



The Houston *VOTER*

League of Women Voters – Houston Area

February 2011

FOCUS ON ISSUES

Redistricting: Are You Being Represented?

Thursday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center
2020 Hermann Drive 77004

**Featuring Dr. Richard W.
Murray & Distinguished Panel**

Light refreshments available.

RSVP before noon Feb. 9, 2011
LWV-HA 713.784.2923
or email lwv@lwvhouston.org

Human Trafficking

Friday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Sosa Community Center
1414 Wirt Road, Houston 77055

**Featuring Ed Gallagher and
Ruben Perez, Assistant U.S.
Attorneys**

**Salad bar provided to those who pre-pay.
Brownbag if you like.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nancy Parra

We began the year with our Program Planning meeting, which was fruitful and positive. Thanks to Lynn Walshak for organizing the meeting and to Leslie Taylor for providing her office space. The catered lunch was delicious, and we were able to discuss some very interesting ideas for next year's programs from providing more early voting locations to the education study being conducted by LWVUS. Thanks to all the program chairs and other members who participated. Thanks also to Marge O'Connor for her committee's Update on Arms Control, which was discussed at last month's Unit Meetings.

We are quite excited about this year's Repast on March 25. We are honoring Beverly Kaufman and Sue Schechter, both strong supporters of the League. This Repast marks the ten-year anniversary of the event, and in keeping with our anniversary theme, our honorees, Beverly and Sue, were the hosts of our first Repast. Ernie Manouse is moderating this year's event; hosts are June Deadrick and Catherine Mosbacher. Thanks to the Repast Chairs, Sharon Cunningham and Ryan Leach, and to our ED Christina Gorczynski for their hard work.

As we move forward into spring, we have interesting programs planned. The Study on Human Trafficking in Harris County was completed and is included in this mailing. Laura Blackburn, committee chair, and all the committee members did an excellent job researching the topic, which is being discussed at our Focus on Issues meeting in March and at the various Unit meetings. The committee plans to contact city and county officials, pointing out the problems that the study disclosed.

Also included in this mailing is the *2011 Voters Key*. Kudos to Marlene Cohn for updating and editing the *Voters Key* and for providing a more accessible format. Thanks also to Stephanie Hrabar for her research on school districts.

We turned in our final membership numbers to LWVUS for the annual PMP, and our membership numbers were again down from last year. Everyone needs to think about how to bring in new members. One way is to attend our events and invite a friend.

Thanks to those members who have been working on all of our upcoming activities. To keep up with what our League is doing, access us on Facebook and on our Web site www.lwvhouston.org and be sure to read our email fliers and the President's Message.

Focus on Issues Health Care

Friday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m.

United Way
50 Waugh Drive, Houston 77007

**Featuring David Lopez of the
Harris County Hospital District**

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The League of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund hosts programs to keep all voters abreast of issues. Education Fund programs are free and open to the public. Lunches for mid-day meetings can be ordered by calling the League office or by paying online through PayPal from the Events page at www.lwvhouston.org.

FEBRUARY 10 - Redistricting

A panel will provide an overview and historical context to understand redistricting. The U. S. Constitution requires apportionment after the decennial census and the Texas legislature draws new district lines often with party and incumbent interests in mind. Citizens should know what the process is and how each can become involved. Dr. Richard W. Murray will be the keynote speaker. Mary Benton, of Channel Two, will moderate a panel of: Rogene Calvert, Project Director, Texas Asian-American Redistricting Initiative; Claudia Ortega-Hogue, Texas Director of Civic Engagement, National Association of Latino Elected Officials Education Fund; and Carroll Robinson, Former Houston City Council member and NAACP 3rd Vice President.

The program begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center 2020 Hermann Drive 77004. Light refreshments will be served.

MARCH 11, 2011 - Human Trafficking

The Human Trafficking Study Committee is wrapping up its study on Human Trafficking. The March Focus on Issues presentation will feature Ed Gallagher and Ruben Perez, both Assistant U. S. Attorneys for the Southern District of Texas. Texas is a hub of human trafficking. We will learn what it is and what we can do about it.

