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Happy Holidays
LWV-CC Executive Board
Invites
LWV-CC Members

Date: Thursday, December 15,
2016
Time: 5:30—7:00 p.m.
Place: Emerald Beach Hotel
1102 S. Shoreline Blvd.

Delicious appetizers, desserts, tea,
wine, beer, water

15 Door Prize Drawings
Current LWV-CC Members

Program:
Legislative Overview
LWV-CC June-November 2016
Accomplishments

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President's Message

By Dr. Mary Jane Garza



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LWV-CC accomplished several major tasks these past 11 months. The League set goals to achieve before December 31, 2016 – goals that would increase membership involvement, increase new voter registrants, increase voter participation on November 8, 2016, and forge new partners with organizations.

League membership is currently at 128 and due to member volunteer efforts, 3,139 new voters were registered between January and October 11, 2016. The League worked to make Vote Centers a reality in Nueces County. The League hosted two forums that yielded standing room only participation and a monthly meeting that focused on informing our community about candidates, propositions, and bond proposals.

In addition, the League worked to provide information with English and Spanish Voter Guides and VOTE411.org. League members worked to engage 50% of the registered voters to cast an informed vote on November 8.

League members also participated in reaching out to 3000 voters via Robo-calls and one-to-one telephone banking. The message, "VOTE, VOTE, VOTE."

On Election Day, the League's telephone rang approximately 26 times. Questions ranged from, "Where can I find the city's propositions so I can read before I vote?" "Is it true that I can vote at any Vote Center?", "I am in line and it is 6:55 p.m. and there are 28 people in front of me and several behind me, are we going to be able to vote?"

At 7:05 p.m., I walked into Nueces County Courthouse and observed the election results being posted. I observed people's reactions from elation, sadness, surprise, disappointment, and anger.

As I drove home at 10 p.m., I thought, "Making Democracy Work" is about engaging people to cast their vote and then observing the process at work.

No matter the results of this or any election, LWV-CC remains resolute. The more people vote, the more attention they receive from those elected. Every election has winners and losers, but the true winners are those who cast an informed vote.

As a League, we thank everyone who registered and voted. Now it is time to move forward and focus on the 2017 Texas Legislative Session which is scheduled to begin on January 10, 2017, as well as on city issues that are identified for LWV-CC study.

WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Katherine Hewett, Individual
Michael Miglini, Sustaining
Kara Sands, Sustaining
Sandra Sterba-Boatwright, Individual

RENEWING MEMBERS

Can Alemdar, Student
John & Myriam Bell, Household
Chuck Hughes & Bobbie Wood-Hughes, Household

League Will Take a Break

LEAGUE WILL TAKE A BREAK!

The Voters Service Committee, chaired by Sandra Heatherley, says it will take a break in December and January from ArtWalk and will not man a voter registration table during those two months.

Sincere thanks to all League members who have been so faithful during the past 9 months in making sure LWV-CC was visible at the Friday evening venue.

Be watching for news later on when the League's ArtWalk participation will resume.

Voter Services at Work

LWV-CC Voter Services volunteers have been working tirelessly this season. In addition to registering record numbers of new voters, LWV-CC hosted two standing-room-only candidate forums on October 13 and October 20, 2016.

The LWV-CC October Monthly meeting focused on the proposed bond proposals by Del Mar College and Corpus Christi ISD. Presenters included Dr. Roland Hernandez, CCISD Superintendent; Claudia Jackson, DMC Vice President for Public Affairs; and Trey McCampbell, President of the DMC Board of Regents. They also responded to questions from attendees.

LWV-CC volunteers distributed a local 28-page Voters Guide as well as the LWV-Texas English and Spanish Voters Guides throughout the city and county and also populated VOTE411 with local candidate information.

Voter Services coordinated the LWV-CC Telephone Bank Outreach Program that reached approximately 6,000 Nueces County registered voters. LWV-CC members recognize the importance of providing information prior to casting an informed VOTE.

At the annual LWV-CC Annual Meeting held last May, one of the League's goals was to increase voter participation in Nueces County to at least 50% of the registered voters. The data below illustrates that the goal was achieved. By working as a TEAM with other organizations, much can be achieved. Thank you,

Nueces County 2016 General Election November 8, 2016

Registered Voters:	198,913
Ballots Cast:	106,955
Voter Turnout:	53.77 %

Lobby Days 2017, Austin:

Monday and Tuesday
January 30-31, 2017

Information about Hotel Reservations

La Quinta Inn Austin Capital, located at 300 East 11th Street in Austin, 78701, will be the headquarters hotel for the LWV-Texas 2017 Lobby Days. The hotel phone number is: [512-476-1166](tel:512-476-1166).

La Quinta is located within one block of the Capital grounds. Parking: Onsite parking is \$25 per night at La Quinta. State Visitors Garage has day parking and is two blocks walking distance from the hotel and one block walking distance to the Capital grounds.



