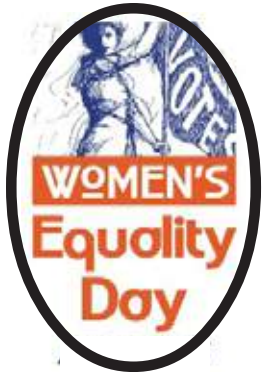




# The VOTER

AUGUST 2019

League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi



The League of Women Voters  
Corpus Christi Area  
invites you to join us on  
Thursday, August 22, 11 AM-1:30 PM,  
Retama Room, 2nd Floor Harvin Center,  
Del Mar College East Campus  
as we celebrate the 99th Anniversary  
of Women's Right to Vote.



**Food, Fun, Friends and Silent Auction!**  
(Doors open at 11 am; lunch buffet at 11:30 am;  
silent auction closes at 1:15 pm)



Special guest and honoree will be Joyce Jarmon,  
Corpus Christi resident and active member of the  
League since 1946. Help celebrate her 103rd birthday!



Local university and college students have been invited  
to participate and share their understanding of the  
stories of women suffragists.



Parking off Ayers and Kosar



Cost: \$15 for lunch buffet  
Reservation required to save a seat.  
Please RSVP by August 12, 2019,  
to [lww.ccare@ gmail.com](mailto:lww.ccare@ gmail.com) or 361-445-4436.  
Bring friends and help us celebrate!



About Our  
Honoree...  
Joyce  
Jarmon

Honoring Joyce Jarmon (she's been referred to as "sassy, savvy, and spirited") and the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote is entirely appropriate and great fun. Joyce was just 4 years old in 1920, but she remembers the day....(See story, Page 3)

### Can You Furnish Item for the Silent Auction?

Since the August 22 event is a fundraiser for the League, we need all of our members to be engaged. Perhaps you have a connection with a local business that would give us a gift of its service (gift certificates, hotel stay, hair, nails, printing, flowers, baskets, wine, beach items). Or perhaps you have something special that you would like to donate (plant, jewelry, art, books, kitchen items). You may put a minimum bid price on anything personal that you donate so that you can keep it if it does not meet that amount. Please contact Peggy Duran if you have questions or need something to be picked up: (361) 696-9366; [pegduran1@gmail.com](mailto:pegduran1@gmail.com) Thank you for making this a fun fundraiser!

### LWV MISSION STATEMENT

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. The League does not support or oppose candidates or parties.

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# President's Message

By Anne Stewart, LWV-CC President

Hello, Everyone!

This issue of the August VOTER is filled with information about events and League plans, but I want to highlight especially the article on Page 4.

The study committee's article is the first of a three-part series in which important information will be shared related to the study, "Potential for Lead Contamination in Our Communities' Drinking Water." This first report focuses on lead poison cases by zip code. The other two articles will include other information that the study committee wants to share and will be featured in the September and October issues. Please take time to read the committee's articles as they are published.

First, however, some background information: In 2016, several of our members were so concerned about the possibility of lead contamination in our drinking water that they formed a study group to assess the situation and to inform our members of their findings. The study was completed late last Fall, and since then, we have met with the Corpus Christi Water Utilities staff, received their feedback and answered concerns raised; continued to research and solicit additional and updated information on the topic; and delivered a report to the new City Manager.

The League was represented at a public meeting held July 8, conducted by City staff, that addressed the City's brochure titled *2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report*. That report was mailed to all water utility customers, and at the public meeting, questions and comments from the public were received.

It is safe for me to say that members of the study committee, as well as other League and community members, continue to take issue with statements made in the *Drinking Water Quality Report*.

Without going into specific information in this limited space, I want you to know that the study committee is adamant about the following statement:

## **THERE IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER.**

**This statement holds especially true for infants and children, nursing mothers, pregnant women, and others whose immune systems may be compromised.**

I hope you kept your copy of the report and that if you have not yet read it, that you will do so. If your copy is not available, you may access the report at [www.cctexas.com/departments/water-department](http://www.cctexas.com/departments/water-department).

The study committee will continue to share its findings and address its concerns in the next several months, but additional resources are available to us as noted in the City's report (Water Quality Hotline, 361-826-1234; EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 800-426-4791).

