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Names of members to be transferred from Houston Membership to State Membership (Fort Bend State Unit):

Sally Hirschheim Nell Havron Carolyn Meyer Shirley Morgan Patricia Riley Fran Nester Marion Lord

JUN 15 1989

The following is a brief history of the East Fort Bend Unit of Houston. Sally Hirschheim and Helen Hunter have written it up to give the State Board some background on this group.

- 1. The unit formed with a cluster of three members and the assistance of Helen Hunter in the hopes of attracting other members to help begin a League of Women Voters in the Fort Bend area. Helen felt that beginning as a unit of Houston would be the easiest way as they would be there for us to learn from and to help us on our way to eventually "Leaguehood".
- 2. March 15 was the first official meeting which we had publicized locally. We decided there were some local issues that we would like to study and some problems in voter information which could use the League touch in our area. A big concern to many was the proposed expansion of a highway in our area (Hwy. 6). It was felt we could possibly gather information on this as there was a great deal of rumor and little factual information being put before the public.
- 3. The group decided to request "emergency item" status for the Hwy 6 issue from the Houston Board. Helen was unsure if it was necessary but. thought it was best to proceed in a cautious manner and be sure. All agreed.
- 4. March 31 Sally Hirschheim and Nell Havron attended the Houston Board meeting and Sally presented the idea of doing an information gathering study on Hwy. 6. This was approved.
- 5. At the April meeting the following officers were selected:
 Unit Leader Sally Hirschheim
 Unit Publicity Carolyn Meyer
 Publications Shirley Morgan
 Resource Person Hwy.6 Nell Havron
 Patricia Riley

Treasurer/fundraiser - Nell Havron No one person had taken on the recorder's role as yet.

6. The group undertook and completed a small local election/school board election information project which involved making posters giving details of voting polls, precinct divisions, canidates names as well as publicizing a canidate forum being presented by the local A.A.U.W. (American Association of University Women). We supported them on the night of the forum and placed League materials at the reception table. (these included application forms and BE A PART OF IT booklets.) Costs of the materials for this project were donated by the members.

- 7. Contact was made with several local branches and the main county branch of the Public Library informing them of our beginnings and giving contact phone numbers for any interested individuals. This was also done with First Colony Information Center, the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, several local realtors, and all local newspapers.
- 8. The local press has been very interested in our progress and have requested interviews. At these our personal reasons for wanting to join/start up a LWV in this area were elicited. We gave copies of BE A PART OF IT to reporters to acquaint them with the League and its history.
- 9. After discussing our plans to do an information presentation on Hwy. 6 with a local developer, Sugarland Properties, Nell Havron got permission for us to examine and get copies of their State Highway documents. This would have been very costly for us to do and Sugarland Prop. provided this for us as a "goodwill" gesture.

"During this time decisions by local governments and re-opening of environmental impact studies suggest the proposals will be drastically altered. We would still like to follow this and present information on the plans by Sept/Oct. 1989.

- 10. The County Clerk (Dianne Wilson) has agreed to come to speak at our July meeting and to swear us in a voter registrars.
- 11. The East Fort Bend Unit hosted a "Come Get to Know Us" tea on May 17 which was well attended by the Houston Board, Local leaders, members and interested persons.
- 12. Plans have been set and contacts made to have a speaker from the Fort Bend Independent School District Board come and speak to our group in August- this has not yet been confirmed.
- 13. Sally Hirschheim has been asked to speak to the local Republican Women's Group in Sept. about what the League of Women Voters is and does.
- 14. Community contacts in the East Fort Bend area have been numerous and very positive in nature.
- 15. After meeting with Diane Sheridan, Jackie Alfred and Helen Hunter on May 25, 1989, Sally Hirschheim, Nell Havron and Carolyn Meyer in attendance for the Fort Bend Unit, it was agreed that the unit would fit better as a State Unit than as a unit of Houston. This active group looks forward to becoming a League and they are anxious to start on the necessary studies and help from State League in accomplishing this goal. A possible name change to include the entire county should also be considered, it was felt.

We hope that this brief summary gives you some idea of how willing we are to do the work necessary for becoming a provisional league and we look forward to hearing from you soon. The following numbers are included for your convenience.

Sally Hirschheim Carolyn Meyer Nell Havron



November 21, 1989

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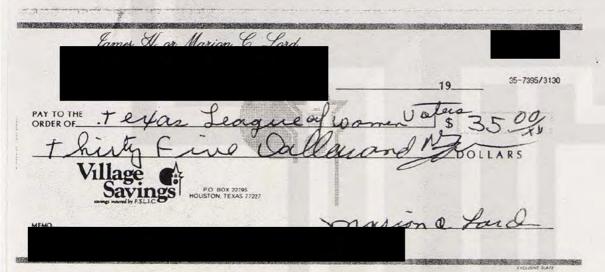
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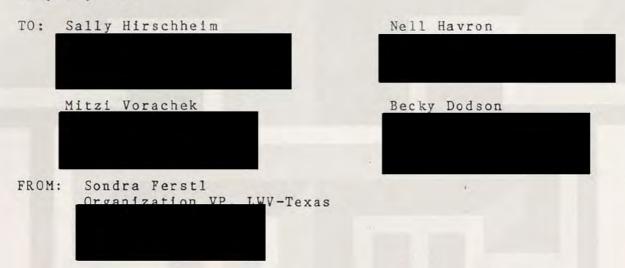


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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

1212 Guadalupe, No. 109 • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel 512/472-1100

July 21, 1989



I've spoken with all of you in the last week, but not all of you know the gist of all of the conversations. Hence this summary in the form of a memo.

Sally is serving as the contact person (chair?) for the soon-to-be member-at-large unit of Fort Bend County. Enclosed with her copy of the memo are some tools about the League of Women Voters that will be supplemented by others sent from the state office or ordered from the national office. Sally had mentioned to me that she would be on vacation July 22 - August 5, and that shortly after her return the Fort Bend County group would hold a salad supper to recruit more members and get ready for the year ahead.

Nell is the treasurer and membership chair of the Fort Bend County group. In answer to her request for start-up materials for the treasurer I am sending Ledger-de-main and The Art of Budget Building. The state League has another publication for treasurers that is in the process of being revised. Nell had also asked for membership materials "Be a Part of It." As she can see from the enclosed LWV Leader's Resource List, "Be a Part of It" comes in various forms, from a packaged set to individual brochures or nomination cards. These materials should be ordered directly from LWVUS; note that a minimum order of 25 for each item is required. The state League will reimburse you for up to \$100 for membership recruitment materials. Nell: send your order on the blue form directly to LWVUS along with payment (your League check or your personal check). For reimbursement, send a photocopy of your check and your order to the LWV-Texas treasurer, Barbara Swartz, at her Houston address at the end of this letter. Barbara will charge this expense to the line item of New Leagues and State Units.

Mitzi Vorachek has agreed to serve as advisor to the Fort Bend County Unit. Some materials for her are enclosed with this memo and others will be sent from the state office. (Mitzi indicated she would be on vacation August 11-19). Thanks so much, Mitzi, for agreeing to do this.

