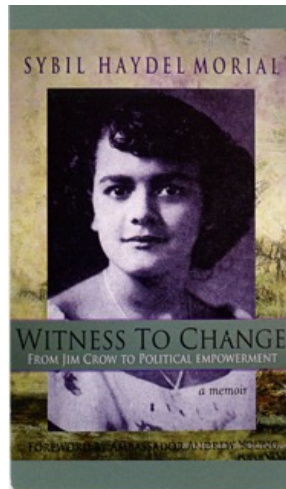




LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of NEW ORLEANS

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League Essentials



Sybil Haydel Morial
WITNESS TO CHANGE

LWVNO Holiday Party

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 3:00 PM
At the home of Joel and Bert Myers
37 Lark Street, in Lake Vista
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

Guest Speaker
Sybil Haydel Morial



SAVE THE DATE

October 9, 2016 9 PM to 10:30 PM
Presidential Town Hall Debate

October 9, 2016 6:30 PM to 8 PM
Sierra Club Meeting, Audubon Zoo
Coastal Resiliency
Dominion Room

October 10, 2016 7 PM
Please Join Us
Movie: *Equal Means Equal*
Zeitgeist Multi-Discipline Arts Center
1618 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.

October 13, 2016 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Judicial Candidate Forum 2016
7th Ward Community Center
2022 St. Bernard Ave.

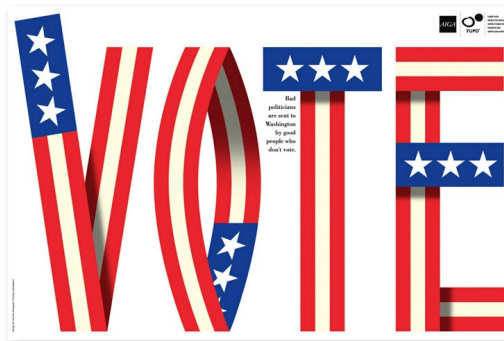
October 19, 2016 9 PM to 10:30 PM
Presidential Debate

October 25 through November 1, 2016
Early Voting
See our Article Below on Locations in
Orleans and Jefferson Parishes

November 2, 2016 6:30 PM
LWVNO Board Meeting 6:30 PM
1215 Prytania St., Suite 224

November 8, 2016
Election Day

December 3, 2016 3 PM
LWVNO Holiday Party
37 Lark Street, New Orleans



Message from the President

Dear Members,

Tuesday, November 8, 2016, is Election Day in the United States of America!! We have heard it all before - this is a very important election, but in this particular election, most citizens would actually agree that this is a reality.

Voter turnout can be low. Our country does not have compulsory voting, as is the case in some other nations. Our attempt to get people to the polls may be somewhat more limited but is existent and robust.

The League of Women Voters has worked diligently registering voters over the last months, at a variety of venues - churches, schools, festivals, health fairs, and community events in New Orleans.

Nationwide, the League "is working in more than 700 communities, in every state, to help eligible Americans register and get ready to vote." In fact, the League expects to reach one out of every five people in the U.S. to encourage voting.

In Louisiana, our percentage of registered voters is high. But, getting voters to actually turnout can be a challenge. The League's online Election Guide provides vital information on candidates (in their own words), on the state's constitutional amendments and on Orleans Parish propositions. Studies have shown that eligible voters who have election information are more likely to vote. In addition to providing information, we work closely with elections officials to ensure that voting goes smoothly.

As an organization that does not endorse or oppose candidates, the LWV puts efforts into strategies to motivate potential voters to register, to obtain information, and to mobilize voters. We do not target voters who are expected to cast their vote for particular candidates, but reach out to all potential voters.

Encourage others to absentee vote, or to early vote - or for those who prefer, to vote on Election Day. Ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and peers to join the League and show up at the polls.

Voter Mobilization does matter. "This is a very important election season."

*Best,
Rosalind Blanco Cook, LWWNO president*

We are so proud of our candidate questionnaire and constitutional amendment information, located on our website (lwwno.org). And we want to spread the word! Keep an eye out for our promotional flyers in your favorite libraries, coffee shops, music venues, and other locations. If you want to help distribute this information in your community, please contact us.

Jessie Nieblas, Vice President



AN UNFLINCHING LOOK AT HOW WOMEN ARE TREATED IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY.

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL

Examining both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, director Kamala Lopez uncovers how outdated and discriminatory attitudes inform and influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system.

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 Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast

Monday, Oct. 10, 2016
 7 pm

Zeitgeist Multi-Disciplinary Arts Center
 1618 Oretha C Haley Blvd.
 New Orleans, LA

Twenty Women Who Changed New Orleans



Photograph by Felicia Kahn

Historic New Orleans Collection

LWVNO members and friends met at the The Historic New Orleans Collection at 533 Royal Street on Saturday, August 6, 2016, for a viewing of the exhibit "Voices of Progress Twenty Women Who Changed New Orleans."

