



The VOTER

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League Calendar

Sunday, April 2nd	4:00 pm	Climate Change and Environmental Security in a Trump White House. <i>Lawrence Public Library Auditorium, 707 Vermont St.</i> Speaker: Brigadier General (ret.) Dr. Chris King. Voter registration table, contact Cille King to help.
Wednesday, April 5th	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Voter Registration Training. <i>Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room A, 707 Vermont St.</i>
Sunday, April 9th	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting on USD 497 Bond Issue. <i>Lawrence City Hall, 6 E. 6th St.</i> Please see Vice President's Report on page 3 for more details.
Tuesday, April 11th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	LWVL-DC Board Meeting. <i>Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.</i> All League members are invited to attend.
Tuesday, April 11th		Registration books close for USD 497 Mail Ballot Election
Wednesday, April 12th	7:00 pm	Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition Meeting. <i>Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room B, 707 Vermont St.</i>
Wednesday, April 12th		School Board bond ballot mailed out. This will be a vote by mail.
Saturday, April 22nd		Earth Day. <i>South Park.</i> LWVL-DC will have a voter registration table.
Sunday, April 23rd	11:00 am - 3:00 pm	LWVL-DC Annual Meeting. <i>Smith Center, 4730 Brandon Woods Terrace.</i> Please see article on page 2.
Saturday, April 29th		LWVK State Convention. <i>Ramada Inn, Topeka.</i> Please see article on page 9.
Tuesday, May 2nd		USD 497 Mail Ballot Bond Election

Co-Presidents Message

When I became President two years ago, I had a huge learning curve. I had only been a League member for a year and didn't completely understand how things worked. But I had, and continue to have, a very patient, supportive board and this year I also have had a wonderful co-President, Marlene Merrill. I couldn't have done it without the "team effort" so thank you all for your help, assistance, and guidance!

I particularly want to thank Cille King for picking up the huge job of Voter Services, which, I'm sure you can all agree, was extremely important during our last election! Cille was serving as our local League Vice President and Voter Services chair while also serving as First Vice President and Voter Services chair for the LWVK. If she is not exhausted, she should be! Thanks also to Alan Black for keeping the Land Use Committee going, despite the dwindling membership. And thank you to the two "retiring" board members, Carol Klinknett (moving to the Nominating Committee) and Midge Grinstead. Both have been invaluable assets to the board.

I have to admit, two years ago there were times when I wondered, based on the lack of member participation, whether the LWVL-DC could survive. But we had a wonderful membership resurgence when we all became "communists"





and the election also inspired a lot of people to join or rejoin. Since last April, we have gained 36 new members, which makes us the second largest (behind Johnson County) league in the state! People are excited about advocacy again, member participation goes up with every event, and I think we will continue to grow.

We had a very busy year. Thanks to Cille and her army of volunteers, we held 46 voter registration events, registering a total of 785 voters. League members made phone calls and also went door to door right before the election to talk to people who were on the suspended voter list.

We held hot topics on new legislation, education and the common core, gun control, economic development, the informed Voters, Fair Judges Project, school finance, and a faculty perspective on conceal and carry. We co-sponsored movies twice on the environment, met with our new city manager, hosted a day with our legislators, held a League Day at the capitol, a new member orientation, an observer corp meeting, a policy planning meeting, two school finance consensus meetings and voted to adopt the economic development study presented by David Burress and his committee. We held our annual Fluker luncheon, a Holiday Party, all member's coffee and a garage sale. And, we handed out the Stucky scholarship, helped ELNA with their board election and co-sponsored numerous candidate forums, including my favorite, "Speed dating for candidates."

We also participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade last week. Marlene Merrill, Melissa Wick, Ann Carlin Ozegovic, Cille King, marci Francisco and I all rode or walked in the parade. Mark Grinstead was our very gracious and patient driver. I was surprised, and touched, by the reaction from the crowd. We had cheers, whistles, thumbs up; at one point even a standing ovation. It was fun and very reaffirming, and a great way to let people know that after 97 years, the League is still around!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We still have several important events coming up. We will be registering voters at Lawrence High School on Friday, March 31 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Sign up for a shift by calling or e-mailing Cille King. We are co-sponsoring, with LET-US and other organizations, a follow-up event to the "After the Flood" film. On **Sunday, April 2**, at 4:00 pm there will be a presentation on "Climate Change and Environmental Security in a Trump White House". It will be at the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium. The speaker will be Brigadier General (ret.) Dr. Chris King. He is well-versed in the security implications of climate change. He is the chief academic officer for the United States Army's Command and General Staff College. We will have a Voter Registration Table at this event, and we will be bringing "treats". Please let Cille know if you want to help.

