



# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF IRVING

Fall 2014

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office at any level of government nor does it support any political party.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To Our Members and Supporters,

What a busy summer and fall we have had. Your League has been focusing on voter services this year and have logged many accomplishments to support and inform voters. Among our efforts were:



Barbara Doyle  
President, LWV Irving

1. Attended a forum on Irving Independent School District issues on June 27.
2. Represented the local League at Irving's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Our float's theme was Suffragette Power!
3. Members Phil Smith and Paulette Austin continue to register new citizens at the U. S. Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) at least twice a week.

If you have an extra two to three hours a week or month, please consider volunteering for this important endeavor. Go to [www.lwvirving.org/uscisschedule.html](http://www.lwvirving.org/uscisschedule.html) and click "Become a volunteer today." All instruction are on the web page.

4. Participated in voter registration at the Irving Main Street event on September 20.
5. Participated in National Voter Registration Day on September 23.
6. Distributed 2,000 *Voters Guides* to Irving organizations and businesses.

### Upcoming Programs

We have a great set of programs coming up! Please consider attending all of them:

- November 24, Irving Central Library, "How a Bill Becomes Law."
- January 26, Irving Central Library, "How to Overcome Voter Apathy."

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## GENERAL ELECTION

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WILL BE HELD ON

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014.**

Below is a partial list of the races Texas voters will elect:

#### Federal officials:

- All members of the U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. senator

#### Statewide:

- Texas governor
- Texas lt. governor
- Judges for the Texas Supreme Court
- All members of the Texas House
- Texas state senators from half of the districts

#### County:

- County Judge
- District Attorney
- County criminal and civil judges

### EARLY VOTING

Runs through Friday, October 31, 2014

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Irving Early Voting locations:

- Irving City Hall 825 W. Irving Blvd. 75060
- Valley Ranch Library 401 Cimarron Trail 75063

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We also have expert speakers available to present at other organizations' meetings, PTAs and schools.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email me at [lwvirving@gmail.com](mailto:lwvirving@gmail.com) or give me a call. I look forward to hearing from you!



# NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION RESOURCES

## Election Day Polling Locations

PCT #	LOCATION	ADDRESS
2601, 2602	Valley Ranch Elem School	9800 Rodeo Dr 75063
2603, 2605	Freeman Elem School -CFBISD	8757 W. Valley Ranch Pkwy 75063
2604	Cimarron Recreation Center	201 Red River Trl 75063
4600, 4601, 4649	Sally B Elliot Elem School	1900 S Story Rd 75060
4602, 4603, 4604, 4651, 4652	Nimitz High School	100 W Oakdale 75060
4605	Otis Brown Elem School	2501 W Tenth St 75060
4606	Kirkwood Untd Methodist Crch	2232 W 5th St 75060
4607	Irving Public Library	801 W Irving Blvd 75060
4608, 4609, 4653	J O Davis Elem School	310 Davis St 75061
4610	L B Barton Elem School	2931 Conflans Rd 75061
4611, 4612, 4613, 4614, 4615, 4655, 4656, 4657, 4658	Irving High School	900 N O'Connor Road 75061
4616, 4617, 4620, 4661	Oak Haven United Methodist Church	1600 N Irving Heights Dr 75061
4618, 4659	David Crockett Jr High	2431 Hancock 75061
4619, 4660	Lively Elem School	1800 Plymouth 75061
4621, 4628, 4644, 4648	Thomas Haley Elem School	3601 Cheyenne 75062
4622	W T Hanes Elem School	2730 Cheyenne 75062
4623	A S Johnston Elem School	2801 Rutgers Dr 75062
4624	John H Brandenburg Elem	2800 Hillcrest 75062
4625, 4639	Macarthur High School	3700 N MacArthur Blvd 75062
4626	Woodhaven Presby Church	3650 N O'Connor Rd 75062
4627	Irving Fire Station #8	650 E Las Colinas Blvd 75039
4629, 4632, 4640	Houston Middle School -	3033 W Country Club Rd 75038
4630, 4641	T J Lee Elem School	1600 Carlisle St 75062
4631, 4642	Travis Middle School	1600 Finley Rd
4633, 4634	Singley Academy	4601 N MacArthur Blvd 75062
4635, 4637, 4645, 4647, 4664	Mustang Park Rec Center	2223 Kinwest Pkwy 75063
4646, 4662	Barbara Cardwell Career Prep	101 E. Union Bower 75061
4654	Irving Fire Station #2	1306 N. Story Rd 75061



## Your Online Voters Guide

VOTE411 will show all races and all candidates for each race in which you can vote. You can mark your choice for each race and print out your completed ballot once you have reviewed all races. You can take your printed results with you when you go to the polls to vote.