Ruth Falck



Tireless LWV-CC Member—Voter Registration Champion



LWV-CC January 2016-November 11, 2016

Art Walks

Del Mar College

Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi

Local/Area High Schools

National Voter Registration Day

3,163 New Registered Voters

Rooms at La Quinta are blocked under the name League of Women Voters of Texas, Confirmation No: 09071693. These room rates are available until January 8, 2017; after that room rates will increase. Room rates: Sunday night, Jan. 29, \$125; Monday & Tuesday nights, Jan. 30 & 31, \$162 each night.

Make your plans now to attend the 2017 Legislative Lobby Days. Also plan on buying a ticket (price to be announced soon) and spending Monday evening, Jan. 30, at the Lobby Days Dinner, honoring the recipient of the League of Women Voters Making Democracy Work Award and visiting with League members from around the state.

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NUECES COUNTY LEADERSHIP ELECTED NOV. 8, 2016

United States Representative, District 27
Blake Farenthold

State Senator, District 20
Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa

State Representative, District 32
Todd Hunter

State Representative, District 34
Abel Herrero

Justice, 13th Court of Appeals, Place 3
Leticia Hinojosa

District Judge, 28th Judicial District
Nanette Hassette

District Judge, 214th Judicial District
Inna Klein

District Judge, 347th Judicial District
Missy Medary

District Attorney, 105th Judicial District
Mark A Gonzalez

County Attorney
Laura Garza Jimenez

Sheriff
Jim Kaelin

Tax Assessor Collector
Kevin Kieschnick

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Mike Pusley

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
John Marez

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1
Joe Benavides

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2
Jo Woolsey

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5, Place 2
Robert "Bobby" Gonzales

Mayor, City of Corpus Christi
Dan McQueen

Council Members, At-Large,
City of Corpus Christi
Michael Hunter
Joe McComb
Paulette Guajardo

Council Member, Single Member District 1,
City of Corpus Christi
Carolyn Vaughn

Council Member, Single Member District 2,
City of Corpus Christi
Ben Molina

Council Member, Single Member District 3,
City of Corpus Christi
Lucy Rubio

Council Member, Single Member District 4,
City of Corpus Christi
Greg Smith

Council Member, Single Member District 5,
City of Corpus Christi
Rudy Garza, Jr.



OCT. 20 CANDIDATE FORUM—The League’s second Candidates Forum of the Fall 2016 political season was well-attended and spotlighted about 20 candidates seeking election as Mayor, City Council members, Del Mar College Board of Regents, and Corpus Christi ISD trustees. Smiles generally abounded, as evidenced in the photo collage above. (From top left and clockwise): County Clerk

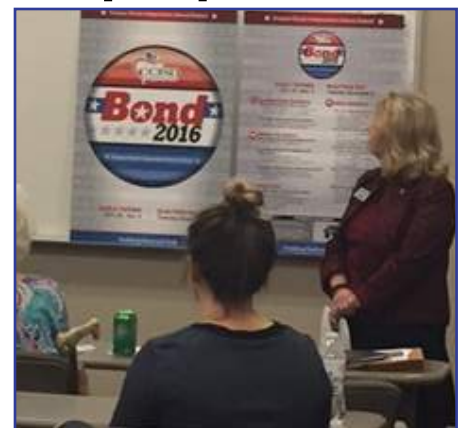
Kara Sands poses with LWV-CC Program VP Elena Buentello and her daughter; audience members read the nonpartisan Voters Guides prepared by the League; forum moderators Carla Gardiner, LWV-CC member, and Andrea Elizondo, director of the Antonio E. Garcia Arts & Education Center, review their notes; League Dr. Mary Jane Garza; and the two District Attorney candidates.

October meeting focuses on two bond proposals

Another full house was recorded on Thursday, Oct. 27, as LWV-CC members and guests gathered for the League’s monthly meeting at the Del Mar College Center for Economic Development. The program focused on two of the three bond proposals appearing on the November 8 general election ballot. Presenters included CCISD Superintendent Dr. Roland Hernandez and Del Mar College representatives Claudia Jackson and Trey McCampbell.

[Please note: No meeting is scheduled in November. See Page 1 for information on the League’s December meeting.]

(Special thanks to League member Debbie Noble for furnishing several of the photos appearing on this page.)





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If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so! Use the application below.

**LWV Corpus Christi
 Renewal / New Membership
 Application**

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

Date _____

Type of membership:

New _____	Renewal _____
Individual \$60 _____	Student \$30 _____
Household \$90 _____	Sustaining \$100 _____
Friend of the League \$30 _____	

Name _____

Household Member's Name _____

Address _____

Work Address (optional) _____

I prefer to receive 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
 P. O. Box 8276, Corpus Christi, Texas 78468.**

**OR you can pay your dues online at the
 League's website: www.lwv-cc.org**

Membership is from June 1 through May 31.