

The Bandera PROPHECY

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League of Women Voters - Hill Country Texas elects new leadership team

Hill Country Texas held the annual meeting at the Patrick Heath Public Library in Boerne on May 20. In addition to reviewing accomplishments of the previous year and approving a new budget, the members elected a new leadership team.

Members from the six counties in this League will serve for one year: Janice Zitelman as president (Gillespie), Judy Ferguson as secretary (Kerr), Cathy Learoyd as treasurer (Kerr), Nancy Dyer as website administrator (Bandera), Bunny Bond as voter services (Kerr), Heather Farmer as youth voter services (Kerr), Alicia Shook as new citizen voter services (Kerr), Michael Rohr as digital communications (Kerr), Barbara Hudson as Blanco County unit chair, Leslie Starr Hart as Gillespie County unit Chair, Judy Dewey as Kendall County unit chair, and Susie McCalla as at-large member (Kerr).

Nine goals were presented for the coming year, defined as "Building on League Momentum."

Efforts center around the League Vision: *We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.* The six counties served by the Hill Country League have a good rate of voter registration, but the actual voter turnout is low. Providing election information to help every eligible voter make a candidate choice and know when and where to go vote is the focus of League efforts.

The League of Women Voters serves as a grassroots network and membership organization, which believes the freedom to vote is a nonpartisan issue and encourages active participation in government. Anyone aged 16 and older can become a member. Beginning in Kerr County more than 40 years ago, this League now has members who live in six Hill Country counties, including Bandera, Blanco, Gillespie,

Kendall, Kerr, and Llano. For more information, visit the website at <https://www.lwvhillcountrytexas.org/>.