1. Log on to [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)
2. Enter your address information and then click **Enter**
3. Voting locations, dates and times display. Click on **Get personalized information on candidates and issues**
4. A map showing your address will pop-up. Click **Show My Races**
5. Choose a language then click **Go to My Races**
6. The top race for the current election is displayed, e.g. President of the United States or U.S. Senator.
7. Scroll down to view the candidates for that race.
8. Choose two candidates from the list to compare their responses to applicable questions.
9. After the responses display, scroll down to review the questions and answers.
10. Scroll back to the top to choose a candidate by clicking in the gray box to the right of the candidate's name.
11. To compare candidates in other races, click on **Next Race: [elective office name] >**
12. Continue the process until you have reviewed all candidates.
13. After reviewing all desired races, print a ballot showing your selections for use at poll

- **Not sure if you're registered to vote?**
- **Moved but haven't updated your address?**

Find the answers at  
**DallasCountyVotes.org**



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## Member Spotlight

### Paulette Austin



Paulette Austin moved to Texas in 2008 and settled Irving in June of that year and joined the Irving League very soon after that move. Her involvement with the League of Women Voters dates back to the summer of 1969 when she served as an intern in the Washington office while a student at Connecticut College.

She graduated from Connecticut College in New London and earned a Masters in Economics from Hunter College. She went on to have a 32-year career with the United Nations:

- Eighteen years in development assistance in the New York office and assigned to field offices in Trinidad, Costa Rica and in Beirut, Lebanon.
- Three years as an electoral observer for elections in Angola and Nicaragua;
- Eleven years as Chief Administrative Officer in support of UN peace-keeping missions in Southern Lebanon, Iraq and in Israel.

Her commitment to empowering women is demonstrated through her volunteer history. In addition to mentoring young female high school dropouts who were selected for a two-year business program at Grace Institute in New York (2002-2005), Paulette:

- Organized and currently teaches (ESL) English as a second language since 2008 to present
- Serves as a bilingual case worker at Irving Cares (2008 to present)

She is mother to two children. Her son, a graduate of Harvard Law School, is a partner at Ernst & Young LLP and lives in Frisco. Her daughter lives in New York and is a vice president at Morgan Stanley.

**Want to learn more about the  
League of Women Voters of Irving?**

visit [lwvirving.org](http://lwvirving.org)

“We always hear about the rights of democracy, but the major responsibility of it is participation.” ~ WYnton Marsalis



## Irving League Members Hit the Streets for Voter Registration

BY PAULETTE AUSTIN

The Irving League of Women Voters responded to a request from the Dallas County Elections Department (DCED) and spearheaded initiatives in support of National Voter Registration Day.

### Main Street Event

In line with the goals of providing opportunities for registering non-registered voters, helping voters correct their voter registration information and providing important information regarding voting and elections, we staffed a booth at Irving's Main Street Event in the Heritage District on Saturday, September 20, as a prelude to the activities planned by the DCED. During the day-long festivities, League members registered voters, distributed voters guides and answered questions about the upcoming election.

### National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 23, was National Voter Registration Day. DCED selected and coordinated information

### Main Street Event



Lely White, Carol B, Paulette Austin and Phil Smith



Phil Smith and Ms. Mature Irving Virginia Gordon

tables throughout the county. League members and volunteers from the Mid-Cities Links—a local chapter of The Links, Inc., an organization of professional women of color, set up shop



Jan Killen (right) and friends on National Voter Registration Day.

at Irving City Hall, the Valley Ranch Library and North Lake College.

Informational materials about requirements and dates for registration, elections and voting were distributed.

### Ongoing Efforts

The Irving League continues to actively participate in registering new citizens each month after the naturalization ceremonies at the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service facility. Candidates for citizenship are informed of the various rights enjoyed by U.S. citizens—including the right vote—and offered the opportunity to register.

### LEAGUE MEMBER ATTENDS DEPARTURE OF GROUP TRAVELING TO NORMANDY FOR ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY INVASION

"I was there wearing my DFW Ambassador outfit and helping with the group going on AA DFW-Paris on the way to Normandy for 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the troops' landing. I've played 'Taps' for the daughters' group a few times which is very rewarding for me." Anita Tipping-Wheeler

Laura Leppert organized the Daughters of WWII, of which Tipper-Wheeling is a lifetime member. Both of Tipper-Wheeling's parents served in the military. Her mother was a Navy WAVE stationed in NAS JAX, Jacksonville, FL and her father was in the Army-Air Corps stationed in Italy and other places.



From left: Two of FDR's great-grandsons, Tipping-Wheeler, Laura Leppert, Raymond King and FDR's grandson.



# LWV TEXAS

## President's Update

By Elaine Wiant, President LWV-Texas

Welcome to the monthly update for leaders of local Leagues in Texas. Because we want to keep you all informed of board decisions and other items of interest to all members on a more timely basis, the LWV-TX Board decided that all members should receive this email after each board meeting.