Becky Dodson has agreed to serve as Mitzi's back-up person in the event that Mitzi returns to full-time employment and is unable to devote as much time at that point to working with the Fort Bend group as she is able to do at the present time. Becky did ask, and I think it is a good request, that she receive a photocopy of any correspondence between Mitzi and the folks in Fort Bend County (and vice versa). So please note Becky's address at the top of the first page.

We need to be getting a handle on who the members are in the Fort Bend County Unit, including the names of the persons in the Houston League who have indicated they wish to transfer their membership. Nell, would you please send a list to me and to the state office (address on the letterhead) giving names, addresses, and telephone numbers so we can check on how many we have. Indicate on your list which ones are currently members of the Houston League. We will work out with Houston how we can handle the transfer of membership.

cc: Diane Sheridan
Barbara Swartz,
State Office
Ruthann Geer



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October 12, 1989

TO:

Nell Havron

Charlene Ansley

RE:

Ft. Bend County MAL Unit membership list

Congratulations on your three new members! That makes 28 according to my records. I have notified the national office of your new members and have changed Lynncheryl's name and address after checking with her.

I have also changed the expiration dates for you and your daughters because household members need to have the same expiration date. Myrtle McMahan (the MAL coordinator) decided on 5/1/90 as a good compromise date. That gives you and Patricia a little extra time and shortens Cindi's membership time. Please let me know if that is not OK with you.

Thanks.



October 12, 1989

Bonnie Tucker 2722 Raintree Sugar Land, TX 77478

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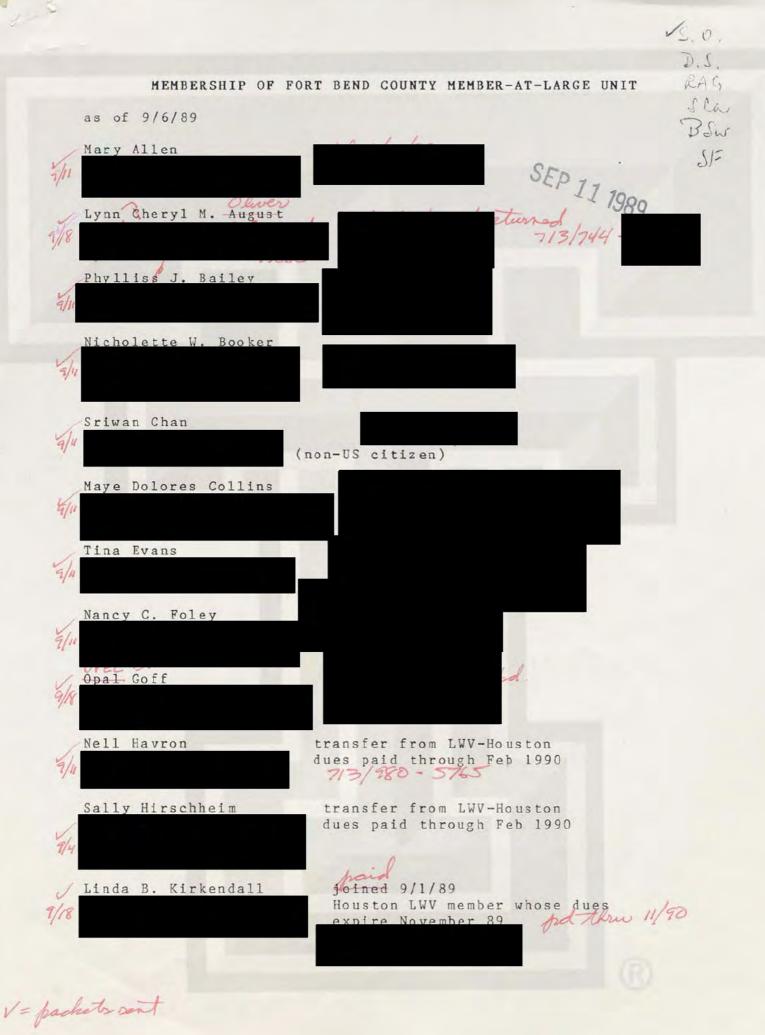
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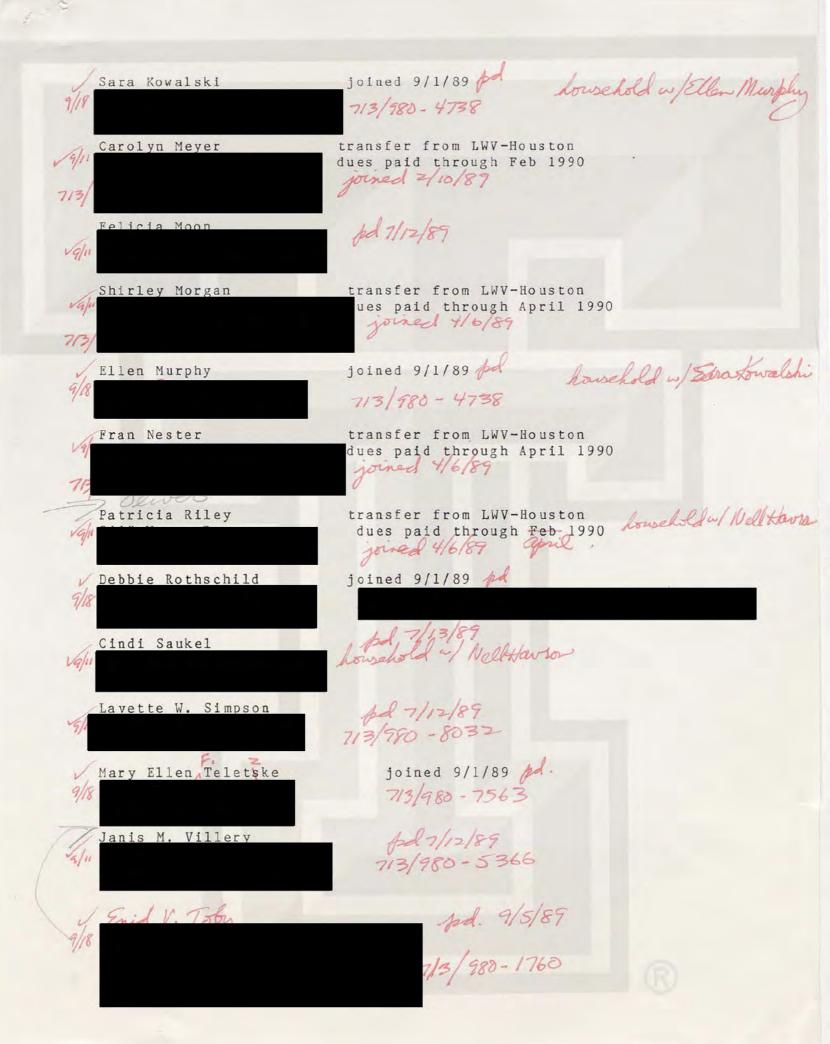
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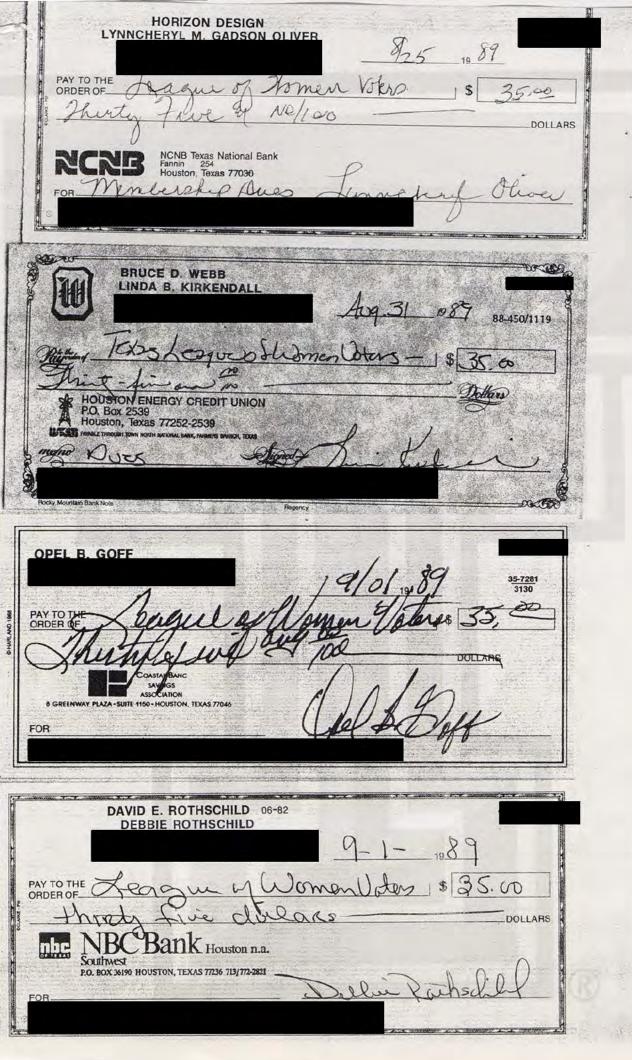
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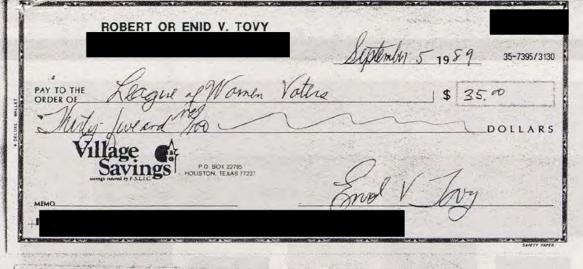