In addition, residents can have their water tested if they are concerned about lead in their water. Contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 for information.



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# Remembering a Double Celebration

Joyce Jarmon was just 4 years old in 1920 when her mother and her mother's 8 sisters threw a party to celebrate this hard won right—it is one of her earliest memories.

Raised to feel equal with men, Joyce majored in accounting at the university instead of following the more traditional women's roles. "Besides," she informed interviewer Peggy Duran with a wink, "there were more boys in the accounting classes."

Joyce married Jake, a young lawyer, and they moved to Corpus Christi in 1945 just after the end of World War II. A new chapter of The League of Women Voters formed in this city that same year. The members wanted to study and be involved in local, national, and international issues and this attracted

Joyce. She joined in 1946 and participated in various meetings and studies, one of her favorites being on "Red China."

"I liked the League because I saw that it helped women become stronger, informed, and come to believe in themselves and what they could do." It was Joyce who brought her neighbor, Pauline Clarke, to a meeting. Pauline grew to be a community leader and two-time President of the League.

Because of her interest in the environment and turtles, Joyce sat on a community board that encouraged compliance with water standards. She was known for her civil and keen questions, a talent she attributes to raising six children who went on to become university professors, teachers, engineers, and musicians.

Come meet this vivacious, engaging woman...and celebrate not only her 103rd birthday but also the 99th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment which made women an equal partner in this United States of America.

--Peggy Duran

## If You Cannot Attend, How About a Donation?

**League members and friends: If you cannot attend the August 22 celebration, please consider making a \$15 donation to the League to cover program expenses. Your generous spirit is appreciated.**

## My Great-Aunt Was a Suffragist!

By Lois Huff, Women's Equality Day Event Chair

My Great-Aunt Clara was a suffragist! She marched and worked along with her sister and her brother-in-law for women's right to vote. What a surprise to learn this from my uncle a few years ago! Check with your older acquaintances to see what they remember about the 19th Amendment.

It is so easy to take our right to vote as a given - but as we are reminded on every Women's Equality Day, this right had to be given to us and was preceded by a multi-year battle. And there was no agreement that this right, the right to vote, should be given to women.

Anti-suffragists celebrated every time a state voted against women's rights legislation. In 1917, a Texas constitutional amendment for women's suffrage received a majority vote in the Texas House, but not the two-thirds majority required to pass. In 1919, voters in Texas rejected a state constitutional amendment with some opponents claiming that votes for women would mean socialism and black domination of the South.

However, in 1919, the Texas Legislature approved the national constitutional amendment for women's suffrage, and then when the Tennessee state legislature approved the national amendment, Texas women and other American women gained the right to vote.

Those who are planning the Thursday, August 22, Women's Equality Day Lunch Celebration hope that every League member will bring at least one friend to join us when the doors to the Retama Room in the Del Mar East Campus Harvin Student Center open at 11am.

An invitation appears on Page 1 of this VOTER.

The cost per person is \$15 and the event includes a buffet lunch, a fun silent auction, special presentations, and a birthday salute to Joyce Jarmon.

The most important participant is **YOU!** Please reserve your seat(s) today (and confirm a meal) at: [lww.ccare@gmail.com](mailto:lww.ccare@gmail.com) or 361-445-4436. You may pay at the door by check or cash.

## First of Three-Part Series

# LWV-CC Lead Poison Study: Poison Cases by Zip Code

From Committee Members Dr. Mary Jane Garza, Sandra Heatherley, Dr. Jim Klein, Dr. Teresa Klein, Teresa Carrillo, Ruth Falck, Technical Advisor Ron Schiller, and Study Chair Sally Farris

Your study committee working on "Potential for Lead Contamination in Our Communities' Drinking Water" continues to make progress.

As we review and update the study, we discover more lead affected children in our communities. Increased numbers are coming to light as the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) assists us with refined information (data).

For example, data for the year 2013, first reported to us in 2016, showed a mere 8 lead poisoned children in Nueces County. By the time updated information became available to us this summer, the number had risen to 104-108 for year 2013. Thankfully, the 2017 number appears to have fallen to what we hope will hold at no more than 37 children.

