately or mail payment to the office.

We apologize for the technical difficulties in previous newsletters concerning renewal dates. We believe this is now fixed. If there is still a problem, please report to jlebombard@lwvaustin.org. Thank you for your patience as we work out the bugs!


Commemorative Booklet Correction
Frances Gibich's name was misspelled in the Acknowledgements section of the 100th Celebration Commemorative Booklet from our Fall Kickoff Event. She led the research team, did a large quantity of the research, and wrote the outline of our history. Our sincerest apologies to Frances for misspelling her name!

Letter from the President

"Every election is determined by the people who show up." - Larry J. Sabato

I am humbled to be the President of the Austin Area League during this momentous time - a time that we honor all of those who came before us and embark on a future of continued determination to Empower Voters, Defend Democracy.

Getting the 19th Amendment passed was an enormous achievement, but it did not give all women the right to vote. The struggle to achieve civil and voting rights continued over our 100-year history and continues still to this day. We highlighted this during our event, especially with the wonderful “Know the Fight for The Rights” performance by four local actors. We also showed it through a fabulous new video, courtesy of our Communications team, that we will have online soon. We'll keep you posted on when and where to find it because it is really good.

Through our plans for change to meet the new opportunities and needs of the future, we will scale out our capabilities while remaining true to our Mission, Vision, Value, and Principles.
Let's get the next 100 years started out right! The November 2019 Election season is here and we're working hard to get citizens registered, informed, and out to vote. This November we will be voting on ten (10) Texas Constitutional Amendments. There are also several local municipality elections throughout Travis and Williamson Counties including Propositions, Bond Measures, and Council Member races. There is more information about the election elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please be a Texas Voter this November!

The November election is a great opportunity to vote and check out the new voting system for the first time! Let’s face it, turnout will be lower in 2019, which will give you and other voters more time to get used to the changes. This way, you will be familiar with the new voting machine and will be able to use it easily in the spring primaries.

We also have another demonstration of the new voting machines Travis and Williamson Counties will begin using with the November election. The demonstration is on Saturday, October 12, from noon-1:30 pm at the League Office.

Condolences

On a somber note, I am very sorry to inform you Paula Wiesner, 82, recently passed away in her sleep. Paula was a valued member of the Austin Area League for over 11 years. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Joyce LeBombard
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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out to join us for our 100 Years Strong & Fall Kickoff celebration!

Thank you to all who worked hard to make it a special day, especially:

- Centennial Committee: Debbi Voss, Mary Cullinane, Frances Gibich, Joyce Jackson, Kathy Judge, María Medina Milner, Brenda Koegler, Lizza Harrison, Moriah Powers, and Liz Walton
Communications and video team: Lizza Harrison, Sarah Garcia, Kathy Williams, and Brandon Villarreal.


Photography: Michael Keller.

Performers: Bernadette Moloney, Cecilia Iveth, Elizabeth Rambo, and Nichole Abshire

The Westwood Varsity Women's Choir under the direction of Mr. Clark.

Asian American Resource Center staff.

We are also very appreciative for the recognition and Proclamations from:

- Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7, and the Austin City Council on September 22nd.
- County Commissioner Terri Cook, Precinct 1, and the Williamson County Commissioners Court on September 17th.
- Texas Senator Kirk Watson, District 47, and The Senate of the State of Texas
- Judge Sarah Eckhardt and the Travis County Commissioner Court on October 15th.
My deepest apologies if I inadvertently left any off this list. I truly appreciate everyone who helped to make it a wonderful day!

**LWVAA Calendar**

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

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Mail-in Ballot Requests must be received (not postmarked) by Friday, 10/25; and then the Mail-in Ballot must be received (not postmarked) by Tuesday, 11/05.

View our Calendar of Events at any time by [visiting our website](#).
Initiative Spotlight

Equity and Inclusion would like to start October with a new initiative. Every other month, Equity and Inclusion will be suggesting a recommended reading to be followed up with a book discussion the following month. For the months of October and November, Equity and Inclusion recommends the book So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo.

From the website:

"In So You Want to Talk About Race, Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to "model minorities" in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life."

The Equity and Inclusion Book Discussion for So You Want to Talk About Race will take place on Saturday, November 16, 3PM - 5PM in the large conference room at the League office. For more information, please email Equity and Inclusion Director, María M. Milner at mmilner@lwvaustin.org.

LWVTX/LWVUS News

LWVTX 100 Years Strong Event
Saturday, October 19, 2019, at Noon at the historic Saint Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, TX. For more information, click here.

Board Nominations
Both LWVTX & LWVUS board nominating committees are looking for applicants for their 2020-2022 boards. To find out more, go to LWVTX board nominations by 10/01/19 or LWVUS board nominations by 10/28/19.

New GOTV Guide
The new LWVUS Get Out the Vote Best Practices Guide is now available. Download the toolkit.

Take Action:
- Tell Congress to Act to Prevent Gun Violence by clicking here.
- Tell your U.S. Senator to Secure Our Elections by clicking here.

DEI Webinars
LWVUS is hosting a series of webinars on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in 2019.
October 30, 2019: Register
November 21, 2019: Register
December 19, 2019: Register
If there is a topic you think should be covered or other webinar feedback you'd like to offer, please share it with the DEI committee by contacting cdavis@lwv.org. Recordings and resources from our previous webinars can be found on the League Management Site.

**WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

- Andrea Marquez
- Christina Randle
- Helen Gu
- Kimberley and Wesley Watts
- Linda Doehne
- Natalie Myers
- Tamara Needles and John Cragle
- Barbara Haefeli
- CJ Zhao
- Joan Hardy
- Kristen Force
- Margot Cromack
- Polly Elrod
- Patricia and Kevin Clayton
- Daniela Silva
- Jon Meador
- Lemlem Berhe
- Matt Flores
- Shari Heath
- Valorie and Erik DeBill
- Charlene Elizabeth Jones
- Donna Cardone
- Katherine Layman
- Lily Altstein
- Michele Schwartz
- Sophia Li

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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.

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