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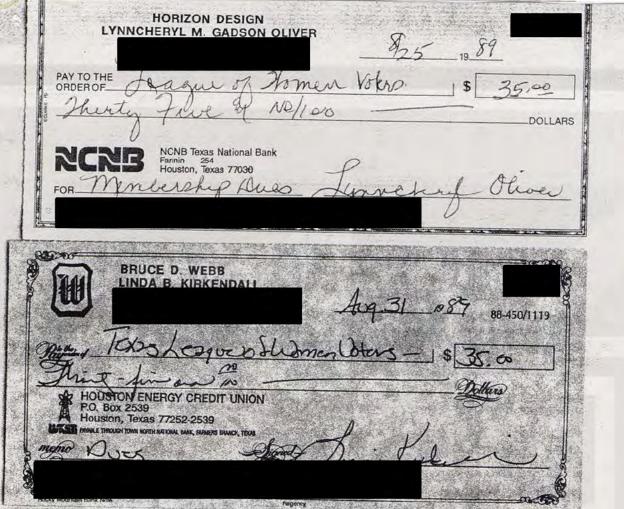
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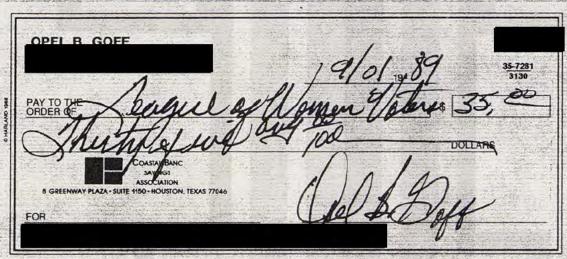


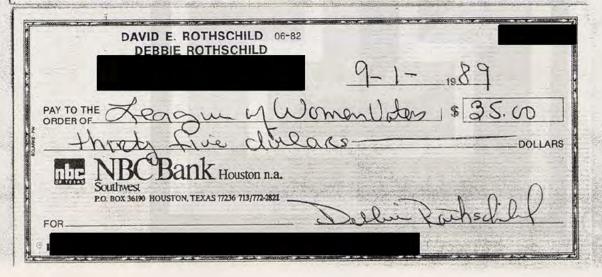


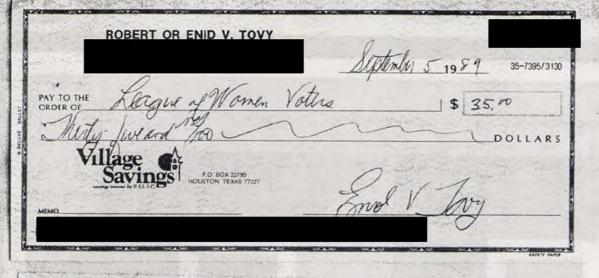
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Mrs. Sally Hirschheim Chair, Fort Bend County MAL Unit League of Women Voters

Dear Sally:

Ruthann Geer and I really enjoyed our visit with those members of the Fort Bend Member-at-Large Unit who were able to attend the meeting at Carolyn Meyers's house on October 31st. There was a good turnout, and we came away with a better understanding of your group and the role you see the League of Women Voters playing in your community. We were pleased that Mitzi Vorachek was able to join us for the journey from Houston Hobby to Sugar Land and sorry that Becky Dodson was not able to be along too.

I thought it might be useful to all of us if I summarized some of important points that came out of the meeting.

We agreed that the approach the group would take to the community study would be county-wide, with less formal studies on the cities within that county. I think Mitzi Vorachek's suggestion was a good one--that a study of the school districts (in Sugar Land or in the county) should be kept separate and attempted only after the completion of the county study.

We are pleased with the number of regular meetings and board meetings that you are holding (monthly except for December). Apparently it is your intention to meet during the summer as well; so much the better. It appears you are keeping a quorum at board meetings (6-8 people), which means that you are able to transact business promptly.

One of the items of business you indicated would be discussed at the January board meeting was planning for your Annual Meeting—when it would be held and what items you would put on the agenda. We suggested that you might want to elect officers, adopt a budget, provide reports to the membership on your activities of this past year, and possibly adopt a local study. The latest

Sent 12/19/89

edition of the <u>President's Counselor</u> contains a lot of good tips on how to plan these activities. By means of a copy of this letter, I am asking the State Office to mail a copy of this publication to you.

Certainly your Voters Service activities are well underway. It sounds as though the Education Forum went very well, judging by Phyllis Bailey's minutes. Thanks for including the form you use for obtaining questions from the floor; did the audience follow the instructions that "All questions must be of a general nature and not specific to any school, principal, or child."? The wording sounded very good; we'd like to share it with other local Leagues to use in their work at public forums.

We agreed that you need not file the standard quarterly report, but could send to the state office copies of your minutes, clippings and news releases, so that we can compile a good record of the Fort Bend County Unit. A batch of material was forwarded to me from the State Offfice a few days ago and it was most informative. One change we suggested—and you agreed to carry out—was that the minutes of the board meetings would go to every board member, not just the President and the Secretary. It really isn't necessary for Phyllis Bailey to take minutes at general meetings, just board meetings is all that is required. If you prefer to have her take minutes at general meetings as well, that's fine, for it does provide a historical record of the organization.