A salad bar catered by the Blue Planet Café will be available to those who pre-pay for lunch. This is a mid-day meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.) at Sosa Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston 77055.

APRIL 8, 2011 – Health Care

David Lopez, President and CEO of the Harris County Hospital District, will bring us up to date on all the changes at the Hospital District designed to conform to the new health care legislation. Freddy Warner of Memorial Hermann Hospital will give us the latest information on the health care legislation in Congress and the Texas Legislature. This is a mid-day meeting (11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.) at the United Way, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston 77007.



League members Laura Blackburn, Jan Wilbur and Michael Fjetland chat with Harris County Judge Ed Emmett at the December 16, 2010 Elected Officials Reception

**10th Annual Repast with
Political Pioneers**

**BENEFITING
The League Of Women Voters of Houston Education Fund**



Beverly Kaufman
Harris County Clerk (1994-2010)

**Honoring
The Honorable Beverly
Kaufman
And
The Honorable Sue
Schechter**



Sue Schechter
Harris County Democratic Party Chair (1998-2003)
Harris County Democratic Party Executive Director (1996-1998)
Texas State Representative District 134 (1991-1995)

**Friday, March 25, 2011
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Four Seasons Hotel
1300 Lamar, between Austin & Caroline in Downtown Houston 77010**

Hosted by June Deadrick and Catherine Mosbacher

Along with your two-course luncheon, you will enjoy an insightful and lively discussion facilitated by Ernie Manouse, whose award-winning program, InnerVIEWS, airs on 80 public television stations throughout the country.



Ernie Manouse of PBS

Please RSVP by Friday, March 18, 2011.

Table Sponsorships: \$5,000 Underwriter; \$2,500 Leader; \$1,800 Partner

President's Table Tickets: \$250.00

Individual Tickets: \$75.00

To purchase tickets online, visit:

<http://lwvhouston.org/html/repast.html>

For table sponsorships or to purchase 10 or more tickets call 713.784.2923.

LWV-HA Praised in Houston Chronicle

The *Houston Chronicle* praised the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area in its lead editorial December 9, 2010. The editorial encouraged the newly elected Tax Assessor-Collector, Don Summers, to continue to support the League's effort to register new citizens after Naturalization Ceremonies. In November 2010 Mr. Summers sent a letter to Linda Cohn and Ann Wood saying that his office would no longer support the procedures that the League has been following. While the matter is still being investigated, the League and others have continued its on-the-spot voter registration service for America's newest citizens.

In the calendar year 2010, 74 volunteers assisted 18,358 new citizens at naturalization ceremonies. Of those new citizens, 14,435 chose to submit registrations immediately. That amounts to a completion rate of 98.9 percent. The error rate of incomplete applications was just 1.1 percent.

After the January 18, 2011, ceremony, LWV-HA member Judy Viebig was recognized as the only volunteer with a perfect record of attending all eleven ceremonies in 2010.

Year-end Fund Drive

LWV-HA members responded with great generosity to the year-end fund drive. LWV-HA received \$1,400 in contributions from sixteen members. The Education Fund received \$1,815 from fifteen members. Several contributions were made to honor Shirley Gibson for her dedicated service to the League. Also honored was member Mary Elizabeth Sieber. Other contributions honored Jeanette Naman, one of the original incorporators of the Houston League. Mrs. Naman died last fall and included a bequest to LWV-HA in her will. Thank you to all our contributors to LWV-HA: Jan Wilbur, Katherine Guenther, Eleanor Montague, Nancy Parra, Madeleine Appel, Mary Ellen Whitworth, Annette Baldwin, Lynne Johnson, Mary Titus, Bruce Olsen, Mary Sue Fairchild, Alice May Berthelsen, Gloria Herman, Freddy Warner, John Sieber, and Kathleen Gammill. Thank you also to these donors to the Education Fund: Linn Swartz, Joan Golding, Mary Sue Fairchild, Peggy Hill, Mary Titus, Barb Swartz, Patricia Logue, Lucie Todd, Patricia Reed, Betty Mooney, Ann Wood, Sharon Cunningham, Sidney and Mary Lee Burrus, Kathleen Gammil, and Saranne Kosberg.

