



# The VOTER

JULY 2018

League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi

## Molly Broadway of Disability Rights Texas Will Speak at July 19 LWV-CC Meeting

As part of the July 16-20 weeklong observance of National Disability Voter Registration Week, LWV-CC will host its monthly membership luncheon on Thursday, July 19, 2018, with a special speaker. The meeting location is Room 1 at the Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, located at S. Staples at Kostoryz.

The luncheon meeting is a collaborative effort between the League and the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL).

Molly Broadway, representing Disability Rights Texas, will speak of voter rights for people with disabilities. She will be introduced by Marshall Burns, CBCIL Board member who will address the importance of the disability vote and details of the national REV UP campaign called **REV UP--Register! Educate! Vote!**

In addition to hosting Molly Broadway, LWV-CC is working in partnership with CBCIL, Nueces County Behavioral Health Centers, and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, providing voter ID (PAVP), voter registration, voting education on issues, candidates and legislation, and voter mobilization information for their clients during National Disability Voter Registration Week.

(Story continues on Page 2)

## July & August Voter Registration Events Need Your Assistance

Kathryn Oler, VP Voter Services, and Ruth Falck, Voter Registration chair, have compiled a full calendar of voter registration events for the months of July and August.

Several events are tied directly to National Disability Voter Registration Week July 16-20, while others include college campus voter registration and community events.

Please review the listing on Page 3 and contact Oler at [kathryn.oler@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.oler@gmail.com) immediately to let her know how you can participate.



Molly Broadway  
Disability Rights Texas



## How To Make Lunch Plans

Plan to join fellow League members and community advocates at the upcoming League meeting on July 19.

League members and guests can make luncheon reservations at \$12 per person by emailing the League at [lwwcorpuschristi@gmail.com](mailto:lwwcorpuschristi@gmail.com) no later than Thursday noon, July 12.

The deadline for the meal reservation will be observed; members and guests, however, are cordially invited to attend the meeting without ordering a meal.

Payment (cash or check) is due at the door. Cancellations received after noon on Thursday, July 12, will be billed.

A buffet catered by the Del Mar Culinary Arts Program will include chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, assorted toppings, chips, dessert, and beverage.



2018 ANNUAL MEETING--Judge Manuel Bañales administers the oath of office to officers who will serve the League during 2018-2019. Additional photos and information about the May 24 Annual Meeting are on Pages 4 and 5.

## 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.

# President's Message



Chris Davis Garcia

Dear League Members:

League work is year-round, and that's why involvement by our members, community partners, and supporters is never ending!

Your commitment to the League mission and to all who recognize the importance of grassroots advocacy and activism makes us strong and effective. To that end, your Board hopes to establish four specific committees (Membership, Fundraising, Governance, and Voter Services) to utilize your expertise and leadership. Be watching for details on how you can help.

I hope you will make plans to join us on Thursday, July 19, as we help local agencies celebrate National Disability Voter Registration Week. Let's have a great turnout--we'll have space for everyone. The story on page 1 has the details.

## July 19 LWV-CC Meeting...

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Molly Broadway is a Licensed Master Social Worker who received her Masters Degree in Social Work from Texas State University. She works with Disability Rights Texas as the Training and Technical Support Specialist for Voting Rights.

This role allows Broadway to travel all across the state to provide voting rights trainings for community members and election officials, as well as provide no-cost accessibility inspections of voting polls.

She has worked in various roles serving the disability community, including job coach, house parent, advocate, case manager, and inclusion transition specialist.

While at DRTx, Broadway has brought statewide and national attention to the (DRTx) HAVA program through her collaboration with community groups to improve local voting accessibility and advocacy for statewide, systematic change.

*Disability Rights Texas is the federally designated legal protection and advocacy agency for people with disabilities in Texas. Its mission is to help people with disabilities understand and exercise their rights under the law, ensuring their full and equal participation in society.*



The REV UP Campaign aims to increase the political power of the disability community while also engaging candidates and the media on disability issues. REV UP stands for **Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!**

State and national coalitions work together on effective, nonpartisan campaigns to

- Eliminate barriers to voting.
- Promote accessibility of voting technology and polling places.
- Educate voters about issues and candidates.
- Promote turnout of voters with disabilities.
- Engage candidates and the media on disability issues.