Saturday, April 22 is Earth Day. Events will be held in South Park. LWVL-DC will have a voter registration table.

Sunday, April 23 11:00 am - 3:00 pm is the LWVL-DC Annual Meeting. Smith Center, 4730 Brandon Woods Terrace. We will be voting on the Slate of Nominees, discuss next year's budget, vote on adopting an LWVL-DC position on economic development and vote on a change in our by-laws. See the March Voter for more detailed information.

Saturday, April 29 is the LWV of Kansas State Convention. It will be held at the downtown Ramada Inn in Topeka. Everyone is welcome; we are all members of the state League. It is your chance to hear about our state and federal lawsuits firsthand and learn about next year's plan for advocacy at the state level. Voting delegates are determined by league size and we have 12. If you would like to be a delegate, please email me at herditb4@me.com. You do NOT have to be a delegate to attend the Convention!! A link for registering on-line is here: <http://lwvk.org/2017-state-convention-of-the-league-of-women-voters-of-kansas>. You can register on-line and pay at the door, or on-line by credit card or through the mail by check. We will have people going who can provide rides; just let me know if you need one. - Debra Duncan

SAVE THE DATE! LWVL-DC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, April 23rd, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Smith Center, 4730 Brandon Woods Terrace.

Reservations to Marjorie Cole
at 842-6085 or [nobledog @ aol.com](mailto:nobledog@aol.com)



ANNUAL MEETING: PARTY IN A BASKET

At our annual meeting League will be selecting the winner of our Party in a Basket Fund Raiser. I will bring the basket to meetings between now and April so that you can see the basket and purchase/make a donation (\$5.00) to put your name in the drawing. It is a beautiful basket filled with wine, candles, and snacks –everything you need to have a party. Even a party for one!! So seek out board members for a ticket and enter the drawing. Since you do not have to be present to win, please ask friends who are not League members to join the drawing.



- Marlene Merrill

VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING

Hello everyone, especially those people who have indicated they want to help with voter registration events that will be kicking into high gear starting April 8th, 2017.

A training will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm at the Lawrence Public Library, Conference Room A. The conference rooms are all in the lower level. Parking in the adjacent garage is free for 2 hours, and for 10 hours on the top level. You need not attend the whole time period. We will have forms, documents, samples, instructions that you will be able to take with you. The events scheduled so far:

April 8 - Lawrence Public Library 11am - 5pm - lead Melissa Wick wickma@aol.com, 11-1: Karen Heintzen

April 8 - Lawrence Farmers Market 6:30am to 11am Possible - application pending

April 9 - Lawrence Public Library 1pm - 4pm - lead Melissa Wick wickma@aol.com 1-3: Denise Pettengill

April 22, Earth Day - South Park 11am - 4pm - lead Melissa Wick wickma@aol.com

May 7 - Art In The Park - Melissa Wick - lead wickma@aol.com

At the Lawrence Farmer's Market we like to have at least 3 people per shift, at the library at least two people per shift. If you are in the process of learning how to register voters, either of these venues is perfect to sit in with some seasoned veterans of our voter registration drives and learn the ropes.

I have also asked for additional dates at the Lawrence Farmers Market. This has been a great venue for us in exposing citizens to the League of Women Voters, helping citizens register; answering lots of questions about registration and verifying lots of folks' registration status.

If you think you may be able to make some portion of the training on April 5th, please let me know at wickma@aol.com or by calling or texting 785-550-6160. I want to make sure that I will have adequate materials available for everyone. - Melissa A. Wick

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Voter Service- 2017 Bond Election:

The Voter Education Coalition will be holding a Town Hall on Sunday, April 9, 4 – 5 pm, at Lawrence City Hall, to discuss the USD 497 \$87 million bond issue to improve Lawrence's secondary schools. A USD 497 representative will give an overview of the project and answer questions. It will be filmed by Channel 6 and available on their website within the following days. Ballots will be mailed out to registered voters on April 12, 2017, and need to be returned to the Douglas County Clerk by May 2, 2017.