The concerning news is that new epidemiological data shows the

study correctly projected county-wide cases of childhood lead poisoning would add 50-60 children per year to case counts. The current average is closer to 60 per year.

While the initial study report is being reviewed by the LWV-CC board and membership, we have identified significant zip codes with childhood lead poison cases.

The most impacted part of Corpus Christi is zip code 78415, a sprawling area that includes a geographic pocket from near Del Mar College far south to Chapman Ranch.

The second highest zip code area for affected children includes the City of Robstown, Zip 78380.

The League submitted 44 zip codes in Nueces County to the epidemiologist for TDSHS to analyze. Thirty-nine (39) codes returned with numbers for children with elevated blood lead levels.

Here is the break down for the twelve (12) most significant codes and the total number of lead impacted children for the years 2012-2017:

# 1 Zip code 78415 : 50-53 children [Near Del Mar College (Arcadia Village/Port-Ayers Y to far south Chapman Ranch) The area in and around Arcadia holds old housing stock finished circa 1942.]

# 2 Zip code 78380: 30-34 [Robstown]

# 3 Zip code 78408: 28-34 [Saxet Heights/Oak Park]

# 4 Zip code 78405: 25-34 [Near up/downtown South of Agnes/West of S. Staples]

# 5 Zip code 78410: 24-27 [Calallen/Tuloso]

# 6 Zip code 78412: 20-29 [Ocean Drive at Everhart, SE to Holly Rd and Oso Bay area]

# 7 Zip code 78404: 18-27 [Six Points/Del Mar/Spohn Hospital area]

# 8 Zip code 78466: 16-31 [Postal Office in zip 78401/Up/Downtown]

# 9 Zip code 78418: 15-27 [Flour Bluff/Mustang/Padre Island]

# 10 Zip code 78414: 12-24 [Abuts the west side of Oso Creek running south below Holly Rd.]

# 11 Zip code 78401: 10-25 [Downtown/North Beach]

# 12 Zip code 78407: 5-15 [Greenwood at S. Port Avenue]

The following TDSHS interactive website provides lead poison reports for each Texas county. Data subject to adjustment.

<https://dshs.state.tx.us/lead/Data-Statistics-and-Surveillance.shtm>

**This article, prepared by Study Chair Sally Farris, is the first of a three-part series. The second will appear in the September issue of The VOTER, and the third and final part of the series will be featured in the October publication. Questions or comments can be directed to Sally Farris at 210-313-7028 or s.farris@att.net.**





**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**  
**National Voter Registration Day**  
**(Locations to be announced)**

**Upcoming Voter Registration Events Will Need DVRs; Please Help!**

Please consider becoming a Deputized Voter Registrar (DVR) --or re-deputizing, if you are a former DVR. Voter registration is one of the most impactful services of the League of Women Voters.

Becoming a DVR is very easy. You can walk into the Voter Registration office at the Nueces County Courthouse any weekday between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. or 2 and 4 p.m. You watch a set of slides and then are issued a new DVR number. You'll also receive a supply of voter registration applications. It will take about half an hour of your time.

The office is located on the 1st floor of the Nueces County Courthouse, near the Lipan Street entrance (Rm 102 - just left of the elevator as you enter the courthouse).

Brenda Nunez is the Voter Registration supervisor at the Courthouse.

# Voter Services Calendar

The League's Voter Services team, which is responsible for coordinating voter registration events and recruiting deputized voter registrars, has been busy fielding requests and confirming the League's presence and assistance. The start of the school year always means community health fairs and other events that lend themselves to large crowds and voter registration.

Raul Ramirez, Voter Registration chair, keeps the calendar and handles the recruiting of volunteers. Coming up on the League calendar are:

Saturday, Aug. 17: LEAD FIRST Back to School Health Fair at WB Ray HS

Wednesday, Sept. 4: Bishop ISD Health and Wellness Fair

Thursday, Sept. 5: West Oso ISD Health and Wellness Fair

Saturday, Sept. 21: (tentative) Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend at Cole Park

Tuesday, Sept. 24: National Voter Registration Day (TAMU-CC, City Hall & one CCISD High School)

Saturday, Sept. 28: NAACP and LULAC Citywide Health Fair at Del Mar College West Campus

At events already held in the past four weeks; 21 voters were registered during National Disability Voter Registration Week; 36 voters at the CCPD Operation Safe Return; 1 voter at the Banquete ISD Health Fair; 6 at the August ArtWalk downtown; and 2 at the Flour Bluff ISD Health Fair.

