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
Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
League Conference Room #202
Members welcome.

Austin City Council District 1 Candidate Forum
Thursday, September 6, 6:00 PM
Asian American Resource Center
8401 Cameron Rd, Austin, TX 78754

LWV-AA Fall Kick-Off
Sunday, September 23, 1:00 - 4:30 PM
Thompson Conference Center, UT
2405 Robert Dedman Drive, E4302
Austin, TX 78713

Austin City Council Districts 5 & 8 Candidate Forum
Thursday, September 27, 2018
District 5 start time 6:00 PM
District 8 start time 7:30 PM
South Austin Senior Activity Center
3911 Manchaca Rd, Austin, TX 78704

Austin Mayor and City Council District 9 Candidate Forum
Thursday, October 11
District 9 start time: 6:00 PM
Mayor start time: 7:30 PM
City Hall Chambers
301 W. 2nd St., Austin, TX 78701

Public Discussion: City of Austin Bond Proposition
Thursday, October 18, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
League Conference Room #202
Everyone welcome.

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

Fall Kick-off Meeting
Fake or Fact? How to Tell What's True in the News
Sunday, September 23, 2018
Thompson Conference Center
2405 Robert Dedman Dr., Austin, Texas 78712

Don't miss out on LWV Austin Area's annual meeting to preview the 2018-2019 League year. This year's topic is Fake or Fact? How to Tell What True in the News. We are very proud it is being planned and executed in collaboration with The Center for Media Engagement at the University of Texas at Austin.

Our featured panelists include:

- Paul Brown, Assoc. Professor, Journalism Department, Austin Community College
- Debbie Hiott, Editor at Austin American-Statesman
- Karina Kling, Capital Tonight Anchor for Spectrum News
- Talia Stroud, Director at The University of Texas at Austin - Center for Media Engagement
- John Thomas, Executive Producer at KXAN

Doors open at 1:30 pm for pre-program mingling and refreshments. The program is from 2:00-4:00 pm. Directly following the program, from 4:00-5:00 pm, Travis County Tax Assessor/Voter Registrar, and valued League member Bruce Elfant will conduct an optional Volunteer Deputy Registrar training session.

PLEASE RSVP for the event at LWVAustin.org.
Got a question for our panel? Please email lwvaustin@lwvaustin.org.
President's Message

How time flies! It's hard to believe three months have passed since our Annual Meeting in May, and the Fall Kickoff is now right around the corner. The new Board, leadership team, and many others have been hard at work. Their contact information is listed at LWVAustin.org and at the end of this newsletter.

I was one of twelve delegates from Texas to attend the National LWV Convention in Chicago this summer. It was a packed weekend full of business, information, and inspiration. It is an exciting time to be a League member.

As we reflect on our past, we are looking towards the future. The League has embarked on a Transformation Journey. If you haven't heard about this, I encourage you to read the executive summary of the 42-page Transformation Roadmap. The League has introduced new Mission and Vision Statements:

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With the Transformation Journey in mind, and the results from the survey you participated in last May, your leadership team set the following priorities for LWV Austin Area:

Making Democracy Work®

- Voters Guide
- Registering and Get Out The Vote efforts
- Voter and Civic education, including high schools
- Improving communications about what we do

Organizational

- Become a more diverse, inclusive, and accessible organization
- Build and deepen partnerships and collaborations with other organizations
- Evaluate our programs and services to assess their impact and identify improvements

The new Iconically Austin Register and Vote Campaign has been rolled out on Cap Metro buses. The campaign started with past President Cinde Weatherby contacting Cap Metro to secure advertising space. Our new member, Rachel Elsberry, then worked with EnviroMedia to do the creative work.

EnviroMedia took two well-known Austin pieces of public art - the "Hi, How Are You?" and "I Love You So Much" murals - and incorporated them into ads encouraging Central Texans to register and vote. Beside the bus ads, we plan to put the artwork on t-shirts for a fundraiser for the Voters Guide. For more information about the campaign, check out this Austin American-Statesman article.
Candidate Forums for Austin City Council and Mayoral races are underway. Once again, Carol Eckelkamp is leading this effort for us. We successfully executed the District 3 forum on August 29th. You can find more information, submit possible questions, and see the schedule here.

Discussion for additional forums for other races in Travis and Williamson counties are underway. Be on the lookout at our website for these.

Exciting changes are coming to the League, while still keeping the best parts of our past. As the new LWV Austin Area President, I am honored and excited to play a role in helping to prepare us for the next 100 years. I hope you will continue to play a role as well in Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy.

**September is National Voter Registration Month!**

Some take vacations during the summer - LWV-AA members and supporters get excited about empowering Voters.

Even in the summer heat, our new **door-to-door VDR program** targeted at unregistered homes collected **more than 110 in-person registrations** and handed out **more than 160 mail-in registrations** to date. Register and Vote Chair Michael Keller coordinates this ambitious effort. While some were going D2D, our members and supporters also offered registration at **more than 20 events**.

Our First Vote! program, in partnership with Travis County's Voter Registration and Elections Divisions, is in hyper-drive! In August, our two leaders Pam Bixby and Jody Klopp revamped the program, refreshed the graphic presentation, and trained nearly 40 volunteers to be presenters in area high schools. Pam, Jody and others have already engaged with several high schools in the first couple of weeks of this school year. Reach out to these Wonder Women soon if you want to be in this fun activity! If you'd like to volunteer, or can provide a direct contact to a high school principal or government teacher, contact Pam at pbixby@lwvaustin.org.