Voter Registration:

The League will be at Lawrence High School on Friday, March 31, 2017 to register students and staff to vote.

We plan to be at the Lawrence Library on the weekend of April 8 and 9, to register voters before the closing of registration for the USD 497 bond election mailing.

We will have a table at Earth Day in South Park on Saturday, April 22, 2017, 11am – 4 pm. Look for our table.

LWVK:

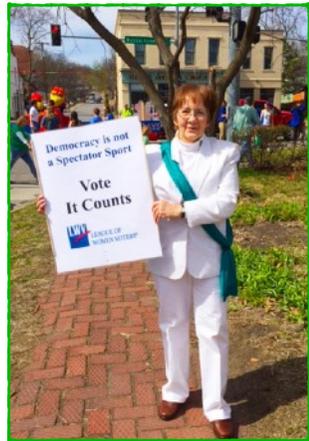
The LWVK.org website has lots of information on the activities of the League: Action Alerts, Weekly Legislative Reports, testimony, discussion of legislation, events and more. Please check often to get the latest information. Marge Ahrens with the Kansas League, testified at the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights in January 2016. A report has finally been released. In the summary, it states: "...current evidence suggests that voter disenfranchisement is much more likely to occur than fraud; particularly the types of fraud the SAFE Act is designed to address. The Committee urges the Kansas General Assembly to reconsider voting requirements in Kansas in the context of these findings." The League is working to repeal the SAFE Act so



that all citizens can more easily vote.

It's time to make your reservations for the Kansas League convention, held on Sat, April 29, 2017 in Topeka. Featured speakers are Tiffany Anderson, Superintendent of Topeka schools talking about schools and funding, and Attorney Bob Eye, talking about civil rights cases, specifically voting rights. The LWVUS liaison to LWVK, Kim Lauth, will speak on strategic planning and work of the League in these times. - Cille King

LEAGUE MEMBERS IN THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



THANK YOU!!
to Theatre Lawrence

for providing the Suffragette costumes for League members in the parade!

REPORT ON THE HELEN FLUKER AWARD LUNCHEON

Forty League members and friends gathered at the Smith Center at Brandon Woods on Saturday, March 18 for our annual luncheon and presentation of the 2017 Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award.

Guests included six members of the Fluker family and LWV/KS Co-President Marge Ahrens.

This year's recipient of the award, Alan Cowles, spent the past five years studying the Kansas Open Meetings Act with the ultimate goal of amending it. He concluded that governing bodies should be required to state specific subjects to be discussed in closed-door sessions. This would enable Kansas citizens to know enough about what their elected officials are doing so that they may respond appropriately. Alan worked with Senator marci francisco and Senator Molly Baumgardner, the main sponsors of a bill that would require this transparency. On Thursday, March 15, 2017, Senate Bill 70 cleared the Senate by a vote of 39-1.

Congratulations to Alan for his perseverance and dedication to his goal! To read his report visit this site: <http://www.kansasopenmeetings.org/>

REPORT ON FIRST QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEET-UP

Saturday, March 25

Gathering at Z's Divine Espresso on W. 31st were 18 League members and three persons interested in the League. Discussions revolved around types of committees and League sponsored activities available for member involvement. Long time League members became acquainted with recent members and a number of people found areas which sparked their interest. Those in attendance think a regular general membership meeting is a good idea and another one will be planned for the end of June.

Melissa Wick and Denise Pettengill organized this event. - Melissa Wick

LAWRENCE PEDESTRIAN COALITION

The Coalition met on March 8. Gary Webber presided. Mark Thiel, Assistant Director of Public Works for the City, reported on the current status of the proactive sidewalk repair program. The City intends to enforce the law that makes property-owners responsible for maintenance of sidewalks on their property. However, some financial aid would be available for owners who could not afford it. For corner lots with more than one sidewalk, the City would pay for half of the repairs.

The City Commission discussed this proposal at its meeting on March 21. It voted unanimously to defer action. The issue of sidewalk maintenance will be discussed as part of its upcoming budget process.