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## CAN YOU HELP?

# Voter Registration Set at Several Venues

Opportunities for voter registration and voter mobilization are abundant in July and August...and your help is needed. Please check this calendar prepared by the League's Voter Services team, check YOUR calendar, and contact Kathryn Oler at kathryn.oler@gmail.com if you can assist at one or more events.

## Welcome, New Members!

Paula Brighton, Individual  
Victoria McGuire, Individual  
Annell & John Neale, Household

## Thanks to These Renewing Members for 2018-2019:

Rolando Barrera, Individual  
Myriam and John Bell, Household  
Sylvia Campos, Individual  
Dr. Tammy Donaldson, Individual  
Peggy & Jose Duran, Household  
Dorothy "Dottie" Ewing, Individual  
Mary K. Fant, Sustaining  
Carla Gardiner, Sustaining  
Rudy Garza, Jr., Individual  
Sandra Heatherley, Sustaining  
Genie and Brooks Lemley, Household  
Nelda Martinez, Individual  
Kathryn Oler, upgraded to Sustaining!  
Pat G. Parr, Sustaining  
Raul Ramirez, Individual  
Mary Sherwood, Sustaining  
Sue Williams, Sustaining

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

From Peggy & Jose Duran and from Chris Davis Garcia  
---remembering the legacies of Pauline Clarke (life member with more than 50 years of League leadership and involvement) and Elia and Alberto Gutierrez, both active League members for many years.

(Number in parentheses is how many deputized voter registrars (VR) are needed)

### JULY 2018

- 9-TAMUCC Islander Launch Orientation, 10:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)  
12-Del Mar College Viking Orientation, Harvin Center, 11:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)  
13-TAMUCC Islander Launch Orientation, 10:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)  
**16-20-National Disabilities Voter Registration Week**  
16-REV UP Campaign Kickoff @ CBCIL, 1537 7<sup>th</sup> St, 10:00am-2:00pm **VR** (3)  
17-REV UP Campaign @ Nueces County Behavioral Health Center, Morgan & 12<sup>th</sup> St., 10:00am-3:00pm **VR** (3)  
18-REV UP Campaign @ Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center, 5151 McArdle Rd., 10:00am-2:00pm **VR** (3)  
**19-LWV-CC Luncheon with guest speaker, Molly Broadway, Del Mar Center for Economic Development Assembly Room, 11:30am-1pm** (2)  
(See story on Page 1)  
16-REV UP Campaign Wrap Up @ CBCIL, 1537 7<sup>th</sup> St, 10:00am-2:00pm **VR** (2)  
21-Del Mar College Viking Orientation, Harvin Center, 11:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)  
26-Del Mar College Viking Orientation, Harvin Center, 11:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)  
28-Operation Safe Return, American Bank Center, 10:00am-2:00pm **VR** (2)  
30-TAMUCC Islander Launch Orientation, 10:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)

### AUGUST 2018

- 2-10-Del Mar College Fall 2018 Registration, Harvin Center, 11:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)  
3-TAMUCC Islander Launch Orientation, 10:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)  
4-Del Mar College Viking Orientation, Harvin Center, 11:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)  
9-Grand Opening of The Viera Senior Living, 4:30pm-8:00pm, 3010 Airline Rd. **VR** (1)  
16, 21, 22-Del Mar College Fall 2018 Registration, Harvin Center, 11:00am-1:00pm **VR** (2)

**ENGAGING VOTERS.**  
**DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**



**JUNE 30 BOARD RETREAT HELD!** A group photograph taken at the conclusion of the almost 5-hour June 30 Board retreat shows happy faces. Special thanks to the YWCA for furnishing a meeting room. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Tammy Donaldson, Carla Gardiner, Debbie Noble, Kathryn Oler, Brenda Hamby, and Rebecca Huerta. (Not pictured are Chris Garcia, photographer, and Anne Stewart and Sandra Heatherley who had left the room before photo was taken.)