"Once we complete these back-to-school fairs," Raul said, "we will be moving into voter registration efforts at CCISD high schools."



League members Sue Williams and Peggy Duran at the Nueces County Courthouse



League member Raul Ramirez at the Banquete ISD Health Fair with Nueces County Commissioner John Marez, event sponsor

## SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, September 19

More information will be shared in early September, but League members are invited to save the date of Thursday, Sept. 19, and plan to attend a late afternoon meeting of the League.

Date and Time: Thursday, Sept. 19; 5:30-7 p.m.

Location: The BUS (Bar Under the Sun, 702 Chaparral, downtown)

Our speaker will be Dr. Shane A. Gleason, an assistant professor of political science at TAMU-CC, whose remarks are titled "Rising to the Occasion: Women's Success on the Campaign Trail & in Elected Office."

A selection of beverages and cocktails can be purchased and a food truck, The Flaming Girls, will be available for individual food orders (including vegetarian).

## Centennial Committee Planning Meeting Set Monday, August 26

Planning meetings and confirming details continue for the 2019-2020 activities that will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

The theme is “Women Winning the Right To Vote.”

Sandra Heatherley, event chair, has called a meeting at her home on Monday, August 26, at 4 p.m. If you are interested in helping with one or more of the events being planned, please give Sandra a call at 876-4321 and come to the meeting!

Kicking off the celebration will be two Institutes for Public Leadership, to be hosted in September 2019 (see story at right).

Other special events are already confirmed:

Saturday, March 7, 2020, “Women’s March” from the Nueces County Courthouse to the Federal Courthouse. (This will be a community march and open to organizations and individuals who want to participate; gathering time will be 10 a.m. at the County Courthouse.)

From March 7-31, an historical exhibit will be displayed on the first floor of the Nueces County Courthouse. League member Sue Williams is coordinating the exhibit.



## REAL WOMEN RUN! Institutes for Public Leadership

### Please Extend Invitations To Women You Know Who Want To Run for Office

The agendas are almost finalized for the two Institutes for Public Leadership to be offered in September by the YWCA.

The first institute will be sponsored by the YWCA and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and is scheduled from 4-7 p.m. on **Wednesday, Sept. 25**. The institute will be held at TAMU-Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, in the University Center Bayview 220. Open to female-identifying college students from throughout the Coastal Bend, the institute is nonpartisan and will address the topics of civil and political involvement, engagement, and personal branding. The event is free and will include food. Presentations by MOVETexas and Jolt Texas are on the agenda.

The second institute, sponsored by the YWCA and the League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi, is scheduled from 9 a.m.-noon on **Saturday, Sept. 28**, at the YWCA, 4601 Corona. It is designed for women of all ages who might be considering running for public office or becoming involved in a political campaign.

The registration fee is \$15, and light refreshments will be available. Presentation topics include First Things First, Nuts & Bolts, and I’m Elected..Now What? A panel discussion will feature women who ran for public office and who can share their experiences and advice.

League members Sandra Heatherley and Chris Davis Garcia have been serving on the YWCA planning committee for the Sept. 28 event and can answer questions. All League members are invited to share this publication with their friends and organizational contacts to reach prospective institute participants.

Registration for the September 28 institute will be handled on-line through the YWCA website. If questions, please call the YWCA.

## LWVTX Will Produce Voters Guide for Amendments

A “PRO and CON” nonpartisan Voters Guide on the Constitutional Amendments that will be on the November 2019 General Election Ballot will be produced by LWV Texas and made available for purchase by Local Leagues. The information will also be posted on VOTE 411, an electronic voters guide, before Early Voting, which is scheduled Oct. 21-Nov. 1. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

LWV-CC will produce a Voters Guide for the March 2020 Primary Election.

Be sure to **LIKE** and **SHARE** the posts on the League’s **Facebook Page**.



