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The League of Women Voters of the Houston Area, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League does not support any political candidate or party.

The League office is a public information center open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located near the Galleria at 2650 Fountainview, Suite 328. This phone number is 713/784-2923.

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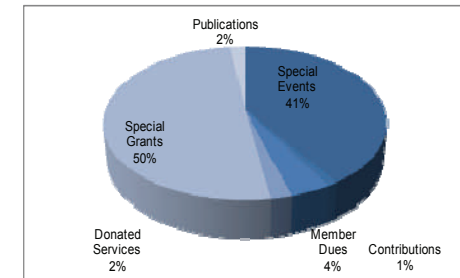
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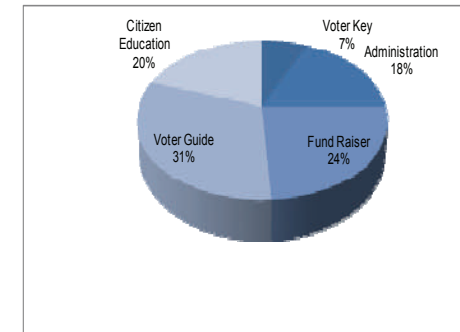
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2007-2008 Achievements

- Compiled and distributed over 170,000 copies of the Voters Guide for the November General Election. Responses of candidates were printed in English and Spanish. The Voters Guide was also available at our web site: www.lwvhouston.org
- Answered telephones with voter information for KPRC-TV from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Days.
- Published and distributed 25,000 directories of elected officials (Voters Key) in Harris and Ft. Bend counties.
- Published and distributed voter information brochures at Naturalization Ceremonies. Registered over 20,000 new voters in Harris and Ft. Bend counties.
- Co-hosted State of the County luncheon.
- Hosted our popular Repast luncheon featuring a conversation between Debra Danburg and Peggy Hamrick.
- Observed regular meetings of Houston City Council and Harris County Commissioners Court and reported on these meetings to the members.
- Provided speakers to the community through the League's Speakers Bureau.
- Provided a website with nonpartisan voting and election information as well as information on governmental issues.
- Hosted a luncheon recognizing newly-elected county and state officials.
- Communicated with local, state and national elected officials on issues in the public interest.

Study and Action

Comprehensive research and development of information, both pro and con, and consensus precede any position the League takes. This information is shared with the public through regular and special public meetings and through publications.

The League studies public issues related to:

- Government
- International relations
- Natural resources
- Social policy

Facts and Issues are clearly and concisely presented to citizens and decision makers.

Effective action results when citizens participate in government.

In 2007-2008, the League sponsored public meetings on:

- Local Candidates
- Mandated Education Testing
- Immigration
- Health
- Voter Participation
- Water Quality

Members contributed more than 15,000 hours volunteer hours in 2007-2008 to fulfill the League's mission and to achieve its goals.



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