

# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF *El Paso*

at the Corner of  
Texas and Old Mexico

## **Voter**

**January 2012**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**January 26 – General Meeting**  
**Taking Action in the Community**  
**Program Planning**  
**6:00 pm Networking**  
**6:30 pm Meeting**  
**Garden Center, 3105 Grant**

**February 23 – General Meeting**  
**6:00 pm Networking**  
**6:30 pm Meeting**  
**Garden Center, 3105 Grant**

### **LWVEP Board of Directors**

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### **Taking Action in the Community** **Program Planning**

When League is contemplating action on a community issue we should consider the following:

- Does the League have a position that supports the proposed action?
- Do members understand and would they agree with the proposed action?
- Is it a priority for the League?
- Does the League have a unique role to play or would the League's assets (time and money) be better spent on other activities?
- Does it have some chance of success or make an important statement for the League?
- Are other organizations or a coalition already working on the issue?
- What action techniques would be most effective?
- How will the League deal with controversy?
- How can members be involved in the proposed action?
- What kind of community involvement would best support the League's efforts?

At our January meeting, we will consider our Local Program. Refer to your Annual Meeting Report for the details of our Local Program that was adopted in 2011. (If you don't have the report, please contact Pat White to obtain it). While an admirable Program, should it be streamlined to allow real focus a one or two major issues in 2012? Are there new issues that should be addressed?

Come to the meeting and share your thoughts on where the League of Women Voters of El Paso's emphasis will be in 2012!

## President's Message:

Well, the beat goes on. . . the U.S. Supreme court has set aside the San Antonio federal court's redistricting map. The U.S. Supreme court is telling the San Antonio court they have to develop yet another set of maps and that they have to use the Texas Legislature's map as the starting point of whatever they develop. Yet... we have another ongoing battle before a federal panel in Washington, D.C. that 's holding hearings on the legality of the Texas Legislature's maps under the federal Voting Rights Act. So our redistricting issues are two trains on different tracks headed toward the train station of final maps, primary dates, etc. We, the Voters, are waiting at that train station for the ride to our civic responsibility of voting. The primaries, already moved from March 6 to April 3, could be moved again if the courts can't produce maps by the end of the month. So that's the sum and substance at this point.

At home, the El Paso County Elections Department is planning for all contingencies, they are prepared to deal with the scenarios and like the League of Women Voters, they are focusing on voter registration...rather than focusing on the lack of maps and the lack of clarity as to when the primary/ries will be held.

So what does that mean for us, the El Paso Chapter of the Texas League of Women Voters? It means that each of us has to be deputized and participating in as many voter registration outreach efforts as we can, both individually and collectively. Vote El Paso!!!

Janet Monteros, Co-President

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### New Members

Welcome to:

Laura Strathmann  
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[laurastrathmann@msn.com](mailto:laurastrathmann@msn.com)

### Voter Registration

Ann Kruzich, Janet Kincaid, Violet Gilson and Pat White registered new citizens as voters after their swearing in ceremony on Friday, January 13. Consider helping after the next swearing in ceremony. A notice will be sent out when the date is known.

### Poppies Celebration

The *2012 Franklin Mountains Poppies Fest on Castner Range* will take place on Saturday, March 31 at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. We will have a table there to register voters and pass out information about LWVEP. Anyone who would like to help with the table should contact Pat White.

### BRAVO Award

We are starting to plan for our annual BRAVO Awards luncheon that will tentatively be held the first week in May. If you have nominations for honorees, please contact Barbara Montoya

## El Paso Conference for Women

# Save The Date



### Third Biennial El Paso Conference for Women "Empower Yourself! Make It Happen!"

Hosted by  
First Lady of El Paso Tram Cook & Mayor John Cook  
March 2-3, 2012  
Centennial Club, Biggs Airfield  
[www.elpasoconferenceforwomen.com](http://www.elpasoconferenceforwomen.com)

This exciting conference will feature outstanding seminars, trainings and forums for local borderland women.

**Individual Tickets: \$50**  
(includes Friday evening banquet & Saturday conference & meals.)

**Military, Student & Seniors Tickets: \$30**

Ask us how you can sponsor a member of our military or a student.  
For Information please call 566-4066



Friday Evening Keynote Address by **Marie C. Wilson**

Founder, the White House Project to advance women's leadership & Take Your Daughter to Work Day!

## Northwest Master Plan

The following meetings will be held to update the northwest master plan. This is our chance to have an input to preserve the Scenic Corridor and care for the land and ecosystems. Please participate.

### Charrette:

1. Hands-On Session:  
Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 5PM to 9PM,  
Canutillo HS Auditorium;  
6675 S. Desert Boulevard, 79932

2. Northwest Masterplan Work in Progress  
Saturday, January 28, 2012, 9AM to Noon  
Canutillo HS Auditorium 6675 S. Desert Boulevard, 79932

3. Design Studio: (Open to the Public)  
Monday, January 23 to Friday, January 27, 2012  
Canutillo Independent School District--  
Board Room  
7965 Artcraft Road, 79932  
Hours of Design Studio:  
Monday-Friday, 9AM to 7PM

## State Convention

### SAVE THE DATE for 2012 LWV-Texas Convention!

Every two years in April of even-numbered years, LWV-Texas convenes a state convention to which delegates and members from the state's 29 Leagues are invited.



- The 2012 Convention is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, **April 13-15, 2012**, in **San Antonio** at The Hilton San Antonio Airport on NW 410 Loop, and room reservations are being accepted.

- The room rate is \$104 (plus state sales and occupancy taxes) and includes free parking and a complimentary breakfast coupon for both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Some of us are thinking about attending. If you would like to go with us, please let us know.