



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF IRVING

Spring 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,

Our LWV Program Meetings and Voters Service Activities will soon be coming to an end for the summer. As I think



*Carole Shlipak
President, LWV Irving*

about our three 2014 meetings, I feel great satisfaction. They were on important subjects: fracking, curriculum of the IISD, and Texas' New Voter ID Laws. Each had a knowledgeable speaker and were quite well attended. Perceptive questions were asked. Because of League members who so carefully planned these meetings—I am satisfied.

As I view the LWV events and activities of the next two months,

I feel anticipation and excitement.

First, on Wednesday evening, April 23, our skillfully organized Candidates Forum will focus on candidates for mayor, city council and members of our local school boards. Each will be questioned on issues pertinent in that race. It is an opportunity I very much look forward to. I am so appreciative that Irving Community Television Network (ICTN) will broadcast the forum live, and repeat it on six different days and at very convenient times.

In addition to the Forum, citizens can go to the LWV's VOTE411 and learn even more from candidates' responses.

It is because of our dedicated Board members and League members that so much is accomplished. To each of them I say a sincere "Thank You"!

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Spring Joint Election May 10: City and School Boards

The Spring Joint Election to select candidates running for local school boards and Irving City Council will be held on May 10, 2014. See page two for a list of candidates.

City of Irving

Voters will elect a mayor and council members from Districts 3 and 5. For a map of the districts [click here](#). For more information, contact the city secretary's office at cityofirving.org/city-secretary or (972) 721-2493.

Irving ISD

Voters will elect a school board trustee from District 2. For more information, visit [Irving ISD Web site](#) or call (972) 600-6000.

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

Voters will elect school board trustees from Place 1.

Coppell ISD

Voters will elect school board trustees from Place 5.

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2014 IRVING CANDIDATES FORUM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014

7:00 P.M.

IRVING CITY HALL

825 W. IRVING BLVD., IRVING, TX 75060

DETAILS ON PAGE 2.



Local Candidates

CITY OF IRVING

Mayor of Irving

Beth Van Duyne (i)
Herbert Gears

Place 3

Billy Hickman
Dennis Webb (i)

Place 5

Oscar Ward
Rose Cannaday (i)

IRVING ISD

District 1 At-large

Steven Jones (i, u)

District 2

Nell Anne Hunt
Garrett M. Landry

District 6

Randy Necessary (i, u)

CARROLLTON - FARMERS BRANCH ISD

Place 1

James Goode (i)
Karin Webb

Place 2

Nancy Cline (i, u)

COPPELL ISD

Place 4

Thom Hulme (i, u)

Place 5

Amy Dungan (i)
Jeff Jordan

(i) Incumbent

(u) Unopposed: Some entities may opt to omit unopposed candidates from the ballots.

CANDIDATES FORUM

Candidates for local school boards (Irving, Carrollton-Farmers Branch, Coppell), as well as Irving mayoral and city council races, will participate in the Candidate Forum on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Irving Hall, 825 W. Irving Boulevard. School Board candidates will appear first.

Uncontested candidates for school and city offices, as well as Dallas County Community College districts, have been invited to attend.

Citizens have been invited to submit questions via the League's Web site (lwvirving.org). League board members and the cosponsors of the Forum (Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Las Colinas Association) will also submit questions for the candidates. Additionally, audience members will also have the opportunity to submit written questions to be asked by the moderator, Janice Schieffer, a State Board member and a Collin County League member.

The Forum will be broadcast live by ICTN 2. Taped repeats will be shown on ICTN 1 at the following dates and times:

April 25:	4 p.m.	April 28:	4 p.m.
April 26:	8 p.m.	April 29:	7 p.m.
April 27:	2 p.m.	May 2:	4 p.m.

