

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

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VOTER *for March 2016*

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**Rosie Flanigan, Director, Texoma Alternative Center, Iowa Park
Wednesday, March 2, at Luby's Cafeteria.**

Go thru lunch line prior to noon call to order.

Ms. Rosie Flanigan discuss the Alternative Education program in Iowa Park.

A graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Ms. Flanigan attended Grambling State University and Midwestern State University, receiving her degree in mathematics. Ms. Flanigan has been an educator in our area public schools since 1968. She currently serves as the Director of the Texoma Alternative Center in Iowa Park.

In addition to her teaching career, Ms. Flanigan is active in the community serving on several boards and committees. For example, she is the Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Wichita Falls Federal Credit Union and a member of the Board of Directors for the Children's Aid Society.

Ms. Flanigan is married to Mr. Roosevelt Flanigan and has two children, Ramon and Rae Lynn. She has four grandchildren: Brianna, Madelyn, Max and Jackson.

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In Memory of Irene Lambert

Our League lost a wonderful person and stalwart League member since we met last. Irene Lambert served many years on our Board, chaired at least one local League study and served on the Texas League board as well. Irene Lambert passed away unexpectedly. Most of our members attended her funeral. We did send a card to Larry on behalf of the League. Please keep Larry and the rest of Irene's family in your thoughts at this difficult time.

We have received several donations to the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund in Irene's memory. The Education Fund is "used to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government and to increase understanding of major public policy issues." I know Irene would appreciate our support of an organization that meant so much to her.

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

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HAVE YOUR RENEWED YOUR 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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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Many thanks to Emerson Capps, Roberta Sund and Nell Lister for serving on the Nominating Committee. In order to prepare the slate of officers for our annual meeting, they have to get an early start. When they call you to hold office, please say yes. We need everyone to be involved.

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ELECTION REMINDER

We have an election coming up! Our next meeting follows immediately upon Super Tuesday, so there should be much of interest on Wednesday.

Just a reminder that during meetings, no campaign buttons or partisan commentary. 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 will be held in Houston March 10 - 13. Thank you to Jane McGough for agreeing to represent our League at the convention. Her report will be in the next Voter.

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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.

I am going to miss our meeting this month as I will be in south Texas for work. I know the program on Alternative Education will be a good one, so invite your friends.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Voters Guide. It takes a village to do our work. Ashley McErlean put the local guide together, and several people distributed them to various locations in the county. We distributed all 2000 guides in less than 24 hours. Our distribution team consisted of Kaye Holland, Jane McGough, Rosemary Capps, Lou Lechman, Nell Lister, Tad Gose, Liz Vernon, Ruby Ditto and Penny Miller.

Upcoming Meetings. In April, State Representative James Frank will be with us to discuss what the legislature is up to between sessions. May is our annual meeting. At the June meeting we will wrap up the League year with Ashley Thomas, discussing WFISD issues. Good meetings all, so plan to come and bring a guest.

For Board members: Yes, we will have a board meeting on March 14. We will need to approve the items for the annual meeting as we will need to put out the information to our members prior. If you are responsible for any of the items, please try to bring a draft with you.

Bring a friend to our meeting on March 2.

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