Board member Lisa Marie Manning-Ambrose arranged for the group to meet with Amanda McFillen, Associate Director of Museum Programs, and her staff, for an introduction to the exhibition. The docents explained the procedure the museum used to select the honorees who had played an active

role in the shaping of New Orleans. Their contributions ranged from the 19th century campaign for child welfare, through the woman suffrage movement, to the fight for civil rights and equality.

LWVNO members then explored the letters, photographs, film and personal effects that spotlighted the achievements of these extraordinary women in New Orleans history. Following the tour, some of the group enjoyed lunch at The Restaurant on Royal Street.

Sue Dicharry, Board Member

The Twenty Women Honored Who Changed New Orleans

Sophie B. Wright (1866-1912), Caroline E. Merrick (1825-1908), Henriette Delille (1812-1862), Margaret Haughery (1813-1882), Kate Gordon (1861-1932), Jean Gordon (1865-1931), Eliza Jane Nicholson (1843-1896), Eleanor McMain (1868-1934), Sylvanie Francoz Williams (1855-1921), Leila Moore Williams (1901-1966), Hilda Phelps Hammond (1890-1951), Martha Gilmore Robinson (1888-1981), Mary Meeks Morrison (1911-1998), Martha Gasquet Westfeldt (1884-1960), Leontine Goins Luke (1909-2001), Oretha Castle Haley (1939-1987), Doris Jean Castle (1942-1998), Iris Turner Kelso (1926-2003), Dorothy Mae Taylor (1928-2000), Lindy Boggs (1916-2013).

These women represented some of the best among us in their dedication to improving the lives of others. They were from all walks of life, different races, religions and incomes. They opened schools for the poor, homes for disabled girls, day care centers for poor working women, night schools for working men and boys. They fought for our right to vote, they fought for equal pay, for safe drinking water, for safety in the workplace. They were civil rights leaders, teachers, elected officials and journalists. Some served time in prison for their beliefs. Each, in her own way, improved the life we live and the lives of our children and grandchildren.

While the 20 women of the exhibit are role models and trail blazers in New Orleans, there are countless others whose contributions improved the lives of us all. Let's be sure to honor as many women as possible in the coming months and years that lead up to the 100 anniversary of women achieving the right to vote.

We will highlight each of their lives in future newsletters.

Pat Bedenbaugh, Board Member

Margaret Haughery (1813-1882)

Margaret Haughery was born into poverty in Ireland. She immigrated with her family to Baltimore at the age of 5 and was orphaned when she was 9 years old. She married and moved to New Orleans, losing her husband and child within the next two years.

Margaret worked as a laundress. She donated her extra wages to the Sisters of Charity, who ran the Poydras Orphan Asylum. She later worked for the sisters, saving enough money to buy two cows to start a dairy. The small dairy became so successful that she opened a bakery. Her businesses were so successful she financed the construction of a number of orphanages including St. Elizabeth's, St. Teresa's and St. Vincent's asylum. She left her fortune to charity. Her statue can be seen at Camp and Prytania, across the street from our LWVNO office.



Sophie Wright (1866-1912)

At 14 years of age Sophie Wright opened a day school in her home, which later grew into the Home Institute, a day and boarding school for girls. Within the school she operated a free night school for working men and boys. She later opened a home for disabled children in New Orleans and a retreat for underprivileged women and children in Mandeville. She was the first woman, in 1903, to be awarded the Daily Picayune's Loving Cup.



National Registration Day at Cafe Istanbul

Photograph by Rosalind Cook

Early Voting Sites

Early Voting is from October 25, 2016 through November 1, 2016

Those who wish to vote early may do so in person at your parish Registrar of Voters' office or at designated locations in your parish from 14 days to seven days prior to any scheduled election.

Orleans Parish Early Voting Sites

- Registrar's Office, City Hall, RM 1W23; 1300 Perdido St. (504) 658-8300
- Registrar's Office, Algiers Courthouse, RM 105; 225 Morgan St. (504) 658-0195
- Voting Machine Warehouse; 8870 Chef Menteur Highway
- Lake Vista Community Center, 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd. 2nd floor meeting room

Jefferson Parish Early Voting Sites

- East Bank (Yenni Building) 1221 Elmwood Pk. Blvd., Ste. 502 (504) 736-6191
- East Bank (Kenner-Rivertown) 408 Minor St. (504) 467-5168
- West Bank (Marrero): 5001 West Bank Expwy., Ste. C2 (504) 349-5690

Debate Watching 101

(Abridged from LWVUS)

Before the Debate

You may want to make plans to get together with friends or family to watch the debate.