Items that we agreed would be discussed further in spring included working on by-laws and a policy statement; Mitzi Vorachek said she would help you with this. You also recognized the need to put together a budget for the following year along with a plan for fundraising; all of these must be on paper and discussed and approved by the board and the membership before you are recognized as a Provisional League.

Although your membership has been absorbing many expenses up until now, you cannot continue to expect your members to do this. It is also important to be realistic about what it costs to conduct League business. We encouraged you to look toward your local business community for support. We were pleased that the group was considering sending out a dozen or so letters to certain businesses even before the end of the calendar year requesting support for the organization. I suggest you get someone outside your group to review your finance letter before you send it out. Diane Sheridan indicated she would be willing to do this for you.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of placing the League on sound financial footing. We were concerned that the \$100 which

had been received from donors hadn't yet been deposited in an account; if you try to avoid service charges by waiting until you have \$200-300 you risk misplacing the check and causing the writer of the check to wonder why that check hasn't yet cleared the bank.

I think it is also important for one or both of your advisers to take a look at the first treasurer's report and posting of expenses to make sure that the report is complete. We'd like to be sure the financial reports provide the board with adequate information.

Perhaps I misinterpreted something that Nell Havron said, but I came away with the distinct impression that she was volunteering to take on Voters Service after the first of the year. At the same meeting she spoke rather freely about her participation in Republican Women's activities. Although the board may appreciate her willingness to take on a role such as Voters Service, if she is indeed active in partisan politics she could put the League's nonpartisanship policy in jeopardy as Voters Service chair. In almost every local League, the President and the Voters Service chair refrain from partisan political activity during their term in office. Your board needs to discuss what participation in the political process is acceptable for board members, keeping in mind the League's nonpartisanship policy. I urge you to invite Becky and Mitzi to the meeting at which you discuss the issue; they can give you insights on why it is an important matter for a board to discuss and agree on. In fact, I suggest that you call on Becky and Mitzi whenever questions on political activity arise, so that you can gain an understanding of what is appropriate political activity and what is not.

Well, that's a lot on your League plate for the start of 1990. Either Ruthann or I will check back with you in early February and see how you are coming along. We know you are anxious to move toward Provisional League status. Judging by what we saw at the time of our Halloween visit, you are well on your way.

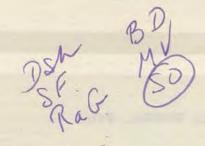
Sincerely,

Sondra Ferstl

Organization Vice President

cc: Mitzi Vorachek Becky Dodson Ruthann Geer Diane Sheridan State Office





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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. at our regular monthly meeting will be a panel from the Ft. Bend Independent School District. Dr. LeBoeuf, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Reuter, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools, and Dr. Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools will each give a 10 minute introduction. The floor will then be open to questions. After the meeting there will be an informal reception. We hope to be in the new sanctuary for this meeting instead of the room where we have been meeting.

This meeting was publicized in the Fort Bend papers, flyers were distributed to grocery stores and placed in various other public places, and Unit members who know teachers in Fort Bend schools asked those teachers to get the word out to other teachers. We expect a fairly large turn-out and hope all members will be there. Carolyn Meyers is organizing this event. If you have a question that you would like to address the superintendents, but wish to remain anonymous, call Carolyn and give your question (or questions) to her. Carolyn is compiling a separate list of questions that she will ask the guests.

Bonnie Tucker will be calling all members asking if they can bring at least two dozen cookies for the reception. Of course, if you can bring more, it will be appreciated.

It was decided at the November Board Meeting that there would be no December meeting. Meetings will resume in January.

Voter registration at the two Randalls stores on October 7 was successful. Over 170 people were registered. Sally Hirschheim received a note from the Houston LWV thanking our Unit for assisting with voter registration in our county.

On October 12 at our monthly meeting, Helen Hunter from the Houston LWV was invited as our guest speaker to discuss in detail the amendments up for vote in November. Members in attendance were given Voter's Guides. The Ft. Bend Unit distributed the remaining Guides to the library, banks, the Fort Bend Center, grocery stores and to other organizations that requested them. We ran out of Voter Guides and were unable to fill all the requests for them. One of the Ft. Bend League's objectives in the coming year is to publish our county Voter's Guides. We are looking for members of the Unit who may be interested in heading

a research team with the intent of putting together the 1990/91 Voters Guide for Fort Bend County. Anyone interested, call Sally.

Our Library Tour and Luncheon was everything we could have hoped for. The tour lasted approximately two hours. Over 50 members and guests joined us for lunch and to listen to our speaker Marsha Williams of the Literacy Volunteers of Ft. Bend County. Guests included Judge Stavinoha and Marsha Gaines, County Tax Assessor. The County Clerk was ill and sent a representative in her place. It was an informative meeting insofar as the services of the library were expounded, including the state of the art technology offered by the library and available to the community. The luncheon made the Unit a \$78.00 profit. Marsha Gaines thought the luncheon was terrific and said to "keep it up". Below is a photograph taken of some of the guests at the luncheon.

We are all invited to a "celebration" after the Library Bond Election on November 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Clabrone's Restaurant, Sugar Creek. A cash bar will be available.



left to right: Roman Bohachevsky; Director, County Librarian; Sally Hirschheim; Chairman Fort Bend County Unit League of Women Voters; Marsha Gaines, Fort Bend County Tax Assessor; Honorable Jodie E. Stavinoha, County Judge of Fort Bend County; Marcia Williams, Program Director - Literacy Volunteers of Ft. Bend County.

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On October 31, Sandra Feistl State LWV program chairman, Ruth Ann Greer and Mitzi Vorachek, Advisor, Ft. Bend Co. MAL met at Carolyn Meyers house with members of the Board and some members of the League. This meeting lasted four hours and accomplished much by way of firming up the guidelines we need to follow so we can make the transition from being a Unit to a Provisional League fairly rapidly. These women were overwhelmed by how much our Unit has been able to accomplish in such a short amount of time. There is a chance that by January we may become a provisional league.

One of the things we have to do before we become a provisional league is to set up a budget. Because our Unit has been lacking in funds, everyone has been donating time, paper, stamps, and other business expenses. It was suggested that any person that does anything for the league (no matter how small, or how large) keep a record of it. When you make a phone call or mail a letter, keep a record of the time it takes, the cost, etc.. If everyone keeps a record we can turn this into the treasurer and she can develop a sensible a budget for the 1990 year.

Linda Webb, Program Chairman, has been named a member of the Board. Linda has been a member of the League of Women Voters for 25 years and teaches government at Houston Community College. Linda will be contacting and scheduling all future speakers and organizing the events. If you wish to work with Linda on this committee, please call her.

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Publicity
Nell Havron ----- Treasurer, Membership Chairman
Phyllis Bailey ----- Secretary
Linda Webb----- Program Chairman

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Telephone Chain Committee - Sirwan Chan, Mary Allen Voter Services ----- Delores Collins Voter Registration ----- Nell Havron Newsletter ----- Bonnie Tucker, Becky Faust

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

So much seems to happen each month that I can't believe we only started last Spring! Our membership is now at 34, but we need some of you to get involved and many more to attend meetings. We need feedback to plan programs of interest to you, so please think about getting involved in one of the upcoming study programs. Linda Webb would like to form a program committee and sign up sheets will be circulated at the November meeting.