New Board Member

Ryan Leach was selected to join the LWV-HA board of directors at the November board meeting. Mr. Leach is already hard at work with the Repast Committee. Professionally, he is the General Counsel for the Pasadena Independent School District. Welcome Ryan.

Renew Your Deputy Appointment

Harris County Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar appointments expired on December 31, 2010. To renew your appointment as a Harris County Volunteer Deputy, please download and complete the Appointment Application at:

<http://www.hctax.net/MiscTax/forms.aspx#goVoter>.

The tax office must have a signed original application to renew your appointment, so be sure to sign the form and mail it in accordance with the printed instructions.

If you wish to become deputized for the first time by the Brazoria County Voter Registrar, you must apply in person at the main office at 111 East Locust in Angleton. If you need to renew your Brazoria County appointment, just return the form recently mailed to you.

Fort Bend deputy registrar forms are available by calling 281-341-8670 or go by 4520 Reading Road, Suite A, Rosenberg, TX 77471.

New & Renewing Members

Mary L. Babb	Karen Newton
Christina Bryan	Cindy O'Connor
Carlyn Burton	David Overcash
Susan Canavespe	Bree Perrin
Kathy Cheng	Thao Pham
Marlene Cohn	Vince Ryan
Davette Daniels	Heslip Sadberry
Benegene Kring	Jennifer Simons
Dorothy Lauterbach	Erik Vidor
Ryan Leach	Jane Weaver
Kathy Lord	Sherry & Mark Weesner
Glorice McPherson	

In Memorium

LWV-HA member Peggy Jo Mason died January 23, 2011. Peggy was a member of League since 2002 and will be missed.

West Harris County Unit Takes Action

When the West Harris County Unit of LWV-HA learned that a warehouse fire destroyed Harris County's voting machines, they took immediate action to ensure their neighbors had a convenient way to vote. Many of the Unit members live in Eagle's Trace retirement community. League member Jeanne Lelley organized volunteers who manned an information table for four nights running in September so that all who came to dinner at Eagle's Trace had forms to apply for ballots by mail. About 400 forms were distributed along with voter registration forms and information about early voting locations. Unit leader is Joan Golding.

Report of the Bylaws Committee

To League of Women Voters of the Houston Area

Presented to the October 29, 2010, November 16, 2010, board meetings
and approved for submission to the membership (with minor changes reflected below).

The committee and the board suggest the following changes to the bylaws to be presented to the membership at the May 19, 2011, Annual Meeting.

Article I Sec. 1 and throughout: When abbreviation is used, it will be “LWV-HA” and “LWV-TX.”

Whenever the bylaws state that information should be “sent” to the membership, change to “made available.” These are found in:

- ARTICLE VII, Sec. 3.
- ARTICLE IX, Sec. 3.
- ARTICLE X, Sec. 3(b)

Article V. New language:

Sec. 3 VACANCIES – change heading to VACANCIES & REMOVAL

Add to end of Section 3: At any regular or called special meeting of the board of directors, any one or more of the officers and/or directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of all of the directors presently in office. Any officer or director whose removal has been proposed shall be given at least ten calendar days notice of intent to take such action and an opportunity to be heard in person at the board meeting where the potential removal is to be discussed.

Rationale: The current bylaws have no method for removing an officer or director who has neglected his or her duty in office or whose conduct tends to injure the good name of the organization, disturb its wellbeing or hamper it in its work. Under the current bylaws removal would have to be conducted under Chapter XX of Robert’s Rules of Order, which calls for a cumbersome procedure involving an investigating committee, referral of charges, and a formal trial.

