



# VOTER

## Highlights

### October

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| 4  | 10:00 a.m. | Last day to register to vote (Nov. election)         |
| 5  | 7:00 p.m.  | Texas Voice for Health Reform                        |
| 9  | 12:00 p.m. | LWV Plano/Collin County Forum                        |
| 13 | 7:00 p.m.  | LWV Richardson Forum: District 102                   |
| 14 | 12:00 p.m. | Unveiling of TX Historical Marker                    |
| 18 |            | First day early voting (Nov. election)               |
| 26 |            | Last day to apply for ballot by mail (Nov. election) |
| 29 |            | Last day early voting (Nov. election)                |

### November

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| 2 |           | Election day (Be sure to vote!) |
| 4 | 7:00 p.m. | LWV-Richardson Board meeting    |

## **FROM THE BOARD**

October is voter education month. Leading up to the November election, LWV Richardson strives to educate its members and the public by providing *VOTERS GUIDES*, forums and information on educational meetings and forums being held in the surrounding areas. We hope that you will plan to attend our Texas House District 102 forum with Carol Kent and Stephanie Carter, Wednesday, October 13, 2010. As always, we will need many volunteers to help it run smoothly. Please contact Ellen Steger or Jean Richards at [voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org).

Jean Richards has updated the LWV Richardson website with information about the upcoming election, *VOTERS GUIDES*, and forums. If you get a chance, please log on to [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org) and take a look.

The League of Women Voters of Dallas announces that on **Thursday, October 14, at Noon**, a **Texas Historical Marker** will be unveiled in front of the **Old Red County Courthouse** to honor the role of Dallas women in achieving full suffrage rights for Texas women.

**County Judge Jim Foster, Commissioner John Wiley Price and LWV-Dallas President Sandy Greyson** will speak, in addition to **Clare Buie Chaney, Ph.D.**, Immediate Past Vice Chair of the Dallas County Historical Commission, who oversaw the researching and funding of this project. **Michael Lowenberg**, Chairman of the Dallas County Historical Commission, will preside. The Dallas County Historical Commission is the gatekeeper for the historical markers issued by the Texas Historical Commission.

The marker's dedication aptly occurs during the year that we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women achieving the most basic and precious right in a democracy – to cast a vote.

**VOTER SERVICE**  
**Ellen Steger and Jean Richards**

**VOTERS GUIDES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOV. 2, 2010**

The printed copies of two *VOTERS GUIDES* for the upcoming November 2, 2010, election should be available later this week:

- 2010 General Election Edition published by LWV-Texas
- Dallas County Edition, published by LWV-Dallas

Both guides will be available at the Richardson Public Library, City Hall, Richardson Chamber of Commerce, and the Richardson Senior Center.

The guides are available online now at <http://www.lwvrichardson.org/VGs.html> . The LWV-Texas guide is available in both English and Spanish. The Collin County *VOTERS GUIDE* is also available at <http://www.lwvrichardson.org/VGs.html> .

Questions? Send a message to [voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE LWV-TX PRESIDENT**

Surely Texas must and can do better than our dismal 46<sup>th</sup> rank among the states in turnout of voter eligible population for the 2008 elections! Working together, we can make a difference by encouraging our fellow Texans to register to vote before the October 4 deadline and become informed voters for the November 2 General Election.

You can help in several ways. First, of course, make sure you are registered, learn about candidates and ballot issues, and commit to voting either during early voting (Oct. 18-29) or on Election Day, November 2. Encourage others-family, friends, co-workers, others you know to do the same and turn out to vote.

Karen Nicholson, President LWV-TX

## **LWV OF PLANO/COLLIN COUNTY FORUM**

The public is invited to meet 13 candidates for U.S. and State District offices in a forum **Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010**, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m., at Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Road, Plano, TX 75023. The forum is sponsored by the following Leagues of Women Voters: Plano/Collin County, Sherman/Grayson County, Dallas and Richardson.

During Session 1, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m., the following candidates for Justice of **Fifth District Court of Appeals** will speak and answer questions from the audience: **Place 4**, Lana Myers (Republican) and Bonnie Lee Goldstein (Democrat), and **Place 12**, Bob Fillmore (Republican) and Lawrence Praeger (Democrat).

During Session 2, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., the following candidates for **U.S. Congressional** races will speak and answer questions from the audience: **District 3**, John Lingenfelder (Democrat) and Christopher Claytor (Libertarian), and **District 4**, Jim Prindle (Libertarian) and Shane Shephard (Independent). The following U.S. Congressional candidates were also invited but are unable to attend: **District 3**, Sam Johnson (Republican), and **District 4**, Ralph Hall (Republican) and VaLinda Hatchcox (Democrat).

Between sessions, 2:00 – 2:30 p.m., the public is invited to Meet and Greet all candidates informally.

During Session 3, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., the following candidates for state races will speak and answer questions from the audience: **Texas Senate District 8**, Ed Kless (Libertarian); **State Board of Education District 9**, Paul Cardwell (Green), and **State Board of Education District 12**, George Clayton (Republican) and Amie Parsons (Libertarian). The following candidates were also invited but are unable to attend: **Texas Senate District 8**, Florence Shapiro, **State Board of Education District 9**, Thomas Ratliff (Republican) and Jeff McGee (Libertarian).

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

For more information contact: Janice Schieffer, 214-415-3476, [janice@schieffer.us](mailto:janice@schieffer.us) .