We need to get going on our county government study. Anyone want to direct it? Please call me at anytime for questions, problems or a chat.

Sincerely,

Sally Hirschheim Unit Chairman

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 1989

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sally Hirschheim, Unit Leader Carolyn Meyer, Education Program Chairman Phyllis J. Bailey, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Sally Hirschheim at 7:12 P.M. at Claibrone's Restaurant in the Sugar Creek Shopping Center in Sugar Land, TX.

We discussed the following:

- No meeting will be held in December.
- Possible suggestion for January's meeting is we could have a luncheon on Saturday afternoon to enable those working members to attend. Sally will discuss this with Linda Webb, Program Chairman.
- Enid Tovy has volunteered to work on the Study of County Government.
- Sally wants our Unit to have a bank account opened by February, 1990 because it is becoming imperative that we prepare a budget. Nell Havron will check into various options.
- We will also be checking into getting a postal box address.
- Reminder that the LWV Statewide Teleconference at J. C. Penney's (Northline Mall) Saturday, November 18, 1989.
- We are in the process of composing a letter to businesses, Lions'/ Club, etc. in Fort Bend County asking for financial and/or support services assistance in operating our Unit.
- A brief recap of the membership meeting which included an Education Forum. Dr. R. Le Boeuf, Superintendent of the Fort Bend Independent School District, Mr. James Reuter, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, and Dr. James O. Gray, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education were invited to discuss the School District in general and answer questions. Dr. Le Boeuf was unable to attend, but the latter guests did and the meeting was very informative to all. Mr. Reuter and Dr. Gray gave brief overviews of their areas of responsibility and relevant information about the School District. The meeting was well received by those who attended.

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- Sally will have a Christmas Board Luncheon at her home at noon on December 15, 1989.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis J. Bailey, Secretary

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INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE FORT BEND COUNTY UNIT - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINUTES OF MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 1989

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sally Hirschheim, Unit Leader
Nell Havron, Treasurer and Membership Chairman
Carolyn Meyer, Education Program Chairman
Bonnie Tucker, Newsletter Chairman
Linda B. Webb, Program Chairman
Phyllis J. Bailey, Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

VISITORS

O. B. Goff	P. J. Gaskin	D. L. Collins	B. Webb
L. M. August	E. V. Tovy	G. Jones	D. Taylor
S. Morgan	S. Chan	C. L. Hankla	C. Elam
M. Evans	M. D. Collins	P. White	L. Gonzales
B. Watson		M. Groschurth	L. Rodriquez

The meeting was called to order by Sally Hirschheim at 7:12 P.M. at The New Hope Lutheran Church Community Center Room, located at 1424 FM 1092, Missouri City, TX 77489.

Ms. Hirschheim brought members up to date on the following:

- No meeting will be held in December.
- Linda Webb, Program Chairman needs members on the Program Committee.
- The fact that we will be doing a Study of County Government.
- Houston LWV is doing a study on Child Abuse/Day Care and we could possibly link up with them in this effort.
- Womens' Rights Mobilization Rally to be held Saturday, November 11, 1989 in Austin, TX.
- LWV Statewide Teleconference at J. C. Penney's (Northgate Mall) Saturday, November 18, 1989.
- The various activities we had since the last meeting such as: registering of voters at all Randalls' Stores in Fort Bend County; distribution of Voter's Guides to various businesses, banks, and churches in Fort Bend County; the Luncheon at the George Memorial Library to inform the public of the Library Referendum on the November ballot (which the voters did approve).

Ms. Hirschheim also reiterated to the membership that more members need to be actively involved.

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The membership meeting was very brief because it also included an Education Forum. Dr. R. Le Boeuf, Superintendent of the Fort Bend Independent School District, Mr. James Reuter, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, and Dr. James O. Gray, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education were invited to discuss the School District in general and answer questions.

Dr. Le Boeuf was unable to attend, but the latter guests did and the meeting was very informative to all. Mr. Reuter and Dr. Gray gave brief overviews of their areas of responsibility and relevant information about the School District.

We then had oral and written questions from the audience. It was evident that we will have to have another Education Forum because there were numerous questions, the actual meeting could have gone on until 10:00 PM. Many of the questions could not be answered by the guests and the audience were given names of district personnel to call who could elaborate on unanswered questions.

We had a surprise special guest, Mr. David L. Collins, Vice President of the Fort Bend Independent School District. It was gratifying to all that he attended this meeting.

After thanking each guest for their attendance and with no further business to discuss, Sally Hirschheim adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M. We had an informal reception that ended at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis J. Bailey

Secretary

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FORT BEND COUNTY UNIT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MEETING:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1989

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

PLACE:

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 1424 FM 1092 MISSOURI CITY, TX 77459

GUEST SPEAKERS

- DR. RODNEY LE BOEUF, SUPERINTENDENT FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
- MR. JAMES REUTER
 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
- DR. JAMES O. GRAY
 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR
 SECONDARY EDUCATION

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QUESTION #

EDUCATION FORUM QUESTIONNAIRE

QUESTIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR. WE WILL GET TO AS MANY QUESTIONS AS TIME PERMITS. ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE OF A GENERAL NATURE AND NOT SPECIFIC TO ANY SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL, OR CHILD. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR ANY OF THE GUEST SPEAKERS, PLEASE PRINT IT CLEARLY.

CIRCLE NAME QUESTION IS FOR:	DR. LEBOEUF	MR. REUTER	DR. GRAY
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INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE FORT BEND COUNTY - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 24, 1989

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sally Hirschheim, Unit Leader
Nell Havron, Treasurer and Membership Chairman
Carolyn Meyer, Education Program Chairman
Bonnie Tucker, Newsletter Chairman
Linda B. Webb, Program Chairman
Phyllis J. Bailey, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Sally Hirschheim at 6:40 PM at Claborne's Restaurant in the Sugar Creek Shopping Center. Our regularly scheduled Board Meeting was cancelled from October 19, 1989 due to the fact we had the luncheon at the George Memorial Library on October 20.

Ms. Hirschheim read the minutes of the last Board Meeting and they were approved as read.

Ms. Hirschheim began the meeting by discussing the fact that our membership attendance needs to be increased at regular meetings. It was decided that we would form a telephone calling system to remind members of meeting days.

LUNCHEON REPORT

We had a luncheon report by Nell Havron. We had 50 people in attendance and raised \$78 from the raffling of gifts donated by our members. It was also decided that we will make no contributions to any other organizations until our membership and treasury increases. Nell Havron received favorable comments from Judge Jody Stavinoha and County Clerk Diane Wilson on the luncheon. The food catered by Bon Appetit Catering Service was enjoyed by all in attendance.

NOVEMBER MEETING

We discussed our next meeting which will be November 9, 1989. The program will consist of Dr. R. LeBeouf, Superintendent of Fort Bend Independent School District, Dr. Reuter, Deputy Superintendent of Elementary Education, and Dr. J. O. Gray, Deputy Superintendent of Secondary Education. They will each give a ten minute overview of their various areas of responsibility after which we will have a question and answer period. We need to have a large turn-out for this meeting and publicity is going out to all the media in Fort Bend County. We will have an informal reception immediately following the meeting. Various members will donate cookies, coffee, and etc.