Article V. New language:

Sec. 5. THE TREASURER. The treasurer shall see that monies are properly collected and deposited in authorized financial institutions designated by the board of directors, and that current true and accurate financial records with full and correct entries made with respect to all financial transactions of the organization are kept. The

treasurer shall see that financial obligations of the LWV-HA are met and that monies are disbursed only upon order of the board or in accordance with the adopted budget. The treasurer shall present statements to the board at their regular meetings and present a report to the annual meeting. The treasurer shall make certain that appropriate internal controls are established and followed. The treasurer shall annually arrange for a financial review committee, a professional review, or audit of the books, as the budget allows.

Rationale: The treasurer no longer collects and receives monies and makes deposits. The treasurer no longer keeps the roll of membership. These revisions allow for other types of review of the books in addition to a formal audit.

Article V. Board of Directors New provision after the first paragraph of Sec. 5 MEETINGS

Special meetings may be conducted by electronic means, such as telephone conference call, video conferencing or email. The use of electronic meetings shall be reserved for those issues needing a decision before an in-person meeting is scheduled. Procedural rules shall be established by the Board.

Rationale: Texas law requires that corporations provide for electronic meetings in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws if this type of meeting is to be held. This addition would give the Board the option of having electronic meetings when emergencies arise or quick action is necessary. The suggested language is modeled after the LWVUS bylaws.

Minor Change: Sec. 7 Indemnification.

Correct typographical error in the reference to Article 1396-2.22A.

Add reference to federal law granting immunity: “and the Volunteer Protection Act (42 U.S.C. § 14501 et seq.)”

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Suggested revised language:

Sec. 2. POWERS. The executive committee may make decisions not affecting major League policy and may conduct emergency business between board meetings. The executive committee shall act as the committee for the

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Bylaws Committee Report (continued)

recruitment of any executive director. All decisions made by the executive committee must be ratified by the board at its next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 4 Add a new sentence at the end:

The budget may be adjusted by a 2/3 vote of the board throughout the year if necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1 Take out “immediately following the annual meeting.”

Sec. 2. Take out “from the units, and.”

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Taylor, chair. Committee members: Marlene Lobberecht, Barb Swartz, Laura Blackburn, Nancy Parra, Leslie Taylor.

City Council Report

By Shirley Gibson

October 6, 2010: City controller Ronald Green and the financial director said that the monthly financial report still reflects, as did last month’s report, the recession. The council added amendments to the proposed ordinance on historical districts.

December 1, 2010: Houston Police Chief Charles A. McClelland reported that the department’s total staffing for 2011 is 7,367, and that a hiring freeze will be in effect for the next two years. He also addressed operations, accounting methods for salaries, and the cost of the “Safe Clear” program. The council passed an increase in ambulance fees, discussed ad valorem taxes as well as proposed changes to the requirements for approving an historical district. The council passed Ordinance Number 72 regarding payment of legal fees in a case of wrongful conviction. Council members Hoang and Jones voted no. January 5, 2011: Human Resources Director Omar Reid spoke on reducing the city’s budget by 13.5 percent. One item to be reduced is health care costs. Currently sixty thousand people, including retirees, are covered. Under consideration are self-insuring or joining HISD’s self-insurance plan. Departmental consolidations are already in effect to reduce expenses.

“Rebuild Houston” Public Hearings

This spring, the Houston City Council will vote on an ordinance to implement the Rebuild Houston program. Public hearings on the ordinance will be part of annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meetings for each council district. A summary of the Rebuild plan can be found at <http://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/rebuildhouston20101222.pdf>.

Each CIP meeting will start at 6 p.m:

District A Brenda Stardig – Monday, Feb. 28 Spring Woods High School, 2045 Gessner Drive 77043.

District B Jarvis Johnson – Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, Kashmere Multiservice Center, 4802 Lockwood Drive 77026.

District C Anne Clutterbuck – Tuesday, March 1, St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 6800 Buffalo Speedway 77025.

