



*An Afternoon Tea With The League*



**INVITATION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP!**

*Please join us at the 2009*



*League of Women  
Voters  
of  
Tarrant County*



*Membership Social*

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Home of Dolores Geisel

900 Larkspur Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76112

(Thank you Dolores!)

*Meet our new members, bring family and friends to join  
and enjoy the company of your fellow League members!*

RSVP no later than Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
to Mary Stallings, Membership Director  
[maryestallings@yahoo.com](mailto:maryestallings@yahoo.com) or 817-229-1307



**Directions:** From Downtown Fort Worth, take I-30 East, take the Bridgewood Dr exit, EXIT 21C, turn LEFT onto to Bridgewood Dr, turn LEFT onto Boca Raton Blvd, turn LEFT onto Larkspur Ln, 900 Larkspur Ln is on the RIGHT.



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ Membership Social
- ◆ Rangers Raffle
- ◆ October Roast
- ◆ [Purchase Roast Tickets](#)  
online after Labor Day
- ◆ Silent Auction Items



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*The mission of the League of Women Voters is to encourage informed and active participation in government and to influence public policy and advocacy.*

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## Greetings From Our President!



Happy new (League) year!

It's September, and time to kick off another busy year for the League. I hope you have had a relaxing summer and are ready for an energetic fall.

The membership social will take place at Dolores Geisel's home (900 Larkspur Lane in east Fort Worth) on Saturday, September 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. It will be a good way to reconnect with old friends from the League, and also a great opportunity to introduce potential members to the League. Please join us, and bring a friend if you can.

The third week in September also marks a new year of unit meetings. Currently we have three units, and this month you can attend:

- Mid-Cities unit at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15
- Southwest Lunch unit at noon on Thursday, September 17
- Fort Worth Evening unit at 5:30 on Thursday, September 17

The unit is the backbone of League activity, and the September unit meeting is a perfect time to find the right unit for you and get to know other League members. Details about each unit's September meeting are on the last page of this Voter.

And finally, make plans to attend the League Roast of County Judge Glen Whitley on October 20 at the Ridglea Country Club. The Roasters have been selected and more than a dozen groups have agreed to co-sponsor the event. Now we only need the most important element of a League Roast – you. This is the biggest fundraiser of our League, and also a great deal of fun. (The menu looks very good, too.) Please join us for an evening of laughter and of new or renewed connections with others in the community. You'll find details on making reservations for the Roast on page 3 of this Voter.

I look forward to seeing all of you at one of this month's events.

*Nancy Stevens*

Nancy Stevens

## Raffle Held To Benefit Voters' Guide



Raffle benefiting LWV-Arlington, Texas Education Fund,  
for our Voters' Guides.

**3 raffle tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$2**

Contact [vp-comrelations@lwvtarrantcounty.org](mailto:vp-comrelations@lwvtarrantcounty.org) to buy tickets.

**Drawing held on Saturday, Sept. 5th ~ Need not be present**

You and your nine best friends can watch the Rangers vs Angels from a Luxury Suite behind home base. Complete with 3 parking passes.

**Saturday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Ballpark in Arlington ~ Luxury Suite**



## ROAST

You are cordially invited to a Roast  
of  
Tarrant County Judge B. Glen Whitley.

**When:** Tuesday, October 20

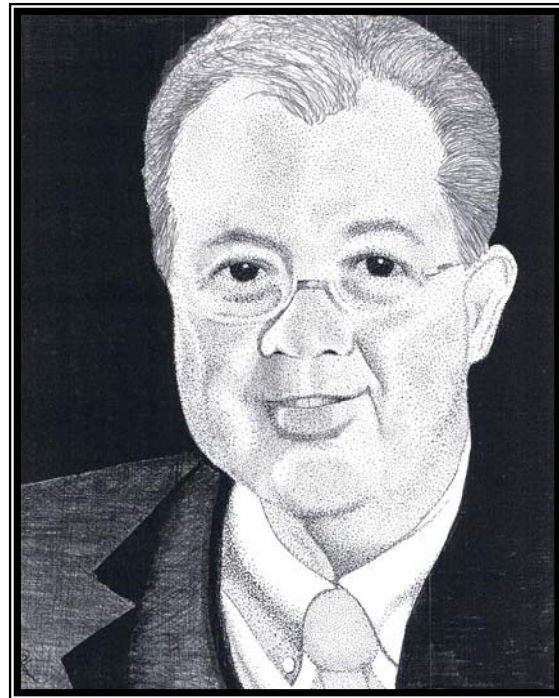
**Where:** Ridglea Country Club

3700 Bernie Anderson Drive

Fort Worth, 76116

**Time:** Reception at 6:00 p.m.,

Dinner at 6:45 p.m.



Stippled artwork of Judge Whitley, by Dezarea Howard, age 18, daughter of LWV-TC Office Admin., Donnetta Howard. Artwork is planned to be auctioned in the Silent Auction to benefit the League.

**Roasters are Vicki Truitt, Kim Brimer and Eric Fox.**

**Emcee is Dionne Bagsby.**

Tickets are **\$65** for League of Women Voters of Tarrant County (LWV-TC) members and **\$75** for the general public.

Send checks payable to LWV-TC to LWV-TC office, 3212 Collinsworth St., Fort Worth TX 76107 or purchase tickets online at <http://www.lwvtarrantcounty.org/> by October 10. Your check/online purchase is your reservation. Online tickets will be available after the Labor Day weekend. Please specify if you want a vegetarian meal. Bring your checkbook to the Roast as there will be a terrific Silent Auction.