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PROGRAM REPORT

Linda B. Webb will begin to form a Program Committee. We agreed there will be no meeting in December since it is a busy month. We will put press releases out with this information, along with announcing our January meeting date and time.

STATE LWV VISIT TO FORT BEND

Sally Hirschheim informed us that Sondra Ferstl and Becky Dotson will be in Houston on October 31 to go over LWV procedures with all Board Members and as many of our members as possible. We will meet at 10:30 AM at Carolyn Meyer's home.

NEWSLETTER

Bonnie Tucker and Carolyn Meyer are collaborating on the November newsletter. Phyllis Bailey will type up a membership list and labels for all members.

LWV NEWS

The Voter's Guide has been distributed throughout the community at churches, banks, and various businesses.

The New Hope Lutheran Church (location for our monthly meetings) is having their Bazaar on November 18 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We should all try to attend in return for their support of the LWV.

The Bay Area LWV will be meeting November 4-5 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (with a break for lunch) at the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority Building, 910 Bay Area Blvd. in Clear Lake. We have all been invited to attend. There will be a pot luck dinner at Diane Sheridan's home in Clear Lake Forest Saturday evening. The meeting will continue Sunday from 8:45 AM to 4:00 PM.

Sally Hirschheim received a thank you note from the Houston LWV for our assisting in Voter Registration at the Randall's Stores in Fort Bend County.

With no further business to discuss, Sally Hirschheim adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis J. Bailey

Secretary

pjb 10/25/89



FORT BEND UNIT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - TEXAS V O T E R

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7, 1989 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Voter Registration at Randalls. We still need people at the Randalls on Williams Trace and the one on Cartwright Road. You do not have to be a voter registrar to do this. Try to come for an hour. Please call Nell 980-5765.

October 12, 1989 - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting of the Ft. Bend County Unit of the League of Women Voters. Place: New Hope Lutheran Church, Highway 1092 (200 yards past Lexington) Because our planned speaker is ill, a substitute speaker is being sought at this time.

October 19, 1989 - noon.

Board meeting at Claibornes in the Sugar Creek Center.

October 20, 1989 - 11:00 a.m. Library Luncheon and Tour.

At the Ft. Bend County Library main branch in Richmond we will host a luncheon and tour of the library. The guest speaker is Marsha Williams from the Ft. Bend County Literacy Volunteers. 100 tickets will be printed for this event to be sold at \$20.00 each. The tickets may only be purchased before the event. The profit from the sale of the tickets will go into our LWV Unit and to the library. Each member will be asked to sell three tickets. More details about the Library Luncheon and Tour will available at the next meeting. Any questions please contact Nell at 980-5765.

October 22-29 - Ft. Bend County War on Drugs.

Red Ribbon Campaign week. This organization began in 1982 and is the parent organization of the Just Say No campaign.

October 31, 1989 - Meeting with Sandra Feistl State LWV program chairman. More details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18

Teleconference, J. C. Penny's at Sharpstown Mall. All Leagues nationwide will be participating in discussions via satellite. More information to follow.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN REVIEW

September 12.

The meeting with Diane Sheridan, the State League President, Mitzi Vorachek, Advisor, Ft. Bend Co. MAL, and Becky Dodson, Advisor was attended by nine members at Carolyn Meyers home. This informative get-together answered many questions members had about the LWV. The LWV was started in 1919 with the premise to get people involved government. In the national, state and local leagues, the power rests with the individual members. They elect the officers, decide the budget, issues and bylaws. A league provides voting information services and studies and acts on selected governmental issues and undertakes community service projects. Each of the guest speakers talked about the organization and functions of the League and our Unit's role in the League and our community.

September 14.

As adopted at our meeting on Sept. 14, our program this year will include:

Government Study: Monitoring Polls; Register Voters; Study Local Government.

School Policies: School Finances; Equal, Quality Education; Basic Health Care; Children and Mental Health; Child care Provisions; Literacy in Ft. Bend.

Conservation of Resources: Ground Water Supply; Waste Management (landfills); Parks and Recreations.

September 18.

The Commissioners Court Session was well attended and very successful. We were warmly received by the Commissioners, many of whom made a point to introduce themselves and acknowledge our work in the community. We were even put into the official minutes!

Phyllis Bailey is continuing to attend the School Board meetings. She will be contacting those who signed up to attend meetings. Please pick a day and help her out. It isn't necessary for you to record the minutes, the district is sending us copies of the minutes for each meeting. They are also sending us a full agenda which includes reports turned into the board to help with their decisions. If you are interested in reading either of these, contact Carolyn Meyer at 980-8443. Plan on attending the November meeting. We will have representatives from the school speaking to us.

We will be receiving Ft. Bend County War On Drugs "Red Ribbons" at our next meeting (Oct. 12) to be worn during "Red Ribbon Campaign" week Oct. 22-29. Contact Phyllis Bailey 483-6595 if you have questions on this campaign or need more details.

All notices or information to go into the newsletter need to be sent to Sally for approval by the 3rd week of each month.

All members will be receiving a Texas State Voters Guide free. These guides detail everything that will be on the ballot in the State. The guides are invaluable reference tools.

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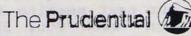
Telephone Chain Committee - Sirwan Chan, Mary Allen
Program Chairperson ----- Linda Kirkendall
Voter Services ----- Delores Collins
Voter Registration ----- Nell Havron
Newsletter ------ Bonnie Tucker, Kathryn Pruitt-Brown

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

I hope that many of you are planning to attend our October events. It is a very busy month for us!

We are trying to sustain our plans for speakers and discussions at our evening meetings and "special" events like the library luncheon during the daytime. In this way, we are able to accommodate our members who work as well as those who prefer daytime. Let us know how you like this policy.

Sincerely, Sally Hirschheim Unit Chairman



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FORT BEND COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 1989

ATTENDEES: Sally Hirscheim Carolyn Meyer Nell Havron
Mary Allen Bonnie Tucker Enid Tovy

Dolores Collins Phyllis Bailey

VISITORS: Geraldine Jones and Jean Richie

The meeting was called to order by Sally Hirscheim at 7:15 p.m. at the New Hope Lutheran Church.

Sally reported on the success of the luncheon held at Sweetwater Country Club on September 1 featuring Roman Bohachevsky, Director, Fort Bend Public Libraries. There were 27 people who ate lunch and a total of 32 in all.

It was suggested we hold a "November School Special" and invite school board personnel for a special event since the Texas Education Assoc. will be visiting FBISD during the month of November. The suggested site is Claiborne's in Sugar Creek Shopping Center. Carolyn Meyer will investigate and report at the next meeting.

Sally then reported on the meeting held September 12 with the State President of the LWV, Diane Sheridan, Mitzi Vorachek and Becky Dotson. It was a very exciting meeting and all who attended came away feeling they had gained much more insight into the LWV. The LWV grew out of the suffragettes movement. It is a non-partisan organization. The LWV appeals to a lot of people who were in a single issue group because the LWV covers many issues. Additional information gathered at this meeting is:

- 1. The LWV mirrors government with three tiers
- "Bottom-Up" structure (consensus, etc.)
- Fort Bend is a Member-At-Large (MAL) Unit working toward provisional league status.
- 4. Non-partisanship when attending public meetings as an LWV observer.