# Texas House District 102

## Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 13, 2010  
7:00pm

Lake Highlands Freshman Center  
*Auditorium*  
10200 White Rock Trail  
Dallas, Texas 75238



**Stefani Carter**  
*Republican*

### Candidates



**Carol Kent**  
*Democrat*

Do you have a question you want the candidates to answer at the forum?  
E-mail it to [voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org)  
Questions will be screened according to League of Women Voters of Texas Guide to Candidates Forums

**Visit [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org) for election information.**

This forum is sponsored by:

League of Women Voters of Richardson    Richardson ISD Council of PTAs  
League of Women Voters of Dallas        Richardson Chamber of Commerce

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# Collin County Candidate Forum

6:30 – 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010

Collin College Spring Creek Campus Conference Center  
2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano 75074

**Come meet, greet, and ask questions of the candidates running for  
office in Collin County.**

Collin Co. Judge:	Keith Self (R), David Smith (D)
Collin Co. Commissioner Pct. 2:	Cheryl Williams (R), Rick Koster (D)
Collin Co. District Attorney:	Greg Willis (R), Rafael De La Garza (D)
Judge, County Court at Law #3:	Lance Baxter (R), Sajeel Khaleel (D)
Justice of the Peace Pct. 3, Place 2:	John Payton (R), Rey Flores (D)
Justice of the Peace Pct. 4:	Mike Yarbrough (R), Andy Woolard (Ind.)

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[www.lwvcollin.org](http://www.lwvcollin.org)



Voters Guide available Sept. 17, 2010, at [www.lwvcollin.org](http://www.lwvcollin.org)

For more information, please contact:  
Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement  
2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas  
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Website: <http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/Vote.html>



## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR: DALLAS MORNING NEWS**

The Dallas Morning News  
Box 655237  
Dallas, Texas 75265  
September 30, 2010

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters of Richardson planned a combined forum for two Texas House Districts:

- House District 112, with incumbent Angie Chen Button and candidate Troy Camplin
- House District 102, with incumbent Carol Kent and candidate Stefani Carter

Representative Button has declined to participate, no matter what date was picked for the forum. It is League policy that a forum cannot be held unless at least two candidates for a given office participate. Therefore, we are forced to cancel the House District 112 debate.

We will continue with the forum for House District 102 on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 7:00pm in the Lake Highlands Freshman Center auditorium.

We strongly urge Representative Button to reconsider. Voters deserve the opportunity to question the candidates.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Steger, Voter Service Vice President  
League of Women Voters of Richardson

### **NOVEMBER ELECTION INFORMATION**

#### **Early Voting:**

Oct. 18 - 22 (Mon. – Fri.)	8am – 5pm
Oct. 23 (Sat.)	7am – 7pm
Oct. 24 (Sun.)	1pm – 6pm
Oct. 25-29 (Mon. – Fri.)	7am – 7pm

Early voting will be held at the Richardson Civic Center and many other locations in Dallas County.

#### **Election Day:**

November 2 (Tuesday.) 7am – 7pm  
Voting on Election Day is at your local precinct polling place.  
Runoff Election, if necessary: June 12 (Sat.)

#### **More information:**

Detailed information about elections and voting locations, including *Frequently Asked Questions*, can be found on the League of Women Voters of Richardson website at [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org).

More information about early voting and Election Day voting is available at:

**Dallas County Elections Department**  
214-637-7937  
[www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org)

**Collin County Elections Department**  
972-424-1460 ext. 1990 (Metro)  
[www.co.collin.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections)

The Center for Public Policy Priorities presents



*Health Care Reform:*

*The Basics That Texans Need to Know*

**Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 7 p.m.**

Wilshire Baptist Church  
4316 Abrams Road, Dallas, TX 75214  
North of Mockingbird Lane

Featured Speaker: Anne Dunkelberg  
Associate Director, Center for Public Policy Priorities

Ms. Dunkelberg is one of Texas' leading experts on policy and budget issues related to health care access. Prior to joining CPPP, she was Program Director for Acute Care in the Texas Medicaid Director's Office and spent six years with the Texas Research League, where she wrote reports on Texas health and human services issues.

- Find out how to make the most of health reform.
- Become informed about the role our state government will play in shaping access to insurance.

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**CHIP**  
**(Children's Health Insurance Program)**  
**Martha Dorris**

During the St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church Annual Health Fair on August 21 we helped 53 families with information and applications for CHIP/Medicaid for Children. On Sept. 18 at St. Barnabas 9 families received application help. At a parent informational meeting at Hamilton Park Pacesetter on Sept. 27 we discussed the program with 20 families. We are invited to the following:

Oct. 19, Carolyn Bukhair Elementary parent meeting, 7:30 to 10 am  
Oct. 14 or Oct. 26, Aikin Elementary School, details later  
Oct. 23, St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church CHIP help session, 9 to noon  
Nov. 13, Terrace Elementary School, parent forum, 10 am to 1 pm  
Nov. 13, RISD facility Floyd and Belt Line Rd., parent meeting, noon to 4 pm  
Feb. 22, Mark Twain Elementary School, Health Fair, 5 to 6:30 pm

On Oct. 2 Susan Majors, Joan Pask and Martha Dorris assisted in an area-wide enrollment event at the Fiesta Store at 8060 Spring Valley Rd., Dallas. We helped complete at least 43 applications and assisted another 25 families with information about the program. At another of the 11 sites we provided volunteers who had been trained with us. It was a busy and successful day.

This year is already quite busy and we invite anyone who is interested in this advocacy to join us in helping families access affordable health care. We also recognize that the Texas state budget has a significant shortfall and all Health and Human Services areas have been asked to curtail spending. Please be prepared to contact your representatives about legislation as it is introduced. CHIP is a cost effective program and is essential to the well being of Texas children.

Thanks for your continued support for this advocacy. We invite you become as active as your schedule permits. You will meet many hard working parents, a lot of wonderful kids and simultaneously have a great time.

Martha Dorris

**[CHIP@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:CHIP@lwvrichardson.org)**