



2017-2018 Officers Elected, Ready To Continue League's 72-Year Legacy



New officers for 2017-2018 were elected at the LWV-CC 72nd Annual Meeting held Thursday, May 18, at noon at the Del Mar College Center for Economic Development. Former President and Life Member Nan Pillinger installed the new Board of Directors.

On the leadership team are Chris Davis Garcia, President; Sandra Heatherley, VP-Member Services; Kathryn Oler, VP-Voter Services; Peggy Banales and Maria Jimenez, co-VPs-Program; Brenda Hamby, Treasurer; Can Alemdar, Secretary; Dr. Tammy Donaldson, At-Large Director; Debbie Noble, Director/Website; Mary K. Fant and Melody Cooper, co-Directors/ Media & Communications; Ruth Falck, Voter Registration chair; Anne Stewart, chair of the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee; and Rebecca Huerta and Linda Snider, members of the Nominating Committee.

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Plan To Attend Membership Lunch Meeting Thursday, July 20

Come join your fellow League members on Thursday, July 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, located at 3206 S. Staples at Kostoryz.

A short business meeting will precede a presentation by Nuri Rodriguez, Voter Registration Supervisor for Nueces County, who will provide training for League members and others who want to serve as deputized voter registrars during the upcoming election cycles.

There is no cost to be a deputized registrar, but training is required. Each person who completes the training will receive a specific ID number and will be eligible to receive voter registration applications and turn them in to Nuri's office at the courthouse.

A sandwich box lunch prepared by the DMC Culinary Arts Dept. will be available for \$10 each (\$12 for non-League members) and can be ordered in advance by leaving a message at 445-4436.

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

Dear League members and friends:

I'm delighted to be serving again as League President...and especially with such a great team of officers and chairmen! The new Board is focused on a "seamless" transition of leadership, with special gratitude for Dr. Mary Jane Garza's leadership and her community involvement these past two years.



Chris Davis Garcia
LWV-CC President

Although it's been 14 years since I first joined the League and 10 years since beginning the 2007-2009 term as president, I am as enthusiastic as ever and firmly committed to the League's mission.

I remember hearing the late Cecil Burney (local attorney and former Chamber of Commerce president) say to Chamber members that "because we have the honor and privilege of standing on the shoulders of previous leaders, it means we not only see farther but we have a strong foundation on which to accomplish great things." That statement serves as a tribute but also as a mandate that League work continues.

Two activities are on the League's calendar that I hope you will support with your presence and participation. First, our presence at the **Tuesday, August 22, meeting of the Corpus Christi City Council (be at Council Chambers at 11:15 a.m.)** to receive a proclamation noting the national observance of Women's Equality Day and second, your participation as a volunteer at one of the League's voter registration sites on Tuesday, Sept. 26, for National Voter Registration Day. More details to come, but save the dates on your calendar!

Thank you again for your continued support of the League. The phrase "making democracy work" is used at all levels of League work—local, state, and national—to help us focus on encouraging voter participation in every election, being informed about public policies and sharing our opinions with our state and national leaders, and advocating for issues that impact the lives of all those living in our great country.

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS!

Mark Di Carlo, Individual
Analia Banales, Student
CC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
Sorority, Inc., Friend of the League

THANKS TO THESE RENEWING MEMBERS:

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Jane Bachman
Dr. Jose M. and Margaret (Peg) Duran
Mary K. Fant
Chris Davis Garcia
Brenda Hamby
Sandra Heatherley
Lois Huff
Pat Parr
Sue Williams

HOUSEHOLDS

Peggy and Manuel Banales
Brent and Ashley Chesney (welcome, Ashley!)
Nick and Maria Jimenez
Genie and Brooks Lemley

INDIVIDUALS

Can Alemdar (Student)
Eva Brown
Teresa Carrillo
Barbara Clark
Dr. Tammy Donaldson
Dottie Ewing
Ruth Falck
Coretta Graham
Todd A. Hunter
Nelda Martinez
Kathryn Oler
T. Frank Smith IV
Linda Snider
Anne Stewart
Judy Telge
Joan Veith
Ricky Walraven
Gaye White

(Other Leaguers who renewed for 2017-2018 are listed in March, April, & May VOTERS.)