The next meeting of the Coalition will be on April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B of the Lawrence Public Library. - Alan Black

OBSERVER REPORTS:

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR FAIR & IMPARTIAL POLICING

Rise Haneberg, senior policy advisor for the Stepping Up Initiative at the GSC Justice center is helping cities and counties create a program to assist them in comprehensively addressing mental health issues. The Board has been tasked by the County Commission to look at issues of mental illness in the jail and provide guidance towards a goal of reducing the jail population and addressing mental health issues of inmates.

Ms. Haneberg noted that in the Douglas County jail population, 17% of inmates have mental health issues other than alcohol or drugs, and 72% have a dual diagnosis. Increased rates of arrest, longer stays and recitivism are all issues strongly related to mental illness. She explained how a county would perform a comprehensive analysis and begin to collect data to help in long term evaluations of the program. The goal is to move to 100% screenings within first entry, and to have professional assessment if they have a positive screening. Ms. Haneberg indicated that our county was doing a fairly good job in its process and is ahead of most of its peers. The healthier response there is to mentally ill folks in the system, the better the outcome. As a rule, these defendants are best served outside or in their own homes whenever possible.

The Board discussed the work going on in the health leadership teams, including goals towards a behavioral health court and a new (Mental Health) crisis center. Several players are included in the work towards getting the crisis center open, including housing authority, private and public agencies, Bert Nash, and case management services. LMH has already committed a space that they are setting aside for these crisis issues and gaps in care, adjacent to the ER. They are hoping to provide more therapeutic services than the ER currently provides. Relevant to this issue, a 72 hour hold bill has passed the house.

Sharon Zehr from Bert Nash reported on the behavioral health courts. They are reviewing referrals, which takes some time. They have rejected 9 because of violence issues, 6 are pending, and there are 3 participants. Two were already clients of Bert Nash. Although there are not significant numbers engaged in the court right now, she said that the program is making the two who were receiving treatment, more engaged in their treatment. They con-

tinue to look at potential incentives to get people interested in the program. They are still exploring what gaps there are in services.

The Board also discussed a working group developing a bond process to help screenings for services that would make it easier to grant bond and ensure people obtain services while on bond. Robert Wiegel talked about the pretrial status of the inmates, the program targets, and the working matrix they have completed.

Next was a discussion of a "community resource platform" of information that they use in Johnson County, where agencies can share information for clients navigating the system. It currently serves the Kansas City three county area. Information includes law enforcement contact, mental health, housing, and other social services for any individual searched on the system, so any member organization or worker can utilize this to see the status of any new client. Information on available services is also there, including availability of beds at rehabilitation facilities, and professionals who have

signed in to verify their availability to provide services, so it can be used for resource and referral, as well as information regarding what services a client is already engaged in. The platform has a full time staff working on correlating and managing the data. Apparently, police and prosecutors are not allowed to log in, just social workers and agencies providing case management, so they can use the data to know what other services their clients may have. It includes criminal records and mental health information as well as services. Johnson County has suggested they would allow Douglas County to share in their system, and we would be free to participate and be able to use their data. They are meeting with IT to discuss it.

Sheriff McGovern then spoke regarding their hiring and personnel issues in his department.

They have hired 3 of a target of 7 positions to fill at the jail. They have difficulty getting candidates, and are reaching out to military bases and academies. It is a 5 month process to bring them in and the Academy is 2 1/2 months. They have fairly high turnover due to people wanting law enforcement experience then leaving for a better





salary. With respect to the crowding issues, the Sheriff indicated that if they get the pretrial numbers down with the Bond strategies that are being reviewed, they will still have an overcrowding issue because they are currently "farming out" several inmates. Having

more defendants on bond would allow them to bring back some of them. However, there is not much likelihood that these new procedures designed to keep more pre-trial defendants out of jail will resolve the space limitation problem. Mike then reported briefly on the re-entry program.

Commissioner Mike Gaughan discussed the possibility of Justice Matters coming to the next meeting. He communicated with them and they expressed interest in the processes. He thought it made sense to give them an opportunity to give a presentation and expressed concern that there are "big pieces of their narrative that are not part of the Board's narrative." He indicated a frustration about some of the statistics and information they are operated on being relatively simplistic. They discussed whether the group might deliver incorrect information, and others then suggested that may make it even more appropriate to get them involved in the process so they can better understand what is going on, in order to be better informed and limit misunderstanding. It was agreed that they would be invited to give a presentation at the May 9th meeting. The group expressed confidence that the Board is engaging as it should regarding this process, and is speaking with one voice.

