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Women's Equality Day in Corpus Christi

By Sandra Heatherley, Membership VP

Congresswoman Bella Abzug of New York State was instrumental in 1971 in establishing August 26 as a national day of observance of the passing of the 19th Amendment which states simply:

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied

Or abridged by the United State or any State on account of sex."

This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings 72 years earlier, in 1848, at the world's first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. The territories of Wyoming and Utah entered the Union 20 plus years later with state constitutions that granted women full suffrage. These states welcomed the final ratification of the 19th amendment by the state of Tennessee on August 18, 1920.

Had my grandmother been 21 years-old on that date, she would have been eligible to vote, and as an energetic 20-year-old she had marched in solidarity with the women of Chicago and became one the first-generation women voters.

On August 25, 2007, the Corpus Christi League of Women Voters held a celebration of Women's Equality Day with dinner and a silent auction at the Corpus Christi Country Club. I attended as a non-member and left as a member. I was inspired by the skit presented that night which retold the struggle of the women who stood firm against President Wilson and the Congress in their belief in their ability and equality. It also brought to mind the stories of the same grandmother, who served as an ambulance driver for the Red Cross in WW II.

(Please see Equality Day, page 3)

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan, 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.



Corpus Christi
League of Women Voters

President's Message



Judy Telge
LWV-CC president

Upcoming events are in the works either sponsored by LWV-CC or involving our dedicated members over the next few months – much of which is prelude to the November General Election.

August 16 is an evening mixer event – in lieu of our usual monthly membership meeting – to try yet another

venue that should attract younger members. We'll mix it up at Havana Club and encourage the young-at-heart members to be there as well! (Please see invitation, page 3))

August 26 is the recognized day of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. LWV-CC will celebrate that day at our evening event, as we hear remarks from and mingle with two mayoral candidates. (see article.)

September 25 is National Voter Registration Day, an idea which is gaining momentum throughout the country and one that is supported by the League of Women Voters. Our Board will discuss sponsoring voter registration events that day with community

partners and as a relaunch of our successful VOTE 18 Project that was initiated last year.

We anticipate holding a Candidates' Forum in September and another in October for the contested seats in the general election. The number of candidates and positions will determine whether we will host one or two.

In early October we have been asked to co-sponsor with Channel III-TV and the Texas AgXchange a debate between the U.S. senator candidates at a Farm & Ranch Show at the Nueces County (Robstown) Fairgrounds. We are in process of contacting the Democratic and Republican nominees for that event.

The 2012 Voter Guide will require the commitment of time and expertise and with the guidance of our long-time members, we will be fulfilling one of our many tasks to educate citizens in our communities to take part in the electoral process.

All of this requires hard work. It requires more volunteers than the usual few, and it also requires those few to work smarter at engaging others. The League was built from the ground up and to continue and strengthen its legacy, we must increase our numbers and our influence. Women's Equality Day is a reminder of the importance of hard work, dedication and coming together over the civil rights of all U.S. citizens.

Welcome, New Members

Jason Buentello

Jason is a new member who says "I'm about voting". He realizes that his vote does count and can cause change for the good of the community and country.

Andrew Dimas

Andrew is a native of Corpus Christi and graduate of the Texas A&M University of Corpus Christi. He currently works for the City of Corpus Christi as a city planner and was motivated to join by his co-worker, Elena Buentello
Way to go, Elena!.

Thanks for renewing

Helen Barron

Barbara J. Clark

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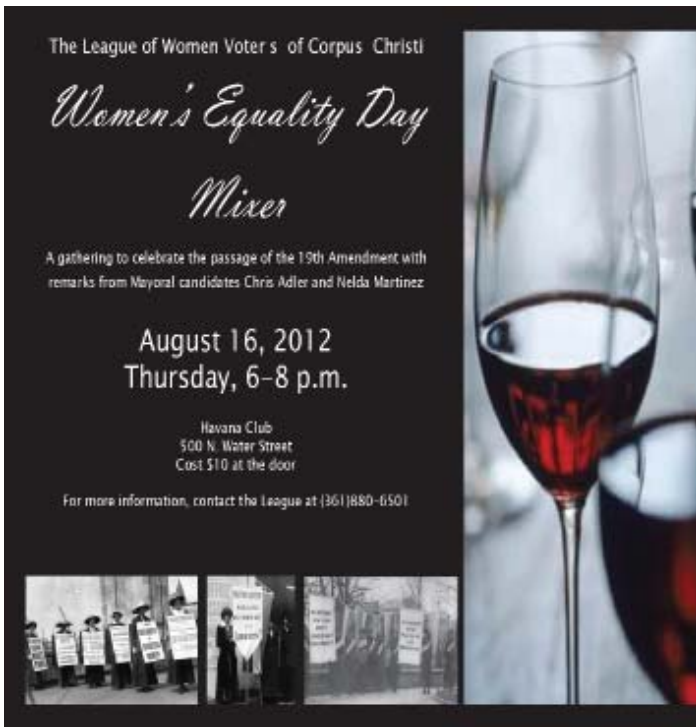
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August Mixer to celebrate 19th Amendment



The League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi

Women's Equality Day Mixer

A gathering to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment with remarks from Mayoral candidates Chris Adler and Nelda Martinez

August 16, 2012
Thursday, 6-8 p.m.