ICTN 1 can be viewed on Time Warner Channel 16 and Verizon Channel 30. ICTN 2 can be viewed on Time Warner Channel 95 and Verizon Channel 31. All ICTN channels can be accessed on AT&T U-verse via the menu on Channel 99. ICTN also can be viewed at www.ictn.tv.

Mona Wyatt, Forum Director

Democratic and Republican Primary Runoff

Election Day: Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Both Democrats and Republicans will hold runoffs to elect candidates for statewide, county and local elections. Candidates for those offices are listed on their respective party's Web site. Winners of the runoffs will face challengers from the opposing party in the November General Election.

There are no runoffs in the Republican party for Irving Texas House or Senate seats although there are races for county and statewide offices.

In addition to county and statewide races, Irving Democrats will choose their candidates for District 105, and JP Places 4-1 and 4-2.

For more information, contact the party's office.



Dallas County Democrats
(214) 821-8331
www.dallasdemocrats.org

Dallas County Republicans
(214) 369-9555
dallasgop.org



Call for Convention Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED DURING THE LWV NATIONAL CONVENTION. CAN YOU HELP?



Be a LWVUS National Convention Volunteer June 6th – 10th, 2014

Omni Downtown Hotel, 555 South Lamar St., Dallas

We are inviting all the Dallas and surrounding area Local Leagues' members to volunteer. Volunteers are needed for many different jobs, some behind the scenes, and some on the floor of the Convention. Don't miss the chance to be part of this exciting League event.

Every volunteer gets: 1) admission to Convention (Volunteers may attend Convention proceedings or trainings when not on duty. Please note, however, that any volunteers who are also going to be serving as official Convention delegates must pay the full registration fee); 2) \$10 stipend for parking at the Omni, per day; 3) A non-transferable ticket to the Saturday June 7th Red Hot Patriot-Molly Ivins One Woman Show.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

Every day (June 6-10)

Registration

Credentials

Information Desk

Personnel/Volunteer support

Sunday (June 8)

Dine Around Hostesses

Friday-Sunday (June 6-8)

Hospitality

Saturday-Tuesday (June 7-10)

Doorkeepers

Election Tellers

Microphone monitors

Timekeepers

Ushers

Have questions or need an e-mail form? Contact: Mildred Pope mderrpope@yahoo.com, 214-374-8067 or Cecilia McKay cemck@swbell.net, 214-500-8848

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ League _____

Areas of Interest – Please mark in order of preference – 1, 2, 3, etc.

Registration/Credentials ____ Information ____ Volunteer Support Room ____

Hospitality ____ Doorkeepers ____ Microphone Monitors ____ Ushers/Tellers ____

Dine Around Hostesses ____ Whatever you need ____

Dates – Please choose the times and dates you are available to work and indicate: AM, PM or AD (All day). Volunteers will be asked to fill four-hour slots.

Friday, June 6th (PM or Evening) ____ Saturday June 7th ____ Sunday, June 8th ____

Monday June 9th ____ Tuesday, June 10th (AM) ____

Detach and return this form A.S.A.P to:
Mildred Pope, 3217 E. Ledbetter Dr., Dallas, TX 75216 (or to her e-mail above)



Janice Carroll Honored as High-Spirited Citizen

Longtime LWV Irving member, Janice Carroll, was honored as a High-Spirited Citizen at the March 20, 2014 Irving City Council Meeting.

Janice served as city secretary for nearly 15 years and retired in 2010. As city secretary, she attended all council meetings, ran Irving elections, worked to enhance public participation in city government, and safeguarded the democratic government process through transparent open government and open records. Since her retirement in 2010, Janice has continued to serve the city as a dedicated community volunteer.

Prior to coming to Irving, Janice served as the first city secretary of the Colony, then its city manager, and as Carrollton city secretary.

Throughout her career, she has demonstrated active support for the League of Women Voters and its non-partisan stance in providing factual information to the voter as well as encouraging voter participation at the local, state and national levels.