# July Meeting Features Dr. Huerta

Thanks to Juan “Carlos” Huerta, Ph.D., professor of political science at TAMU-CC, for his presentation at the July 18 League meeting. He addressed the topic of “Party Change in Texas--Is Texas Transitioning into a Purple State?” Noting that Texas is now a majority-minority state, he talked about how political parties are changing and how voter views on current issues reflect “generational divides.” His PowerPoint presentation will be made available to interested League members.



At the July 18 League meeting, Dr. Mary Jane Garza, who served as president of the Corpus Christi League in 2015-2017, announced she has accepted a position as a Partnership Specialist with the US Census 2020. In her role, she will collaborate with 2020 Census partners to plan, develop, and manage partnership agreements with federal, tribal, state, and local governments, as well as with local businesses and community groups, to develop specific strategies to eliminate barriers impacting the Decennial Census. Dr. Garza said, “LWV-CC can be a very important and influential partner in the Census effort” and she will be sharing additional information soon.

## City Charter Review Commission Appointed

The LWV-CC Board of Directors, at its August 1 meeting, received information from City Secretary Rebecca Huerta, a League member and current Board Secretary, about the newly appointed City Charter Review Commission.

The City Charter is a comprehensive document that provides details on governance and operational procedures of city government, addressing Home Rule Government, City Council, City Manager, Administration, Planning, Boards and Commissions, Employment Regulations, Taxation and Bonds, Public Utilities, Franchises and Leases, and General Powers and Provisions. (The City Charter is available to review and/or download from the City’s website.)

Rebecca reported that the Corpus Christi City Council at its July 23 meeting appointed community members to serve on the commission to review the Charter and consider changes that might be proposed to the community on the November 2020 election ballot. Proposed changes may focus on Council compensation and length of terms on the City Council, but other changes may be proposed through public hearings and community input.

Those appointed to the Commission include Toby Futrell, chair; Oscar Martinez, Philip Ramirez, Shirley Thornton, John Wilson, Chad Magill, Bob White, and the Rev. Rick Milby. The final member is expected to be confirmed next week.

The inaugural meeting of the commission, which will be open to the public, will be Friday, August 30, at 2 p.m. The League plans to have representatives attend the meeting.



## Board Leadership Changes Announced

The LWV-CC Board composition has been changed recently to reflect the following:

Peggy Banales resigned as co-president because of family obligations but has accepted the position of Vice President of Program. Maria Jimenez has accepted the co-VP of Program role.

Anne Stewart will serve as League president, and Annell Neal as treasurer.

Lois Huff has accepted the vacant At-Large Director position.

Brenda Hamby, former Treasurer, will serve as assistant treasurer and member of 2019-2020 Nominating Committee

Board approval was noted at its August 1 meeting.





### CBCIL and LWV-CC Celebrate National Disability Voter Registration Week

For the second consecutive year, the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL) and LWV-CC teamed up to observe National Disability Voter Registration Week and made voter registration opportunities available at the Nueces County Courthouse, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, and the CBCIL office located at 1537 7th Street.

The photos on this page capture the official proclamation by the Corpus Christi City Council; voter registration at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, with signing for each of the 12 voters who registered; a poster highlighting the “Power of the Disability Vote”; Del Mar College students visiting the Deaf Center to learn about its services (three of the students actually registered to vote!); CBCIL representatives group photo at City Hall; and Eric Gutierrez and Diana Munguia from the County Clerk’s office who acquainted newly registered voters with the ADA voting equipment.





## 2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS:

Lauren Rabe, Individual  
Linda Gibeaut, Individual  
Elizabeth Vera, Student

### THANKS TO THESE RENEWING MEMBERS:

Dr. Mary Jane Garza, Sustaining  
Dottie Ewing, Individual  
Judy Telge, Sustaining  
Nick and Maria Jimenez, Household  
Raul Ramirez, Individual  
Sylvia Campos, Individual  
Brent Chesney, Friend of the League

### SPECIAL GIFT RECEIVED

Thank you, Nan Pillinger, active 50-year+ Life Member and former LWV-CC president, for your generous gift to the LWV-CC Education Fund. The Ed Fund receives tax-exempt donations and can be used to fund educational projects like the Voters Guide. We appreciate Nan's thoughtfulness, leadership, and support over the years.