## Silent Auction



Silent Auction chair, Dolores Ruhs, is requesting item donations for the Silent Auction for October 20 Roast honoring Glen Whitley from League members. If you have a donation please bring it to the League office with the value amount.

## *“Getting To Know You” At September Unit Meetings*

Some League activities take the summer off while others (such as the Environmental Committee and the Health Care Committee, not to mention the *Voters Guides* Committee) keep going year round. Unit meetings are not scheduled during the summer, but they're getting ready to start their new League year in September. The theme for this month's Unit Meetings is "Getting to Know You," and all League members are encouraged to attend, whether you've been attending unit meetings or not.

There are currently three Units meeting in the Tarrant County League area: The Mid-Cities Unit meets at Barnes & Nobles Bookstore's new location at The Shops at Northeast Mall at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday. Southwest Lunch Unit meets at

Trinity Terrace, just west of downtown Fort Worth, at noon on third Thursdays, and Fort Worth Evening Unit meets at 5:30 p.m. that evening at La Madeleine on Camp Bowie. Complete information about the unit meetings is in the Calendar on the back page of this VOTER.

Besides catching up with what everyone's been doing over the summer, unit members will make plans for fall activities. We hope you've invited a friend to the Member Social. (Details elsewhere in this VOTER.) And the discussion topic at September Unit Meetings will be an update on what the League has been doing during the summer regarding School-Based Clinics. The news is good! We hope to see YOU at a Unit Meeting in September!

## *Action Alerts*

I would like to thank all our members who responded to the Action Alerts concerning legislation being considered by the Texas Legislature and the US Congress. It will be a busy Fall with Health Care legislation along with other issues being debated in Congress. Please continue to respond to the Alerts when asked.

Georgia Kidwell, Action Chair

## *LWV-TC Web Site*

As a member of the League of Women Voters of Tarrant County, you are eligible to join our new web site. This site is open to the public, but only members of LWV-TC are allowed to view the Members page. On this page, you can get to know the other members by reading their profiles. The profile tells about each person with interests and contact info, and you can upload a photo as well. We want to build a community and give you the opportunity to know all our fascinating members!

Please click on the link ["Yes, I'd like to join this site"](#) and complete the profile form. Use your first and last name and be sure to scroll down to the profile questions below. You can edit your profile at any time.

Ellen Boyer, LWV-TC Webmaster



## Membership

NEW MEMBERS - Cathy Morris

RENEWING SUSTAINING MEMBERS - G. Sealy Massingill, M.D.

### Help Us Bring New Talent into the League of Women Voters

We're the League of Women Voters of Tarrant County, one of the hundreds of local organizations across the nation whose members are committed to Making Democracy Work. Our non-partisan organization encourages informed and active participation by citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters does NOT support or oppose any political party or any candidate. Our goal is to empower citizens to shape better communities around the world.



#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

\$59/yr	<b>Regular</b> full voting member	\$ _____
\$49/yr	<b>Senior</b> full voting member, Age 65 and older	_____
\$89/yr	<b>Family</b> (two members in one household; one membership vote)	_____
\$100/yr	<b>Sustaining</b> Membership ~ Elizabeth Cady Stanton	_____
\$150/yr	<b>Advocate</b> Membership ~ Carrie Chapman Catt	_____
\$200/yr	<b>Patron</b> Membership ~ Mary McLeod Bethune	_____
\$300/yr	<b>Benefactor</b> Membership ~ Eleanor Roosevelt	_____
_____	<b>Contribution</b>	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

LWV/US PMP	\$29.20
LWV/TX PMP	\$22.00
PMP = Per Member Payment	

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

(Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership dues and contributions are not eligible for a tax deduction under I.R.S. 501(c) (3) rules. You may make an additional tax-deductible contribution by writing a separate check payable to the LWV/Texas Education Fund. This will be used for educational projects benefiting the League of Women Voters of Tarrant County. Mail your membership application, dues, and contributions to LWV-TC, 3212 Collinsworth Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107 or join online [www.lwvtarrantcounty.org](http://www.lwvtarrantcounty.org).*



## SEPTEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

### Unit Meetings Discussion Topic—Local Program / School-Based Clinics

- Sept. 15 (Tues) 7:00 p.m.—Mid-Cities Unit**, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 861 North East Mall Blvd., Hurst (The Shops at North East Mall). Call Georgia Kidwell at 817-282-0712 for information.
- Sept. 17 (Thurs) 12 noon—Southwest Lunch Unit**, Trinity Terrace, 1600 Texas Street, Fort Worth. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Cost: \$10/person. Call John Johnson at 817-810-9399 for reservations. Deadline for reservations is Tues., Sept. 15. Call Christie Campbell at 817-732-0556 for information.
- Sept. 17 (Thurs) 5:30 p.m.—Fort Worth Evening Unit**, La Madeleine Restaurant, 6140 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. Dutch Treat. Call Betsy Hedden at 817-923-9198 for information.



- Sept 21 (Mon) 6:00 p.m.—Board Meeting** at the League office, 3212 Collinsworth St, Fort Worth 76107
- Sept 24 (Thurs) 2:00 p.m.—Environmental Committee Meeting** at the League office, 3212 Collinsworth St, Fort Worth 76107
- Sept 26 (Sat) 2:00 p.m.—Membership Social** RSVP to Mary Stallings. See page 1 of September VOTER.

*All Members and Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend any League event.*

**League Office Hours: M, W, & F 11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**



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