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Women voters recruiting new members

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The League of Women Voters of Arlington will launch its new year with a member recruitment meeting on Monday.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Odis Pharr Community Center, 3535 Marathon St. in Pantego.

Darlene Hicks, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas, and Arlington City Councilwoman **Lana Wolff** will be the keynote speakers.

The league holds monthly meetings and frequent public forums on community issues, and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to anyone of voting age.

Also, the league has produced a brochure that provides contact information for elected officials and school board members in the area.

Copies of the free brochure are available at Arlington libraries and also can be downloaded from the group's Web site at www.lwvarlington-tx.org.

Call 817-472-5982 for more details about the organization, membership or its services.

Officers who will lead the organization this year include **Bonnie Bowman**, president; **Tonya Presley**, vice president-voter service; **Grace Darling**, secretary; and **Brenda Koegler**, treasurer.

Directors include **Stephanie Smith**, finance; **Tracy Plackemeier**, membership; **Barbara Prabhu**, public relations; **Vicki Hawxhurst**, program; **Tonya Presley**, newsletter and Web site editor; and **Bonnie Bowman**, cable television production.

Musical officers

The Arlington Music Teachers Association recently welcomed new officers, including: **Bonnie Dove**, president; **Sandy McClenahan**, vice president; **Cheryl Harris**, yearbook; **Bansy Johnson**, newsletter and publicity; **Michele Crawford**, secretary; **Dee Walraven**, treasurer; **Ann Harris**, parliamentarian; **Jo Anne Thomson**, membership; **Toni Zavatson**, student affiliate; **Judy Perkins** and **Carolyn Savko**, festivals; **Jonathan Geer**, Web site and referral; **Rilla Altman**, theory; and **Mabel Hudgins**, telephone.

The group, which is associated with the national and Texas music teachers associations and is a member of the Arlington Arts League, is "committed to maintaining high professional standards and provides a large number of festivals, recitals, scholarships and other opportunities for music students," according to **Bansy Johnson**.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, and the organization is planning its 50th anniversary celebration this year.

Contact **Jonathan Geer** at jonathangeer@sbcglobal.net for more details.

Pencil this in

Go ahead and mark your calendar for Holiday Magic, the annual holiday marketplace fundraiser for the Junior League of Arlington. This year, the fundraiser is scheduled Nov. 2-4 at the Arlington Convention Center.

If you're interested in joining the organization, there is still time. Visit the group's Web site at www.jlarlington.org or contact **Angie Blackburn** via e-mail at angieblackburn@hotmail.com.

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