Havana Club
500 N. Water Street
Cost \$10 at the door

For more information, contact the League at (361) 880-6501

(The poster also features a large image of a wine glass and a small historical photo of suffragettes at the bottom.)

The New York Times.

Thursday, June 5, 1919



Suffrage Wins in Senate; Now Goes to States

Constitutional Amendment Is Passed, 56 to 25, or Two More Than Two-thirds: Women May Vote In 1920

Women's right to vote was ratified by the Tennessee legislature

August 18, 1919, creating the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution

92 years later, the Corpus Christi League of Women

Voters invites you to celebrate

Women's Equality Day

Featuring Mayoral candidates

Chris Adler and Nelda Martinez



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| Where: | Havana Club, 500 North Water Street |
| When: | Thursday, August 16, 2012 |
| Time: | 6-8pm |
| Cost: | \$10 |
| Cash Bar & Tapas | |

Join the Celebration & the League of Women Voters!

Equality Day

From Page 1

The year 2009 marked the 90th anniversary of the 19th amendment, and our local league once again celebrated by attending the City Council meeting at which Mayor Adame proclaimed August 26 as Women's Equality Day in Corpus Christi. Mayor Adame later attended our August monthly membership meeting to acknowledge the role of women in politics and of the League in shaping public policy.

Today we are entering an election season with at least two women seeking to be elected the Mayor of

News from LWV-TEXAS:

2013 State Conference/Lobby Day Planned

The League of Women Voters of Texas is already looking ahead to the 2013 Texas Legislative session. Several advocacy activities are on the calendar, including the LWV State Conference/Lobby Day scheduled for Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 25 and 26, in Austin. Leagues from throughout the state are invited to have members represent them for two key activities---attending the LWV-TX state conference (scheduled in odd-numbered years for League business and advo-

Corpus Christi. Both of these capable public servants are long-time members of the League of Women Voters, following in the footsteps of Betty Turner (Mayor from 1987-1991) and Mary Rhodes (Mayor from 1991-1997). Nelda Martinez and Chris Adler will join us on August 16, 2012, when we gather at the Havana Club in downtown Corpus Christi to continue the celebration of our roots as an organization in Women's Equality Day!

See you all there. Bring a friend!!

cacy training) on Feb. 25 and then visiting legislators on Tuesday, Feb. 26. Laura Blackburn, LWV-Texas Vice President for Advocacy is making arrangements and will make detailed announcements later this fall. A hotel in the downtown Austin area near the Capitol will be designated so that League members can plan to spend Monday night, Feb. 25. Mark your calendar for Lobby Day and plan to participate!

--- Chris Davis Garcia, LWV-TX Director

Update on Voters Service Activities

Forums, Guide planned

Planning has been under way for several weeks of LWV-CC Voters Service activities prior to the November General Election, report Pat Parr and Matilda Saenz. Two candidate forums will be held this fall, and the Voters Guide will be published prior to Early Voting scheduled two weeks before the election.

In addition, the League will be identifying and supporting opportunities to register voters prior to the voter registration deadline in early October (30 days before Election Day). If you want to suggest a location for voter registration, please call Pat Parr immediately.

Candidate Forums have been scheduled as follows:

* Monday, Sept. 24—Corpus Christi City Council election (five single-member Districts, three At-Large positions, and Mayor, are up for election). Monday, August 20, is the deadline for candidates to file. The evening forum will be held in City Council Chambers at City Hall and will be open to the public.

* Wednesday, Oct. 24—General Election candidates who are in contested state and county races, such as Congressional District 27, State Representatives, Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector, judicial candidates, etc. This evening forum will also be held at City Hall and will also be open to the public.

The Voters Guide, utilizing the successful format printed by the CC Caller-Times for the May Primary, will include key contested races with GOP, Democratic, and Libertarian candidates as well as the Corpus Christi City Council election. In addition, if space allows, candidates seeking election to the Del Mar College Board of Regents will be included.

LWV Corpus Christi Renewal / New Membership Application

Join now and help in the effort to promote political responsibility through informed, active participation in government.

Type of membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Individual \$60 _____ Student \$30 _____ Household \$90 _____

Name _____

Household Member's Name _____

Address _____

Work Address (optional) _____

I prefer to receive my mail at: home or work.
(Please circle your preference above.)

Home phone _____

Work or Cell phone _____

Fax number _____

E-mail Address _____

**Please return this form to: League of Women Voters
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Membership is from June 1 through May 31.**

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At the July membership meeting, held at Jin's Asian Buffet, new member Andrew Dimas shared how important the

League is to him and why he joined. Other comments were also shared by several League members.



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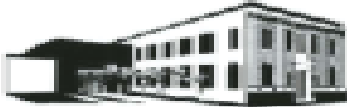
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