SPECIAL DONATIONS & MEMORIAL GIFTS

From LWV-CC Life Member Joyce Jarmon, a gift to the League's operating budget.

From Chris Davis Garcia, a memorial gift in remembrance of former League members who recently passed away: Pat Jalufka and Carolyn Cutbirth.

If you would like to honor or remember someone with a donation to the local League, please contact Treasurer Brenda Hamby.



Members Carla Gardiner and Wendy Herman get ready to enjoy their meal at the May 18 meeting; Sandra Heatherley greets new president Chris Davis Garcia.



Annual Meeting Workbook Can Be Viewed on Website

If you missed attending the League's 72nd Annual Meeting on May 18 and receiving the workbook, you can visit our website at www.lwv-cc.org, click on Calendar, either glance through the workbook or download it for future reference. In addition to highlighting all the business items that were addressed during the meeting, the workbook includes Bylaws and League policies that help provide governance to LWV-CC.

The more we all know about the League, the better opportunities we have to be fully engaged to fulfill the mission statement featured at the bottom of page 1 of this publication.

If you have questions about the League, please don't hesitate to call one of the officers and request answers.

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 2017-2018 LWV-Corpus Christi

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Per Member Membership	\$7410
Sustainer's Gifts	520
Friends of the League	150
Monthly luncheons	2400
2018 Annual Meeting	675
Special Events/Fundraising	6050
Silent Auction proceeds	1000
Advertising in The Voter	600
Community Support	500
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,305

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Per Member Dues to State	\$2721
Per Member Dues to National	3952
PO Box Rental	112
Admin/Supplies	300
Voter Services publications	2000
Voter Registration Events	500
Printing	600
2017-2018 Fundraising	4025
Annual Meeting	675
Monthly luncheons	2040
Leadership Training	1000
Holiday Social	400
Transfer to Savings	980
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,305

NEW OFFICERS

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"We've got a terrific team leading the League this coming year," said Chris Garcia, president. "Each Board member brings strong skills to the table, and although several are serving in leadership roles for the first time, they are eager to learn about the League and to continue the legacy of League presence in our community."

Garcia thanked Matilda Saenz, chair of the Nominating Committee, and those who served with her for doing an outstanding job in filling the Board vacancies. "We have 15 outstanding leaders, some seasoned and some newcomers, who believe in the League's mission at the local, state, and national levels," Chris added.

New Board Gathers To Plan Year



(Above, l-r) Sandra Heatherley, Rebecca Huerta, Brenda Hamby; (below, l-r) Dr. Tammy Donaldson, Peggy Banales, Can Alemdar



Pictured above, seated: Kathryn Oler, Anne Stewart, Mary K. Fant; (standing, l-r) Rebecca Huerta, Peggy Banales, Chris Garcia, Ruth Falck, Dr. Tammy Donaldson, Can Alemdar, Sandra Heatherley, and Brenda Hamby. Not pictured are Debbie Noble, the photographer, and Maria Jimenez, Linda Snider, Melody Cooper, and Ricky Walraven



Twelve of the 16 Board members gathered on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the YWCA to meet one another, begin setting the League's 2017-2018 calendar, identifying summer and fall meetings & activities, and confirm three top priorities --maintaining a strong membership base (the League currently has 143 members), reaching out to engage younger members in League work (did you know the average age nationwide of League members is about 70?), and continuing our commitment to help high school principals meet the Legislative mandate to register 18-year-olds on their campuses.