Being a member of the LWV can be a happy, successful and rewarding experience.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

We will be participating in the Voter Registration Program Saturday, October 7, 1989 at the Randalls' on Highway 6 at Williams Trace and Cartwright Road. See Nell Havron about signing up for this project.

Some of us will be attending Commissioners' Court on Monday, September 18 because the Library Bond Issue is being presented and after this we will be sworn in at the Voter's Registrar Office.

<u>Information Note</u>: Enid Tovy is working on the Library Bond Issue Committee.

If people say to you, they do not want to register because they don't want to be selected for jury duty, tell them the State of Texas also selects jurors from motor vehicle records.

See Bonnie Tucker on anything that needs to go into the Newsletter.

The issue was brought up if we (LWV) could be friends of the Library. This issue was tabled and will be discussed with the membership after the Library Luncheon and Tour Friday, October 20 at 11:00 AM. More details will be forthcoming on ticket price, etc.

PRESENTATION OF THE BOARD'S SLATE OF OFFICERS

Sally Hirscheim - Chairman

Carolyn Meyer - Education Program Chairman Nell Havron - Treasurer/Membership Chairman

Phyllis Bailey - Secretary (Recorder)

Telephone Chain Committee

Program Chairperson

Sirwan Chan Mary Allen One other needed

Linda Kirkendall (Committee to be put together)

Voter Services

Voter Registration

Newsletter

Dolores Collins Lavette Simpson Nell Havron

Bonnie Tucker Kathryn Pruitt-Brown

The Board will meet on the third Thursday of each month at lunchtime at Claibornes in the Sugar Creek Shopping Center. General meetings will be the second Thursday of each month at the New Hope Lutheran Church.

The following items were discussed as issues we could become involved in:

Government Study

Social Policies

Conservation of Resources

Monitoring Polls School Finances
Register Voters Equal, Quality Edu
Study Local Government Basic Health Care

School Finances
Equal, Quality Education
Basic Health Care
Children and Mental Health
Child Care Provisions
Literacy in Fort Bend

Ground Water
Supply
Waste Mgmt.
(Landfills)
Parks and
Recreation

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, September 23 TEXAS COASTAL CLEAN-UP 9:00 AM TO NOON ADOPT A BEACH
- Saturday, October 7 VOTER REGISTRATION AT RANDALLS
- Friday, October 20 LIBRARY TOUR AND LUNCHEON
- October 22-29 FORT BEND COUNTY WAR ON DRUGS "RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN"
- October 31 MEETING WITH SANDRA FEISTL, STATE
 LWV PROGRAM CHAIRMAN More details
 to follow.
- Saturday, November 18 TELECONFERENCE AT J. C. PENNEY'S SHARPSTOWN MALL
 LWV nationwide participating in discussions via satellite.
 More details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis J. Bailey

Secretary

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FORT BEND UNIT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - TEXAS V O T E R

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7, 1989 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Voter Registration at Randalls. We still need people at the Randalls on Williams Trace and the one on Cartwright Road. You do not have to be a voter registrar to do this. Try to come for an hour. Please call Nell

October 12, 1989 - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting of the Ft. Bend County Unit of the League of Women Voters. Place: New Hope Lutheran Church, Highway 1092 (200 yards past Lexington) Because our planned speaker is ill, a substitute speaker is being sought at this time.

October 19, 1989 - noon.

Board meeting at Claibornes in the Sugar Creek Center.

October 20, 1989 - 11:00 a.m. Library Luncheon and Tour.

At the Ft. Bend County Library main branch in Richmond we will host a luncheon and tour of the library. The guest speaker is Marsha Williams from the Ft. Bend County Literacy Volunteers. 100 tickets will be printed for this event to be sold at \$20.00 each. The tickets may only be purchased before the event. The profit from the sale of the tickets will go into our LWV Unit and to the library. Each member will be asked to sell three tickets. More details about the Library Luncheon and Tour will available at the next meeting. Any questions please contact Nell at 980-5765.

October 22-29 - Ft. Bend County War on Drugs.

Red Ribbon Campaign week. This organization began in 1982 and is the parent organization of the Just Say No campaign.

October 31, 1989 - Meeting with Sandra Feistl State LWV program chairman. More details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18

Teleconference, J. C. Penny's at Sharpstown Mall. All Leagues nationwide will be participating in discussions via satellite. More information to follow.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN REVIEW

September 12.

The meeting with Diane Sheridan, the State League President, Mitzi Vorachek, Advisor, Ft. Bend Co. MAL, and Becky Dodson, Advisor was attended by nine members at Carolyn Meyers home. This informative get-together answered many questions members had about the LWV. The LWV was started in 1919 with the premise to get people involved government. In the national, state and local leagues, the power rests with the individual members. They elect the officers, decide the budget, issues and bylaws. A league provides voting information services and studies and acts on selected governmental issues and undertakes community service projects. Each of the guest speakers talked about the organization and functions of the League and our Unit's role in the League and our community.

September 14.

As adopted at our meeting on Sept. 14, our program this year will include:

Government Study: Monitoring Polls; Register Voters; Study Local Government.

School Policies: School Finances; Equal, Quality Education; Basic Health Care; Children and Mental Health; Child care Provisions; Literacy in Ft. Bend.

Conservation of Resources: Ground Water Supply; Waste Management (landfills); Parks and Recreations.

September 18.

The Commissioners Court Session was well attended and very successful. We were warmly received by the Commissioners, many of whom made a point to introduce themselves and acknowledge our work in the community. We were even put into the official minutes!

Phyllis Bailey is continuing to attend the School Board meetings. She will be contacting those who signed up to attend meetings. Please pick a day and help her out. It isn't necessary for you to record the minutes, the district is sending us copies of the minutes for each meeting. They are also sending us a full agenda which includes reports turned into the board to help with their decisions. If you are interested in reading either of these, contact Carolyn Meyer at 980-8443. Plan on attending the November meeting. We will have representatives from the school speaking to us.

We will be receiving Ft. Bend County War On Drugs "Red Ribbons" at our next meeting (Oct. 12) to be worn during "Red Ribbon Campaign" week Oct. 22-29. Contact Phyllis Bailey if you have questions on this campaign or need more details.

All notices or information to go into the newsletter need to be sent to Sally for approval by the 3rd week of each month.

All members will be receiving a Texas State Voters Guide free. These guides detail everything that will be on the ballot in the State. The guides are invaluable reference tools.

Our Board Includes:

Sally Hirschheim ----- Chairman
Carolyn Meyer ----- Education Program Chairman and
Publicity
Nell Havron ----- Treasurer, Membership Chairman
Phyllis Bailey ----- Secretary

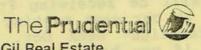
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Program Chairperson ----- Linda Kirkendall
Voter Services ----- Delores Collins
Voter Registration ----- Nell Havron
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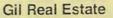
FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

I hope that many of you are planning to attend our October events. It is a very busy month for us!

We are trying to sustain our plans for speakers and discussions at our evening meetings and "special" events like the library luncheon during the daytime. In this way, we are able to accommodate our members who work as well as those who prefer daytime. Let us know how you like this policy.