## SAVE THESE DATES

### AUGUST

Tuesday, Aug. 20--Corpus Christi City Council Proclamation commemorating the 99th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment; League members invited to be in the Council Chambers by 11:15 a.m. for the presentation and a group photo.

Thursday, Aug. 22---Celebration of Women's Equality Day and Joyce Jarmon, 11:00 am-1:30 pm, Del Mar College (See story on Page 1)

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday, Sept. 5--LWV-CC Board Meeting, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 19--League Membership Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the BUS (Bar Under the Sun), 702 Chaparral. (See story on Page 5)

Tuesday, Sept. 24--National Voter Registration Day, at designated sites to be announced; DVRs will be needed. Save the date! (See logo on Page 5)

Wednesday, Sept. 25, and Saturday, Sept. 28--Institutes for Public Leadership, sponsored by the YWCA and LWV-CC. (See story on Page 6)

### LOOKING AHEAD (SAVE THE DATE)

2020 State League Convention in Austin, TX (held every two years). Dates: Friday-Sunday, April 17-19, 2020

## Invitation To Attend LWVTX Centennial Celebration--October 19

League members from throughout the state are invited to be in San Antonio, TX, on Saturday, October 19, 2019, to celebrate the League of Women Voters of Texas' 100th anniversary. Gathering time is 11:30 a.m. at the historic St. Anthony Hotel where the first meeting of the League took place in 1919, said Grace Chimene, LWVTX president.

Tickets are \$128.27 per person, which includes a \$9.27 processing fee, and can be ordered on the LWVTX website at [www.lwv-tx.org](http://www.lwv-tx.org). Keynote speakers at the luncheon include:

**Patricia (Trish) Cunningham Nicholson**, the great grandniece of Minnie Fisher Cunningham, who will speak on the "Power of Women" with regard to "Minni Fish's" efforts to help Texas women win the right to vote, which directly lead to the formation of the League of Women Voters. In 1928, "Mini Fish" was the first Texas woman to run for the US Senate.

**Dr. Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, Ph.D.**, a well-recognized state and national suffrage historian who will speak on "the Power of Women" in Texas history and their heroic ongoing struggle to achieve full voting rights for **all** women in Texas. Dr. Brannon-Wranosky is the Distinguished Professor of Digital Humanities and History in the Department of History at Texas A&M University-Commerce. She is currently serving as the Project Director for the Handbook of Texas Women and is developing the Texas Women Suffrage ebook. Both are public education projects of the Texas State Historical Association.

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## REMINDER: *Your Membership Renewal Matters!*

LWV-Corpus Christi was established in 1946 and has been the “go to” organization for nonpartisan Voter Guides and candidate forums for the past 74 years. Your continued support of LWV-CC, through your annual membership dues, ensures that we continue addressing our mission and serving the community. Your local League membership makes you also a member of the League of Women Voters-Texas (LWVTX) and the the League of Women Voters-US (LWVUS)

The League’s membership year is June 1 through May 31. Send your membership dues payment plus the membership renewal form below to:

LWV-CC (Attn: Treasurer)  
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Corpus Christi, TX 78468



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

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**LWV-CC membership runs June 1 to May 31** and supports local, state and national LWV actions to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy. We welcome your membership. Please complete this form and return it to the League at the address noted above.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Select Member type and remit payment or visit: <http://www.lwv-cc-org/JoinRenewOnline.html>

- Individual \$60       Household (2 people, same address) \$90       Individual Sustaining \$100  
 Student \$5       Friend of the League \$30 (without voting privileges)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to attend:      Luncheon Meetings \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Meetings \_\_\_\_\_

I’m interested in volunteering my help with one or more of the following activities:

- Register Voters       Prepare/Distribute Voters Guides       Organize Candidate/Issue Forums  
 Advocate for Issues       Investigate Issues/Conduct Studies       Network/Facilitate Community Dialogues  
 Budget/Fundraising       Media/Communications       Membership Services  
 Governance/Bylaws       Observer Corps (monitor local government meetings)  
 Special/Community Projects       Attend Austin “Lobby Days” During Legislative Session  
 Train/Serve as Nueces County Volunteer Deputy Registrar       Advertise in Monthly VOTER Newsletter \*

\* Note: Business card ads in the monthly VOTER newsletter are priced at \$100 for 10 issues.