In addition to involvement with the League, Janice serves on several local boards of directors: the Irving Healthcare Foundation, Irving Interfaith Clinic, and the Irving Heritage Society where she serves as president.



Janice Carroll (center) is joined by friends and family who came to City Hall as she was honored.



Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne (l) presents the High-Spirited award to Janice Carroll.

Mark Your Calendars for the Local Convention

Saturday, May 17, 2017

Mark the date for Local Convention on Saturday morning, May 17, 2014. The convention always offers a great opportunity to become more involved with the local league.

Enjoy a great brunch, meet interesting and like-minded women and men, hear a great speaker, discuss current and upcoming elections and events, elect new board members and officers, help set the agenda for the next year, and...learn how you can become active.

Details have not ben finalized as of the publication of this newsletter. Details will be published on the [Web site](#) and on [Facebook](#). For more information, contact Barbara Doyle at (214) 682-8230 or Barbdoyle@verizon.net.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
IRVING HEARTILY
CONGRATULATES JANICE
CARROLL FOR THIS MUCH-
DESERVED RECOGNITION.**



LWV Hosts Program on Voter ID Law

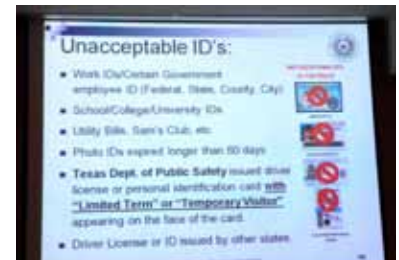
On March 24, LWV Irving sponsored a program with Elections Administrator Toni Pippins-Poole who provided a detailed description of the voter ID law, how it has been implemented and the efforts the county has made to contact voters whose voter registration information does not have corresponding acceptable matching ID. *As of the date of the program, there were 4,649 registered voters in Irving lacking approved identification.*

According to evaluations completed by attendees, the program provided useful information and a few people stated they had encountered problems when they voted.



Left: Attendees learn about the Voter ID law.

Right: Toni Pippins-Poole details the Voter ID law and efforts to notify voters of inconsistencies in their identification.



LWV Irving March Finance Drive

The annual finance drive is underway. Letters have been sent to previous donors, members, community leaders, elected officials, candidates, and League friends asking for their financial support. Our work as community advocates requires this support to continue.

As an all-volunteer organization, the League supports its mission in numerous ways:

- To date, the LWV Irving's Voter Registration Committee has registered, or provided registration applications, to over 8,850 new citizens at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ceremonies. Voter registration drives were also held at North Lake South and Central campuses and the State Fair of Texas.
- For the November and March primary elections, the League distributed 4,000 Voter Guides (2,000 English, 2,000 in Spanish) amounting to approximately 650 volunteer hours.

The League of Women Voters of Irving also:

- Provides Web-based Voters Guides prior to local elections; provides guides from the state League for state-wide candidates, propositions and amendments.

- Organizes LWV Candidates Forums.
- Publishes *Your Elected Officials* brochures about Irving's elected officials—one for local offices and one for county, state, and federal offices.
- Conducts informational public meetings about local governmental issues. Over the past year, the League has hosted presentations on city governance, human trafficking, fracking, the IISD curriculum plan and Voter ID Laws. These meetings reflected widespread community interest.

However, to continue providing nonpartisan voter service education we invite you to join our League members and friends to support our work.

Support your local league!

Become a member (annual membership dues are \$60) **or make a donation.**

Make your check payable to LWV Irving and mail to:
Phil Smith, 1802 Puritan Dr., Irving, TX 75062

Or, click here for a [Membership application](#).



IRVING LEAGUE REPORTS

Community Relations

**Make sure you have the dates
Friday, June 6 - Tuesday, June 10
are on your smartphone and calendar for
the LWV National Convention in Dallas.**

Irving League Needs Volunteers to Serve as Ushers

Our League has been assigned coordination of the ushers for the event. The Ushers Committee, a sub-committee of the Floor Committee, helps to ensure all runs smoothly.

