

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of WICHITA FALLS

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# ***VOTER*** for November 2009

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### THE RECESSION EFFECT in the WICHITA FALLS AREA

will be discussed by **DR. JAMES OWEN, MSU Professor**

*Wednesday, November 4th - - - at Luby's Cafeteria.*

*Go thru lunch line prior to 12 noon, call to order*

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**Dr. James Owen** is Director of the Bureau of Business & Government Research at MSU, where he has served as a Professor of Economics since 2004. Raised in New Mexico, he received his Bachelor's Degree at Eastern New Mexico University, his Masters Degree at the University of Wyoming, and his PhD from the University of Texas in Dallas. His wife, Jane, is a Professor of Education at MSU.

**He points out** that a major recession has many dimensions: International, National, Regional, and Local, which will have different impacts in different locations. So, his focus will be on the Wichita Falls Area, both as to its impact, and time-line. Because many companies have local branches in various parts of the country, they face a multitude of decisions. Also, economic problems in one Region, can be exported to other Regions.

**How do we get into** a recession? How do we get out of one? How long does one last? Can we predict its ultimate effect on our locality & our country? Dr. Owen will be better able to address these issues than anyone else in our area. So, bring your interest, and your questions to the meeting, because this is an issue that faces us all.

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### VOTERS GUIDES for the NOVEMBER 3rd ELECTION.

**If you haven't voted yet**, and need a VOTERS GUIDE, all of our print copies have been distributed. However, you can access, read, or print a copy on the internet by clicking on the following link:

[http://www.lwvtexas.org/2009VG/2009CAVG\[FINAL\].pdf](http://www.lwvtexas.org/2009VG/2009CAVG[FINAL].pdf)

**The Issues Covered** are 11 proposed Amendments to the Texas Constitution. **The Voters Guide** covers each one by setting out: [1] The Official Ballot Language, [2] An Explanation of Each, [3] Arguments FOR, and [4] Arguments AGAINST.

**Early Voting ends** on Friday, October 30th. **Election Day is** Tuesday, November 3rd. Be sure to Vote, and be sure you are as fully informed as possible, by using the League of Women Voters, *VOTERS GUIDE*.

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### DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS to the LEAGUE

**League dues** are \$55 annually (or \$75 for a couple), and extend thru June 2010. Renewing Members must pay their dues before January 10th, because our report to LWVUS is due shortly after that. New Members may join and pay dues at any time.

**Contributions of** at least \$15 (or more) makes one a Friend of the League, and are used primarily for Voters Guides & other voter service items. Send Dues or

Contributions to the treasurer at P.O.Box 4034, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308, or bring to a meeting.

**A Big Election Year** is coming up, and we really need your help.

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### **OUR MEETING ON THE LWV-TX STUDY ON VOTING PROCEDURES**

**LWV-Texas** has a study committee which has been studying the Voting Procedures in Texas for the last year. Over the last several months the Committee has issued several reports on their study, and each Local League has been asked to meet, arrive at a consensus, and provide further input. With that Local League input, the State Board may recommend that we update our LWV-Texas position on Voting Procedures in Texas, which will be finally determined by the League membership at our State Convention, next spring.

**On October 10th** at our Consensus Meeting, the members attending reviewed the study papers, our current League position on voting in Texas, and agreed on our response to the consensus questions posed. Our report has been returned to LWV-Texas.

**Next Step?** Wait for the State Board report next spring, and be prepared for our delegates to the State Convention to consider the issue, and vote.

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### **THE STATE CONVENTION NEXT APRIL**

**We have been notified** that the LWV-Texas State Convention will be in San Marcos, Texas, on April 23-25, 2010. Our Local League will be entitled to several voting delegates. When we have more details, and know how many delegates we are entitled to (based on next year's membership), we will give a further update.

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### **THE NATIONAL CONVENTION NEXT JUNE**

**We have received** the "First Call to Convention 2010" from LWVUS. It will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in mid-June 2010, and our Local League is entitled to one voting delegate. The convention will hold workshops, have speeches, and conduct business. This may include votes on new or revised Positions on governmental issues; Amendments to the League ByLaws; Election of Officers; Adoption of a Budget; and other issues. This list of issues, will be updated during the next few months, leading up to Convention.

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### **LWVUS POSITION ON NATIONAL HEALTH CARE**

**A Position on Health Care** was adopted by the LWVUS in 1993. Based on that long-standing position, the National League has been active in the health-care debate which has ensued the last several months. Our League Position includes sections on Goals; a Basic Level of Quality Care; Financing & Administration; Taxes; Cost Control, and Equity Issues.

**To read the full position**, go to the LWVUS web site ([www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)).

**The League is non-partisan**, and does not take sides in elections. But it does provide voter & citizen information on public issues, and establishes Positions on many public issues, after grass-roots membership consensus on them. This is one area where we have a long-standing consensus Position, and if you want to know it in detail, just go to the web site, or click on the following link, to read a letter from the National League President to the Congress, stating our official League Position:

<http://capwiz.com/lwv/utr/1/EUJFLMSBTG/NFAPLMSHVQ/4135048276>

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**Hope to see you Wednesday, November 4th, at Luby's. Feel Free to forward this VOTER to your friends & associates. Feedback to [LaryLambert@prodigy.net](mailto:LaryLambert@prodigy.net), or by phone or fax to the League at 767-0129.**