Sincerely,
Sally Hirschheim
Unit Chairman





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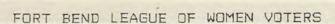


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August 18, 1989

July 12th Sweetwater Country Club Evening

This special membership drive evening was a great success! We had a large group and the following people decided to join our ranks:

Janice Villery Tina Evans Lavette Simpson
Felicia Moon Dolores Collins Phyliss Bailey
Nicolette Booker Lynn Cheryl August Nancý Foley

We welcome them and look forward to working with them. The group discussed meeting times for the coming year's activities and it was widely agreed that the majority of meetings would be held in the evenings - this helped us in finding a location which was very difficult (see notice below). It was felt that we could also arrange to have daytime "special sessions" with speakers on the topics we plan to study, these could be placed throughout the year as desired.

Nell Havron and Carolyn Meyer did a fine job in the organizing of this event and are to be commended. Thanks! September Meeting Time and Place

We had been meeting at the First Colony Christian Church and Community Center until this month, but we have changed our plans. The Center on Sweetwater Blvd. proved a difficult place for members to find (the drive is not on Sweetwater) and there were very narrow staircases to reach the meeting rooms. In combination with the afternoon time frame these things seemed to be major problems for our members and turnouts there were very poor. In an effort to start a new we sought another meeting place; many were fully booked through Dec. 1989. Mary Allen kindly suggested her church, New Hope Luthern Church, as an option.

The Pastor at New Hope, Rev. Stephen Quill, is very involved in community programs and in particular health care for the poor. Since this is one of the LWV-Tx. program issues we may well use him as a resource as well as our "landlord". If you have the chance stop and say hello and thanks for allowing us to meet there.

The first meeting for this facility will be on the 2nd Thursday of Sept. (Sept. 14) at 7:00 pm. NEW HOPE LUTHERN CHURCH, 1424 HWY. 1092, MISSOURI CITY (turn right from Lexington Blvd. and up a few blocks on the right) Please try to attend as we need to fix our program agenda for the next 6 months and we need your input. School Board Meetings (FBISD)

Phyliss Bailey has been attending FBISD Board Meetings for ages as a concerned private citizen, now she has joined the LWV and will be our monitor there. Phyllis has been sending me the most beautifully done minutes (in triplicate!) for the meetings she has attended since joining. I am sure if you speak with her she will fill you in on what goes on and maybe get you interested in joining her at some meetings. We will be asking Phyllis for details on some of the important issues discussed at these meetings on a regular basis. We would like to set up a rotor to ensure our continued presence at such meetings - one person can't

do it alone. Monitoring public services and government is a major task of the LWV. Thankyou Phyllis!

Second Sweetwater Get-Together

We have organized another "get to know us" luncheon at Sweetwater Country Club for Sept 1,1989 at noon. We will have Roman Bohachevsky the Director of F.B. Public Libraries talking about the coming bond issue and the plans to expand F.B. library Please try to attend and if at all possible bring along a few friends - we want a good turnout! The Luncheon will be a special sandwich buffet with salads, assorted breads and coffee/tea and a cobbler for \$12. You are still welcome even if you don't want to eat!!! Please call Carolyn Meyer for details 980-8443.

We will also be distributing Voter Registration cards to our they can get all their friends and neighbors (and Husbands!!) registered before the deadline date of October 8 (this is the final "in person" date - adjust for mailing in cards).

Other Important Dates

Aug. 26 - Women's Equality Day

Aug. 28 - FBISD School Year Begins

Sept.4 - Labor Day (no school FBISD)

Sept.8 - First day to accept applications for absentee for Nov. election

Sept. 16 - Oct 20 - COASTWEEKS 1989

Sept. 17 - Citizenship Day

CAN YOU HELP?

We need someone to write a monthly newsletter. Perhaps it could be a couple of people or someone's teenage computer buff. urgently need someone to do this job for us. Becky Faust has provided us with a printing sponsorship. Thanks Becky!

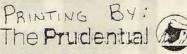
A recorder to take notes at our meetings. This post could shared by a couple of people; ex. one to scribble during meetings and another to type up. It is very important we fill this post as we will be needing to refer back to discussions and any votes on issues if the state calls for one on a program subject during the year.

FINAL THOUGHTS

I am glad we are increasing our membership and gaining some real "go-getters" in the process, let's keep it up. If each one of us tries to contact 3 or 4 people we know who are community minded I think we can make a real difference to our county. Please remember it is fine to invite friends to our meetings or special events even if they don't want to join. We will always be trying to have local speakers on the issues in the news The main objective of the LWV is to inform throughout the year. the public. Sally

Sally Hirschheim Chairman

Nell Havron Treasurer/Membership



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July 21, 1989

TO: Sally Hirschheim

Mitzi Vorachek

FROM: Sondra Ferstl

Organization VP, LWV-Texas

Nell Havron

Becky Dodson

I've spoken with all of you in the last week, but not all of you know the gist of all of the conversations. Hence this summary in the form of a memo.

Sally is serving as the contact person (chair?) for the soon-to-be member-at-large unit of Fort Bend County. Enclosed with her copy of the memo are some tools about the League of Women Voters that will be supplemented by others sent from the state office or ordered from the national office. Sally had mentioned to me that she would be on vacation July 22 - August 5, and that shortly after her return the Fort Bend County group would hold a salad supper to recruit more members and get ready for the year ahead.

Nell is the treasurer and membership chair of the Fort Bend County group. In answer to her request for start-up materials for the treasurer I am sending Ledger-de-main and The Art of Budget Building. The state League has another publication for treasurers that is in the process of being revised. Nell had also asked for membership materials "Be a Part of It." As she can see from the enclosed LWV Leader's Resource List, "Be a Part of It" comes in various forms, from a packaged set to individual brochures or nomination cards. These materials should be ordered directly from LWVUS; note that a minimum order of 25 for each item is required. The state League will reimburse you for up to \$100 for membership recruitment materials. Nell: send your order on the blue form directly to LWVUS along with payment (your League check or your personal check). For reimbursement, send a photocopy of your check and your order to the LWV-Texas treasurer, Barbara Swartz, at her Houston address at the end of this letter. Barbara will charge this expense to the line item of New Leagues and State Units.

Mitzi Vorachek has agreed to serve as advisor to the Fort Bend County Unit. Some materials for her are enclosed with this memo and others will be sent from the state office. (Mitzi indicated she would be on vacation August 11-19). Thanks so much, Mitzi, for agreeing to do this.

Becky Dodson has agreed to serve as Mitzi's back-up person in the event that Mitzi returns to full-time employment and is unable to devote as much time at that point to working with the Fort Bend group as she is able to do at the present time. Becky did ask, and I think it is a good request, that she receive a photocopy of any correspondence between Mitzi and the folks in Fort Bend County (and vice versa). So please note Becky's address at the top of the first page.

We need to be getting a handle on who the members are in the Fort Bend County Unit, including the names of the persons in the Houston League who have indicated they wish to transfer their membership. Nell, would you please send a list to me and to the state office (address on the letterhead) giving names, addresses, and telephone numbers so we can check on how many we have. Indicate on your list which ones are currently members of the Houston League. We will work out with Houston how we can handle the transfer of membership.

cc: Diane Sheridan
Barbara Swartz,
State Office
Ruthann Geer