LWV-AA and Travis County's Voter Registration Division co-founded the Civic Engagement Alliance to assist businesses and other organizations promoting active employee voter participation. In August and September, Travis County's Matt Flores trained three Austin "Googler" VDR classes in the Google office.
If you know other organizations interested in offering employees voter registration and voter resources, please contact Cinde Weatherby at CWeatherby@LWVAustin.org. To volunteer for the program, review opportunities under Voters Service here. It's all about Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy, one group at a time!

Read more about our voter registration efforts on our website!

**Voters Guide**

*Voters Guide* Editor Gretchen Otto has the LWV-AA team in high gear! The *Guide* for this important election cycle will be out just before Early Voting begins October 22. Once again, the *Voters Guide* will be available in English and Spanish, online and in print form.

We have production under control. **We still need your assistance!**

1. **DONATE** to *Guide* production. Having lost insertion into the Austin American-Statesman, we carry the burden of printing the *Guides* going into local libraries and elsewhere. Our translation costs are also significant.

2. **VOLUNTEER** to help with distribution. Complete Nancy Mossman's [form to volunteer](mailto:nmossman@sbcglobal.net). Or contact her nmossman@sbcglobal.net if you need additional information. We will distribute throughout Travis and Williamson Counties.

Keep up with news about the *Voters Guide on our website*!

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**Advocacy Committee**

Dixie Davis, Director

The Advocacy Committee was busy this summer, supporting the League’s decision to promote the Democracy Dollars and Independent Ethics Commission recommendations by the City of Austin Charter Review Commission last spring. Committee members met with Mayor Adler and several Austin City Council members, in hopes of adding these two initiatives to the ballot for Austin voters to decide in November.

Although the mayor and most of the Council members expressed interest in the initiatives, ultimately they felt that they were not ready to evaluate the feasibility of these items and chose not to add them to the November ballot. The Committee will continue to work actively with other organizations around the city to educate the public on [Democracy Dollars and the Independent Ethics Commission](https://www.lwvaustin.org/programs/voters-service), in hopes that the public will have the opportunity to vote on them in the future.
Membership Report and Interest Survey
Brenda Koegler, Membership Director

Welcome, New Members: Brandi Alexander, Jessica Bazaldua, Rebecca Beck, Tara Bowman, Suzanne and William Childs, Heidi Connealy, Betsy Crosby, Tim Curtis and George Wood, Denise Doherty, Alexandra Elliot, Scott Frasard and Tanya Harris, Keisha Gillis, Jackie Gitman, Emily Haeussler, Natasha Haggard, Susan Hewitt, Ashley Hodges, Lauren Hodges, Sidney and Desiree Hollingsworth, Keiko Ichiye, Kate Joly, Kathy Judge, Debbie Loesch, Bill and Laura Ludwig, Nina Medeiros, Lynne McAnelly and Harold Zakon, Wendie LaRose and Claire Sexton, Kathleen Mackie, Nancy and David Mossman, Theresa Noyes, Gina Papadakis, Maya Patel, Vicky Pridgen, Audrey Selden, Alissa Sughrue, Molly Terry, Grace Thomas, Diana Tilley, Lynne Tredennick, Liz Walton, Kiely Wolters, Paul Zagieboylo

Thank You, Sustaining Members: Anissa Allbritton, Robbie Ausley, Vicki Carow, Suzanne and William Childs, Grace and Beau Chimene, Sherry Blyth and Mark Craig, Jaci Collins, Dana DeBeauvoir, Mescal Evler, Leif and Janet Fredin, Joan and David Hilgers, Sula Howell, J Emil Hunziker, Brenda and Dan Koegler, Alma Kuttruff, Wendie LaRose and Clair Sexton, Althea Logan and Sunil Khanna, Kathleen Mackie, Nina Medeiros, Rosemary Morris, Nancy and David Mossman, Joan Quenan, Beth Schrader, Audrey Selden, Sonja Suessenbach, Stephanie Swanson, Diana Tilley, Liz Walton, Rochelle Wilk, Laura Yeager, Paul Zagieboylo

Thank You, Renewing Members: Carol Ahlgren, Sally Baulch, Charlotte Bell, Britin Bostick, Cecelia Burke, Sheryl Cole, Mara Coleman, Diane Davis, Eleanor Elbin, Mary Beth Foster, Jean Kelchner Frank, Leif and Janet Fredin, Jacquie and Tom Graves, Lynn Gunn, Lisa Harris and Bruce Elfant, Donna Howard, Aletha Huston, Clark Jobe, Penelope Koo, Sherry Lee, Lynne Marcus, Maureen Mercado, Laura Morrison, Judi Nudelman, Mary Patrick, Angela Philley, Carol Todzia, Dianne Wheeler, Betty Williamson

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!
Memorial/Honorary: In memory of Mary Moritz, by Debbie Loesch. Memorial to Don LeBombard, by Brenda Koegler. In honor of Frances McIntyre, by Cinde Weatherby.

Donations: Cherry Creek Community Garden, Frances McIntyre, Ann Logan-Lubben, Aletha Huston, Hal Jennings, J. Emil Hunziker, JoAnn Leifeste


The League is saddened by news of the passing of former member Thyrza VanVorris on June 5th. We send our sympathy to her loved ones.

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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