- * Follow the campaign to learn about the candidates and their backgrounds.
- * Find out what the important campaign issues are.
- * Decide what issues are most important to you.
- * Think about questions you may have and the information you want to get from the debate.
- * Open your mind to new opinions/impressions of the candidate regardless of party affiliation.

During the Debate

When watching the debate ask yourself questions like these to help you judge the fairness of the debate and the performance of the candidates.

The debate format and questions

- * Does the format give each candidate an equal opportunity to speak and respond?
- * Are the questions clear, fair and equally tough on all candidates?

* Do the questions cover the issues that are important to you?

* Is the moderator in control of the debate?

The candidates

* Do they answer questions directly, or do they evade them?

* Do they give specifics about their stands on the issues, or do they speak in generalities?

* Do they support their positions and arguments with facts and figures?

* Do they talk about their own policies and positions, or do they mostly attack their opponents?

* Are their proposals realistic? Can they actually carry out the promises they are making?

* Do they appear sincere, confident and relaxed?

* Do they show how their backgrounds and experience qualify them to hold the office?

* Are their answers consistent with their previous positions, and if not, do they explain why?

* What image are they trying to create?

* Do their responses appear overly rehearsed or "canned"?

Media coverage

* If you are watching the debate on television, are reaction shots or other techniques used to create a sense of drama or conflict?

* Are you being influenced by comments made by reporters and commentators?

After the Debate

* Compare your impressions with others who watched the debate.

* Ask yourself which candidate appears most qualified for the office.

* Identify the issues on which you agree with a candidate and those on which you disagree.

* Ask yourself if you learned something new about the issues or the candidate.

* Think about whether you have more questions about the issues.

* Get more information about the candidates' positions from news reports, candidate websites and nonpartisan voter information websites such as VOTE411.org.

* Watch later debates for more information or to confirm your current impressions.

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Linda Walker, Voter Services Chair



Not So Long Ago!

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE FORUM 2016

MODERATED BY: ROB MASSON & MIKE PERLSTEIN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
6:30 - 8:30 PM
7TH WARD COMMUNITY CENTER

2022 St. Bernard Avenue
BEHIND CORPUS CHRISTI-EPIPHANY CHURCH

Candidates running for State of
Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit:
Laurie White & Regina Bartholomew Woods

Candidates running for Orleans Parish Criminal District Court:
Paul Bonin, Kevin Guillory & Dennis Moore

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Thank you to all who have renewed. If you have not, please click the join button below to pay on line or mail your check to:

LWVNO

1215 Prytania St., Suite 224
New Orleans, LA 70130

JOIN

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTIONS
REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 11, 2016.

The LWVNO Voters' Guide is now available to everyone on our website. Our questionnaire was provided to each candidate and gives voters information, posted by the candidates and unedited by us, to help choose the person you believe is best suited for the job. Let your friends and neighbors know about this valuable information at www.lwvno.org

Many of the candidates answered questions about their background and education, their experience and why they want to serve. Please check out candidate responses, unedited by us, as well as an analysis of the Constitutional Amendments on this November's ballot, at the following:

<http://lwvofla.org/voter-education/voter-services-2016/>

Environmental Committee Report

Sierra Club Meeting

Dr. Julie Whitbeck, ecologist for Jean Lafitte National Park and Preserve, spoke about Jean Lafitte and the impact of climate change on the park. She presented a slide show and gave us a history of how the park developed. LWWNO environmental committee member Marietta Herr was one of those who played an active role in the development of the park.

Our next Sierra Club meeting will be held this Sunday, October 9, 2016, at Audubon Park's Dominion Room. Johanna Degraffenreid, from the Gulf Restoration Network, will speak about the organization's efforts to get funding to implement "nonstructural solutions" to protect communities from flooding.

Sierra Club meetings are free and open to the public.

Wendy King, Environmental Chair

Call for Volunteers



Voter Registration
Joseph S. Clark High School

The Voter Services Committee is seeking volunteers to assist voter registration following the naturalization ceremony each Friday at the Office of Homeland Security at 1250 Poydras, 18th floor. The ceremony usually begins at 10:30 am. Contact Sue Dicharry at 504 210-9102 or sdicharry@yahoo.com



Barbara LaFleur, Rosalind Cook,
Marlene Hester
Longue Vue Gardens
Photograph by Felicia Kahn

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted in voter registration at Longue Vue Gardens, the Treme Blues Festival, the Health Fair at Sojourner Truth, Burke Park, Cameron College, and Joseph S.Clark High School.



Left Rosalind Blanco Cook
and friend.

Photo by Sue Dicharry

LWVNO on Facebook

Facebook and Twitter are two excellent ways to remain in contact with our members and to pass information along to other like-minded individuals. Please "[like](#)" and "[share](#)" our Facebook page. Send us pictures or information about events that could be posted to our page.

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