District D Wanda Adams – Thursday, March 3, Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet 77006.

District E Mike Sullivan – Kingwood Area, Monday, Feb. 21, Creekwood Middle School, 3603 Lake Houston Pkwy. 77339; Clear Lake Area, Monday, Feb. 14 at Dobie Hight School Auditorium, 10220 Black Hawk Blvd. 77089.

District F Al Hoang – Wednesday March 9, Sharpstown Community Center, 6600 Harbor Town Drive 77036.

District G Oliver Pennington – Wednesday, Feb. 23, Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter 77042.

District H Ed Gonzalez – Tuesday, Feb 22 Jeff Davis High School 1101 Quitman St. 77009.

District I James G. Rodriguez – Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, E. B. Tate Center, 4501 Leeland 77023.

Texas League Lobby Days Set

League members from throughout the state convene in Austin to visit with legislators March 7 and 8, 2011, for Lobby Days. Watch <http://www.lwvtexas.org> for updates.

On Monday, March 7, LWV-Texas will celebrate the work of the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) with our first Making Democracy Work in Texas Award. CPPP’s unique focus on low- and moderate-income Texans provides an understanding of the impact of government action on the lives of many Texans, an understanding essential for informed government decisions and public participation. CPPP’s research is the gold standard on issues of economic opportunity, quality and affordable health insurance, fair and adequate taxation, child well-being, and basic family needs. F. Scott McCown, CPPP Executive Director and a retired state judge, has been called “the voice of the voiceless” and “the conscience” of Texas politics by Texas Monthly. Join us March 7 as we celebrate advocacy and CPPP’s unique contributions to Making Democracy Work for all Texans.

Consequences of Child Obesity

By Marlene Lobberecht, Children's Issues Chair

The message of the Partnership for a Healthy Texas is that obesity is a serious problem but can be solved. The partnership's mission is to develop and promote policies to prevent and reduce obesity in Texas.

Experts say our health as adults is determined mostly by our health and environment during childhood. No surprise then: Seventy percent of overweight children become overweight or obese adults.

(http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/topics/obesity/calltoaction/fact_adolescents.htm)

Children in healthy environments are not only healthier but also get better test scores, miss school less often, complete their education, and get into trouble less often.

(<http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/mediacenter/research/231169>)

Texas still has a long way to go before we can call it an environment healthy for children. Texas has the nation's seventh highest rate of child obesity, and the highest rate among girls. (<http://healthyamericans.org/reports/obesity2010/>)

Sixteen percent of low-income preschoolers served by state feeding programs are either overweight or obese. (<http://dshs.state.tx.us/obesity/NPAOPdata.shtm>) Obesity ranks as the top health concern for children in the United States, ahead of drugs, alcohol, and abuse.

(<http://www.med.umich.edu/mott/npch/pdf/081610report.pdf>)

Obesity is a costly problem for Texas. Type II diabetes, an obesity-related illness, accounts for nearly a tenth of all spending by Texas Medicaid. That spending will more than double by the year 2030, reaching \$1.5 billion per year.

(http://qmweb.dads.state.tx.us/Reports/ltc_diabetes.pdf)

Projections also look bad for the Texas economy. More obesity causes increased illness and leads to lower productivity. Current projections say forty-three percent of working-age Texans will be obese within three decades. (<http://www.mhm.org/advocacy/pdf/Keyfindingsobesity12609.pdf>)

Businesses will pay a heavy price for this, according to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The projected cost of the obesity epidemic to Texas businesses will reach \$15.8 billion by 2025 (up from \$3.3 billion today). (<http://www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/obesitycost/>)

Obesity is linked to many chronic diseases that shorten the life span and drive up health care costs, from high blood pressure to heart disease. According to Cancer.org, obesity will soon surpass smoking as the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. Demographers now forecast that, should obesity remain on its current trajectory, today's children will be the first generation in centuries to live shorter lives than their parents.