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY MEETINGS

Membership meetings (whether held mid-day or evening) will continue to be held on the third Thursday of each month (unless otherwise announced):

July 20 (see story on page 1)

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

(No meeting in December; holiday social will be planned)

January 18

February 15

March 22 (this is 4th Thursday)

April 19

(No monthly luncheon in May; Annual Meeting scheduled instead)

REACHING OUT TO YOUNGER MEMBERS . . .

The newly seated LWV-CC Board of Directors agreed at the retreat that the League must reach out to younger members (college age through age 50ish) and engage them in understanding and supporting the League's mission. To that end, the Board will plan two evening meetings (one in the Fall and the other in the Spring) and partner with local organizations who share similar goals to encourage a good crowd to be present for a program of interest to the community.

BOARD MEETINGS

The LWV-CC Board will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). The first Board meeting is set Tuesday, July 11, in the conference room at KEDT studio. Other Board meetings will be held on August 1, September 5, October 3, and November 7 (locations to be confirmed). Board meetings are open to interested League members.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017

National Voter Registration Day



Watch for details and volunteer to help at a designated location for a couple of hours either morning or afternoon on Sept. 26.

Every year, millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don't update their registration, or aren't sure how to register. **National Voter Registration Day** wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote.

On Tuesday September 26, 2017, volunteers and organizations from all over the country -- including local units of the League of Women Voters--will "hit the streets" in a single day of coordinated field, technology and media efforts. National Voter Registration Day seeks to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities to reach tens of thousands of voters who may not register otherwise.

LWV-CC will identify several voter registration sites and will have volunteers and deputized voter registrars at the locations to not only register new voters 18 years of age and older but also help voters complete paperwork showing changes in contact information or last name (due to marriage).

The more volunteers we have, the more locations we can support.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Time To Renew Your Membership

If you are approaching your annual dues-paying anniversary date, plan to send in your renewal payment! The League's membership year is June 1 through May 31, and you are encouraged to continue supporting the League.

A membership renewal form on Page 8 of this VOTER can be returned (with your payment attached) in an envelope addressed to the League at Post Office Box 8276, Corpus Christi, TX 78468. You may also pay on-line at www.lwv-cc.org.

If you are a new member who joined the League after January 31, 2017, your membership extends to May 31, 2018. However, if you joined between spring 2016 and January 31, 2017, your membership dues may be due!

If you are unsure about your anniversary membership date, give Sandra Heatherley, VP Member Services, a call at 876-4321. Sandra can quickly access the database to confirm when your annual dues are due.

MARK CALENDAR!

The Voter Services team will need volunteers to help with the following voter registration activities:

Saturday, July 22--5-9 pm, City's 3rd Annual Mandela Day observance, Heritage Park.

Friday, August 4--ArtWalk, 5-9 pm.

Saturday, August 12--CCPD Back-to-School Health and Safety Fair, 10 am-2 p.m, American Bank Center.

League members will receive an email message prior to each event, asking for volunteer support.

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Meet the League's New Secretary -- Can Alemdar



My name is Can Alemdar. Can is pronounced as John, since the C makes a J sound in Turkish. I grew up in Turkey, and have a dual citizenship with both Turkey and the U.S. I have lived in Corpus Christi since 2006, when I moved here to finish my studies. I currently have a BA in Political Science and a BS in Criminal Justice from TAMU-CC. I will graduate in December with my Masters in Public Administration. Thank you for the opportunity and I am looking forward to serving the League this year.

ARTWALK!

Thanks to volunteers who manned the League's table at the July 7 ArtWalk sponsored by the Downtown Management District. Pictured are Kathryn Oler, VP Voter Services, and Raul Ramirez. Others who helped sign up new voters included Sylvia Whitworth, Peggy Duran, Chris Garcia, Ruth Falck, Teresa Klein, and Sandra Heatherley.



League Principles

The League Principles are "concepts of government" to which all Leagues subscribe. Principles are the basis upon which national, state, and local program is adopted. The Principles themselves may be used to take action at any level of government. However, because they are broad statements, such action is usually taken in conjunction with current League positions.