The Board:

1. Approved priorities for the next legislative session:
  - Education
  - Election Law/Voting Rights
  - Reproductive Choice/Women's Health
  - Water
2. Approved coalitions and affiliations for the upcoming year including the following new affiliations. Affiliations are a group with which the League may lobby and from which the League receives information or newsletters but does not determine the agenda:
  - Texas Forward (a coalition of organizations promoting a balanced approach to state budget decisions).
  - NARAL Pro Choice Texas (promotes public health policies that guarantee every woman access to the full range of reproductive healthcare)
  - Texas Marijuana Policy Project (working with a coalition of allies to: 1) establish a compassionate medical marijuana program; 2) replace criminal penalties for marijuana possession with a civil fine; and 3) to legalize marijuana for adults 21 and over and to tax and regulate it similarly to alcohol)
  - Texas Impact (Texas Impact exists to advance state public policies that are consistent with universally held social principles of the Abrahamic traditions)
  - Texas Freedom Network (the state's watchdog, monitoring far-right issues, organizations, money and leaders)
  - Mi Familia Vota (working to unite the Latino community and its allies to promote social and economic justice through increased civic participation)
3. Approved appointments to the Payday and Title Loans in Texas Study Committee:
  - Elizabeth Erkel, Chair, Collin County

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### League to Honor Ray Farabee

By Susan Morrison

LWV-TX will honor retired Senator and former UT Systems General Counsel Ray Farabee (Wichita Falls) at the Making Democracy Work Dinner on Feb. 23, 2015. Senator Farabee helped the League pass garnishment of wages for child support legislation in the 80's. He also achieved mental health code reform, juvenile justice improvements (took kids out of the adult prison system), and passage of a bill allowing state agencies to maintain day care facilities on the premises for employees. A true champion of League priorities!

Texas Monthly selected him as a BEST LEGISLATOR for 5 consecutive sessions. Senator Farabee's late wife, Mary Margaret Farabee, co-founded the Texas Book Festival.

Please join your local league's leaders at a reserved table! Individual tickets for League members are \$75. A League table (10 seats) is \$800. Tickets and tables will be available soon. Save the date and start putting together your League's table.

- Stephanie Mace, Co-chair, Collin County
  - Maxine, Barkan, Austin
  - Linda Eichblatt, Amarillo
  - Miriam Foshay, Dallas
  - Leslie Copeland Taylor, Houston
  - Sharon Whittington, Tarrant County
4. Agreed to encourage local Leagues to conduct legislative interviews.
  5. Approved a new social media policy.

Regular meetings of LWV Irving are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Board meetings are held at 5:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

## NOVEMBER 2014

**Tuesday, November 4**

***Election Day.***

Polls are open from 7:a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
See page 2 for Irving polling locations.



**Monday, November 24**

***Monthly Meeting.***

7:00 p.m. at Irving Central Library.  
801 W. Irving Blvd.  
Irving, TX Topic: :How a Bill Becomes a Law

## JANUARY 2015

**Monday, January 26**

***Monthly Meeting.***

7:00 p.m. at Irving Central Library.  
801 W. Irving Blvd.  
Topic: How to Overcome Voter Apathy

# SAVE THE DATE

## 2016 LWV-TX Convention

**April 22-24, 2016**

**Westin Houston, Memorial City.**

## Mark Your Calendar for Lobby Days!

Laura Blackburn, Advocacy Vice President

Lobby Days are set for February 23-24, 2015. We are in the process of obtaining speakers, and we will cover each of the priorities. We are planning a “conversation” between a water advocate and an expert on fracking and water use, which should be informative as well as exciting. Send probing questions to me—Laura Blackburn, [laura2blackburn@gmail.com](mailto:laura2blackburn@gmail.com). We will try to incorporate them in our Monday afternoon session.

Tuesday morning will be for reviewing our positions so that you can visit with your legislators and let them know what we are supporting and why. We will have background Advocacy Papers as well as points that you should cover. This is what Lobby Days are all about! LWVTX



## Irving City Council Meetings

All City Council meetings convene at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Work sessions are held the day before at 1:00 p.m. City Hall is located at 825 W. Irving Blvd., Irving 75060.

Residents can attend meetings in person or view live on Irving Community Television Network (ICTN Channel 95 - Time Warner, ICTN Channel 31- Verizon or ICTN Channel 99 - AT&T U-verse). Web casts are also available at [cityofirving.org](http://cityofirving.org) or [ictn.TV](http://ictn.TV).

### 2014 Meeting Dates

There are two remaining City Council meetings for 2014. The dates are November 13 and December 11.



We are on Facebook at LWV Irving.

## QUICK QUIZ: When is Election Day?

Election Day in the United States of America is the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. It can fall on or between November 2 and November 8. It is the day when popular ballots are held to select public officials.