

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS**

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# **VOTER *for April 2016***

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**Rep James Frank, District 69 State Representative  
Wednesday, April 6, at Luby's Cafeteria.**

**Go thru lunch line prior to noon call to order.**

**"Getting Ready for the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session"**

**Representative Frank will give an overview** of the work being done by the Legislature during the interim, the big issues on the horizon for the 85<sup>th</sup> session (January 2017), and the issues he is focusing on in anticipation of the next session. He'll also answer any questions those in attendance may have about state government and politics.

State Representative James Frank is a longtime resident of Wichita Falls, where he owns Sharp Iron Group, which he purchased in 2000. Since then, the company has expanded through internal growth and acquisitions to include field service, welding, machining, sheet metal and electrical controls manufacturing capabilities, and has grown from 15 employees in 2000 to 110 employees today. He has just finished his second term in the Texas House of Representatives, where he served as Vice-Chair of the Defense & Veterans' Affairs Committee and on the Natural Resources Committee. He is passionate about limited government that serves constituents rather than bureaucracy, common sense local control, and increased personal freedom and responsibility. James and his wife of 26 years, Alisha, are active members of First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, where he serves as a deacon and Life Group leader. Together they have four sons, aged 16 to 25.

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## **In Memory of Irene Lambert**

Thank you to the many people who made donations to the League in memory of Irene Lambert. We wanted to acknowledge their contributions here. Thank you, Blanche Donnell, Louellen Lechman, Nell Lister, Jane McGough, Penny Miller, Eldon and Roberta Sund and Toastmasters Club 305.

Additional donations can be sent to League of Women Voters, PO Box 4034, Wichita Falls, TX 76308.

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**MEMBERSHIP?**

**The League Year runs** from July 1st to June 30th. Individual member dues remain at **\$60** per member. Dues for a family (couple) are **\$90**. Per Member Payments (PMP) required by the State & National Leagues require us to remit virtually all of these dues on to them. Therefore, donations from members, friends, & others are essential for us to issue Voters Guides during each election season.

Either bring your dues (and contributions) to a meeting, or mail to the treasurer at our P.O. Box 4034, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308. Make checks payable to LWV-Wichita Falls.

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**ELECTION REMINDER**

We have an election coming up! Just a reminder that during meetings, no campaign buttons or partisan commentary by members. We do a pretty good job overall, but it is easy to get wrapped up in our passion for a particular candidate or party during election season.

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**STATE CONVENTION**

The State Convention was held in Houston March 10 - 13. Thank you to Jane McGough for agreeing to represent our League at the convention. We'll discuss the highlights at our annual meeting. Two important items we'll discuss concern Vote411 and our League tax status.

We believe Vote411 will be a great tool to inform voters about our local candidates. It should greatly reduce confusion about which candidates the voter needs to be concerned about. We are responsible for gathering and updating the information in Vote411, so we will need volunteers to help with that in the upcoming election.

Currently our League is registered as a tax exempt entity, 501 (c) 4. The state is recommending all Leagues convert to a 501 (c) 3. Our Texas Education Fund account has always been a 501 (c) 3. We will discuss this in more detail at the annual meeting. Because there is a significant expense connected with this conversion, we will need to vote one way or another. As members know, our budget relies on donations to balance, especially in an election year, when we have substantial expenses relating to the Voters Guide.

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Emerson Capps, Roberta Sund and Nell Lister are the nominating committee. Their job is to prepare a slate of candidates for the new League year beginning July 1. We will vote on this slate as part of our business at the annual meeting in May. Please say "yes!" when they call.

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## **THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT..... Penny Miller.**

**It is good to finally** be off the road for a while. I have seen a lot of Texas through the windshield, but I am happy to be home. This month's meeting with Rep. James Frank should be interesting and a great meeting to invite a guest.

**Many thanks to Jane McGough** for representing our League as a delegate at the LWV Texas state convention. She brought back a lot of information important to our local League. There is a short overview above, but look for a more detailed report at the May annual meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings.** May is our annual meeting. Members should be looking for a special edition of the Voter newsletter before the meeting to familiarize themselves with the items that will require their vote at that meeting.

Our last meeting of the year will be Ashley Thomas with the WFISD.

**Bring a friend to our meeting on April 6.**

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