- The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.
- The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.
- The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon informed and active participation in government and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.
- The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.
- The League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.
- The League believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy, and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.
- The League believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

ADVERTISING IN THE VOTER

LWV-CC will again be offering business-card advertising space in the monthly VOTER, effective immediately, with the revenue dedicated to supporting the League's Voter Services activities (voter registration, Voters Guides, and Candidate Forums). The advertising contract costs \$100 and includes advertising placement in 10 issues of the publication published through May 2018 (no VOTER is published in December or June).

Contact League President Chris Garcia know (garciachr1714@gmail.com) if you are interested. Advertising is limited to League members' businesses (either as owner, partner, or employee) and to League members who want to support the League with a special message. No active election political or candidate campaign advertising is accepted.

Short-Takes from LWVUS

League Opposes Kobach Request for Voter Records

WASHINGTON, DC- The request for voter records confirms fears of Kris Kobach continuing his tactics of voter suppression and the genesis of the Elections Integrity Commission in general. The League of Women Voters president, **Chris Carson** released this statement on the issue: “There is no justification for this giant fishing expedition. The Commission itself is a distraction from the real issue of voter suppression, and that efforts to ‘investigate voter fraud’ threaten our most fundamental voting rights. This most recent move by Mr. Kobach is an indicator that the so-called Election ‘Integrity’ Commission is not interested in facts, but false accusations and dangerous policy recommendations. State laws govern the release of voter registration information, and, at a minimum, election officials must follow those laws before releasing data. The League stands with those state leaders who have already come out to support their voters and refuse these requests from Mr. Kobach and the EIC.”

League Sends Comments to Census Bureau

LWVUS has sent comments to the Census Bureau regarding the decision to continue using the “usual residence” rule. The rule counts incarcerated citizens at their prison addresses rather than their home addresses. The League believes that the Bureau’s decision undermines the redistricting process in states across the country by distorting state and federal legislative districts, which in turn upsets the balance of power and disproportionately underrepresents minority populations in communities across the country. LWVUS President Chris Carson said “The Bureau’s rationale for continued use of this outmoded system misunderstands the basic purpose of the Census. Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution created the Census for the purpose of ensuring fair representation. It provided the population information necessary for the apportionment of congressional seats. Since that time, the federal, constitutional interest in fair representation has been vastly expanded – through constitutional amendment and Supreme Court action – so it is simply misleading to characterize redistricting based on the Census as only a state matter, as the Bureau suggests. The federal interest in congressional redistricting and redistricting of states and municipalities cannot be ignored. The Constitutional interest in fair and equal representation should be recognized by the Bureau, rather than being dismissed.

TRAINING SESSION

Five of the League’s Board members are planning to attend a half-day regional training session, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Texas, on Saturday, July 15, in Canyon Lake. About 40 from around the state are expected to attend.

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LWV-Corpus Christi LWV-Corpus Christi Area New Member/Renewal Application

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

Date _____

- Type of membership: New _____ Renewal _____
- Sustaining Member, \$100
 - Individual Membership, \$60
 - Household Membership, \$90 (2 individuals at same address)
 - Student Membership (age 16 and older), \$30
 - Friend of the League, \$30 (non-voting)

Name _____

Household Member's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City and Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

LWV-CC depends on member interest and participation to help meet the League's mission. Please mark one or more areas of interest:

- Voter Services/Voter Registration
- Investigating Issues
- Organizing Candidate/Issue Forums
- Membership Development
- Communicating with Media
- Observing Meetings of Governmental Entities (Observer Corps)
- Advocating for Issues
- Advertising in Monthly Newsletter
- Facilitating Community Dialogues
- Participating in "Lobby Days" in Austin during legislative session
- Networking

**Please return this form with your payment (check or money order) to:
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**you can pay your dues online at the League's website: www.lwv-cc.org.
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