### Highlights of the Retreat

- (More details to be shared at upcoming meetings)
- \* Decision to reduce student membership dues, based on state and national actions to waive dues for two years.
  - \* Dates for both League membership meetings and Board meetings (generally third Thursday and first Thursday, respectively).
  - \* Appointment of LWV-CC member Sylvia Whitworth as Archivist and Appointed Director.
  - \* Receipt of positive Financial Oversight Report for 2017-18 (thanks to Mary K. Fant, Peggy Duran, Judy Telge, and Teresa Carrillo).
  - \* Identification of needed committees for coming year to accomplish League work.
  - \* Review of Voter Services assignments for the 2018 election cycle.



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## LOOKING AHEAD: Election Cycle Calendar

July 23, First day to accept applications for Corpus Christi City Council election (all positions are up for election); local and area school district Trustees elections; Del Mar College Regents.

August 20, Filing deadline at 5 p.m. for City Council, school district Trustees, and Del Mar College Regents.

LWV activities between August 20 and mid-September: Develop questions for VOTE411 online voters guide/ printed Voters Guide; initiate contact with all candidates; populate VOTE411 guide; and more.

Tuesday, October 9, Last day to register to vote.

Thursday, October 18, 6-9 p.m., LWV-CC Candidates Forum at Corpus Christi City Hall

Early Voting, October 22 - November 2 (The ballot will also include Bond Propositions from the City of Corpus Christi)


Election Day, Tuesday, November 6  
\* Nueces County website will feature other important deadlines in the coming weeks.



### Save These Dates:

**Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2018:**  
National Voter Registration Day (League to register voters at several sites)

**Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018:**  
LWV-CC Candidates Forum at City Council Chambers, 1201 Leopard, 6-9 p.m.



**Peggy and Jose M. Duran, M.D.**  
have been members of the League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi Area for more than 35 years and will continue to support the right and the need to cast an informed vote.

# 73rd Annual Meeting Highlights

The League's 73rd Annual Meeting was held May 24, 2018, at Sugarbakers Bistro and Bakery, with about 35 members and guests in attendance. On the agenda were election of 2018-2019 officers; financial reports; adoption of proposed budget for 2018-19; reports from Member Services, Voter Services, and Program; and special recognitions.

Retiring Board members CanAlemdar, Secretary; Peggy Bañales and Maria Jimenez, Vice Presidents/Program; and Mary K. Fant, Co-Director, Media Communications were honored.

Nuri Rodriguez, supervisor of Voter Registration for Nueces County, was recognized for her many years of service and her retirement.

Nick Jimenez, LWV-CC member, was honored for his 50 years in the newspaper business and his commitment to League activities, including voter registration.

A copy of the Annual Meeting Workbook is on the League's website and can be downloaded.



Photo cutlines (clockwise beginning top right): Kathryn Oler; Maria Jimenez and Genie & Brooks Lemley; Raul Ramirez, new member Paula Brighton, Sylvia Trevino, and Sandra Heatherley; Can Alemdar and the Bañales family; Brenda Hamby and Rebecca Huerta; and Lisa Cuevas, Nuri and Johnny Rodriguez, and Diana Barrera.



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## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018-2019

Your continuing support of the League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi, through your individual, student, or household membership dues, is sincerely appreciated. When you send in your payment, please complete the form below so the League can capture your specific interests.

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018-2019

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - CORPUS CHRISTI AREA

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**LWV-CC membership runs June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2019**, and supports local, state and national LWV actions to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy. We encourage your membership activation **before the August 29, 2018, deadline**. Simply complete this form and include current contact details so we can inform you about important happenings in the area. We have engaging plans for 2018-2019 that include monthly membership luncheons, happy hour meetings, and downtown events, plus preparations for a remarkable 2020 celebration and fundraiser to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution!

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

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

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

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

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 Committee     Media/Communications Committee     Membership Committee  
 Governance/Bylaws Committee     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 affordably priced at \$100 for 10 issues.**