(http://www.nytimes.com/2005/03/17/health/17obese.html?_r=2)

Simple changes in public policy, like the ones recommended by the Partnership, would go a long way toward creating a healthier Texas. The Partnership

advocates making it easier for more families and kids to get healthy foods like fruits and vegetables, helping schools foster healthy environments, designing new streets and roads to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles, and encouraging child care givers to get children off to a healthy start. For more information, go to:

<http://txchildren.org>.

Exposure to BPA in Food Packaging

by Marlene S. Lobberecht, Children's Issues Chair

Bisphenol A (BPA) is a toxic chemical widely used in food packaging, from canned sodas to soups. Human exposure is a concern because BPA has been associated with health risks, including reproductive system abnormalities, prostate and breast cancer, obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and child asthma. Especially vulnerable are fetuses, infants, children, and women trying to conceive.

Alternatives to BPA exist. Plastic alternatives include Tritan Copolyester, high density polyethylene, polypropylene, Grilamid TR-90 thermoplastic nylon, and glass. Alternatives to BPA-laden can liners include polyester coatings and baked-on resins. Tetra Paks are paperboard alternatives to plastic and cans.

Over ninety percent of people in the United States carry BPA residues in their bodies. BPA has been detected in infant formula, canned foods, and beverages. A 2009 study by Consumers Union found BPA in nearly all the canned food items tested. Humans break down and excrete BPA within a few days, so the fact that the chemical is consistently present means that consumers are constantly re-exposed.

The Food and Drug Administration supports reasonable steps to reduce human exposure to BPA and has pledged \$30 million along with other U.S. health agencies toward research that would clarify BPA's effects on environment, brain development, reproduction, and potential carcinogenicity. Meanwhile, scientists around the world do not agree on how much is safe.

The Food Safety Modernization Act, now Public Law 111-353, was passed in the lame-duck session of Congress, but does not address BPA.

To limit exposure do not microwave polycarbonate plastic (avoid plastic containers with #7 on bottom) or wash them in a dishwasher with harsh detergents. Choose powdered formula for infants. Use BPA-free baby bottles and sippy cups. Use fresh or frozen foods or those packaged in glass or cartons. Select stainless steel BPA-free water bottles.



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Monthly Unit Meetings

Unit meetings are open to all League members and guests.
Times and locations listed below are subject to change.

THIRD MONDAY

City Wide Evening Unit

Feb. 21, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
March 21, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Black Lab Pub, 4100 Montrose
Jackie Friedman 713.521.0702
friedmanjj@aol.com

West Harris County

Feb. 21, 2011, 1:30 p.m.
March 21, 2011, 1:30 p.m.
Eagles Trace Unit PW 117
Call Joan Golding for gate access
281.596.0935

THIRD TUESDAY

Spring Branch Unit

Feb. 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
March 22, 2011, 1:30 p.m.
The Buckingham, 4th Floor,
8580 Woodway

Ellen Goins 281.496.9344 ellen_goins@yahoo.com

THIRD THURSDAY

Southwest Day

Feb. 17, 2011, 1:00 p.m.
March 17, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Alief Library, 7979 South Kirkwood
Rhoda Haddox 713.667.5952

Midwest Unit

Feb. 17, 2011, 10 a.m.
March 17, 2011, 10 a.m.
Gerald Womack Building,
4412 Almeda
Yvette Calloway 713.747.6555
millieKBW@aol.com

THIRD SATURDAY

New Members Unit

Feb. 19, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
March 19, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
LWV-HA Office,
4001 N. Shepherd Dr., Ste. 213
Jan Wilbur 713.465.7289
janwilbur@att.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 10** **Focus on Issues: Redistricting**
- February 25** **LWV-HA Board Meetings**
- March 7-8** **LWV-TX Lobby Days in Austin**
- March 11** **Focus on Issues: Human Trafficking**
- March 18** **LWV-HA Board Meetings**
- March 25** **Repat with Political Pioneers**
- April 8** **Focus on Issues: Health Care**
- May 19** **Annual Meeting**

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