Many of the assigned committees have tasks that must be completed before, during and after the convention. The Ushers Committee only works during the convention.

I have agreed to be the coordinator for our League. Yes, it is a big job for our little league but we have a lot of talent so I know we can handle it and will do an outstanding job.

We are asked to provide eight volunteers per day. It is doubtful we will need that many each day but I will recruit from other organizations if necessary.

Ushers' shifts are 4-6 hours on Sat., June 7 through Tues. June 10. The Volunteer Room will have snacks and beverages.

Ushers perform a variety of tasks to expedite plenary session proceedings: mark reserved seating sections, seat people in designated areas, assist delegates making on-line motions and distribute copies of motions, collect vote cards and, if needed, assist doorkeepers with distribution of materials.

The out-of-pocket parking expense will be \$2 per day. As an incentive—if one needs more incentive than the convention itself—ushers receive a free ticket to the Red Hot Patriot-Molly Ivins One Woman Show on Saturday evening, June 7.

I welcome your suggestions, comments and questions. Please let me know by e-mail at little822@aol.com if you are able to volunteer or have questions.

Carol Little
Vice President
Community Relations



Membership

The LWV of Irving has had a wonderful year. We continue to increase our membership and will maintain our efforts to add members. We welcome new members Christine Dobson, Terri Meza, Myrna Mercer and Susan Motley.

New members + current members = A more active, vibrant organization able to best serve the community.

We are also very proud to welcome another member to the "Gold Members Club"—individuals who have been members fifty years or more. This year, we honor Betty Miller who joined the League in 1964.



Betty Miller

With Betty's golden anniversary, we now have four extraordinary members with who have given 50 years or more service to LWV Irving (Eileen Kensinger, Ann Pfaff and Mary Oberlin). We are grateful to these members for their decades of service.

Our focus in the coming months is to actively involve all of you in member recruitment and retention. Think back to when you were new to the League. Were you welcomed and asked about your skills, interests and passions so they could be matched to activities and committees? Were you assigned tasks and projects that engaged you and made you feel your skills were useful? Those initial experiences are critical to building a strong League.

And, in order to ensure the direction of the League meets your expectations, ask yourselves the following questions:

- ◆ What are the most important issues you see in your community?
- ◆ What specific types of events would you like the League to be part of?
- ◆ What is the best way for you to continue being involved with the League?

Contact me with any questions or comments to me at lwvirving@gmail.com or call (214) 682-8230. Thanks for everything you do. Let me know what I can do for you.

Barbara Doyle
Membership Director



LWV-IRVING CALENDAR

Regular meetings of LWV Irving are held on the 4th Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.
Board meetings are held at 5:30 on the 2nd Monday of the month.

APRIL 2014

Wednesday, April 23

Candidates Forum.

7:00 p.m. at Irving Hall, 825 W. Irving Boulevard.

MAY 2014

Saturday, May 10

Joint election: City and school board

Early Voting Dates:

Mon. April 28 – Fri. May 02, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 03, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 04, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mon., May 5 and Tue., May 6, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting Locations:

Irving City Hall, Irving Arts Center, Valley Ranch Library

Saturday, May 17

Local Convention. See page 4 for information.

Tuesday, May 27

Primary Runoff Election

Early Voting Dates:

Monday, May 19, 2014 through Friday, May 23, 2014 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Early Voting Locations:

Irving City Hall, Valley Ranch Library

JUNE 2014

Friday, June 6 - Tuesday, June 10

LWV National Convention

Visit lww.org for details.

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 or ictn.TV.

2014 Meeting Dates

May 8 and 22, June 5 and 26, July 10 and 24, August 7, September 4 and 18, October 9 and 23, November 13 and December 11.



We are on Facebook at
LWV Irving.
“LIKE” us to get updates
on meetings, issues and
other events.

“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.” ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