Someone on the Board asked for clarification regarding the Commissioners expectations. Commissioners expressed that they were happy with what the Board was doing - being engaged in the process with continual feedback and evaluation. They clarified that the County Commission is NOT making a decision in 2 or 3 weeks as implied in some media. They will need to study and make recommendations at some point, and the timelines are just goals.

- Sally Kelsey

DOWNTOWN GROCERY COMMITTEE

This group was formed about 4 years ago. It is not affiliated with the City of Lawrence or any other government entity. Ted Boyle, President of the North Lawrence Neighborhood, and Steve Ruttinger are the primary leaders of the effort. Ted has been involved for all 4 years. K.T. Walsh from east Lawrence has been attending the meetings for some time.

The Committee meets at 7:00p the last Thursday of each month in Room C of the Lawrence Public Library.

I attended the 02.24.17 meeting, the first one I've attended. I went as an individual, not a L/DG. Co. LWW observer. However, the Committee encourages participation by all residents who are interested in a grocery in downtown Lawrence.

Following is a summary of the meeting;

1. Approximately 10 persons attended.
2. The meeting was led by David Crawford of Old West Lawrence Neighborhood.
3. The grocery will be located in the former Borders building on New Hampshire Street.
4. The building is owned by Treanor of Treanor Architects.
5. Treanor will lease it to Price Chopper which is controlled by Barry Queen of Kansas City who will operate the approximately 43,000 square-foot grocery.
6. The reconstruction will include a 191-vehicle underground parking garage.
7. The concept of the grocery will be similar to Consentino's in Kansas City.
8. The upper level will house 82 apartments, 20 of which will be affordable to medium and/or low income occupants. The apartments will not be operated by Price Chopper.
9. The grocery supplier will be Associated Grocers' Warehouse (AGW) of which Queen evidently owns all or part. Supposedly, this will help keep prices lower.
10. It wasn't clear to me whether or not tax incentives or abatements will be requested.
11. The total cost of the grocery, underground parking, and apartments will be approximately 25 million dollars.
12. The grocery will employ approximately 200 full and part-time workers.
13. Helen Schnoes, Douglas Co. Food Systems Coordinator, presented the draft of the Douglas Co. Food System Plan. She spoke at some length.
14. There was some mention of New Market money available through the federal government. I didn't comprehend this.
15. The meeting lasted approximately one hour.

- Dan Dannenberg



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2017, Lawrence Public Library

Present: Marlene Merrill (co-president), Debra Duncan (co-president), Cille King, (vice-president), Marjorie Cole (treasurer), Carol Klinknett, Melissa Wick, Margaret Arnold, Tamera Cash, Janice Friedman, Kim Gibson, Ann Carlin

Ozegovic. Absent: Sharon Brown, Midge Grinstead. Others attending: Kate Meyer, Steve Davis.

Marlene reported on the Women's March in Topeka with 15 Lawrence League members attending, the progress of the Open Meetings Act and three education bills being debated in the state legislature, and the strategic planning meetings being held in Lawrence. The results of our Program Planning meeting on state and local league positions have been summarized and sent to the state League. She announced the annual Earth Day celebration will be in South Park on April 20 from 11 to 4. Melissa, Janice, and Ann volunteered to help at our League table.

Cille presented the important dates for the 2017 elections. Local high school social studies teachers are being offered League help in registering high school seniors to vote.

Cille reported on the work of the LWW-Kansas, which is detailed on the LWWK website. Members have testified for the ban on guns on college campuses and medical facilities, the repeal of the death penalty, for auditing elections and against the bi-furcating of voters in two-tiered elections. The LWWK is supporting legislation for Election Day Registration, currently available in thirteen states (resulting in increased voter turnout by 10% or more). Cille reminded us to look for the reports by Paul Johnson on current state bills and impacts.

Marjorie gave the treasurer's report: Income for January was \$930. Expenses were \$624. Current balances are Checking \$9,406.82, Money Market \$2,106.30, Stucky Account \$2,633.09.

There were six new members since the last board meeting.

Plans for upcoming events were discussed: the Hot Topic event on "Conceal and Carry", the membership meeting on the Economic and Community Development Position to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, the St. Patrick's Day parade, the Fluker luncheon, the first Quarterly Coffee Meeting, and the Annual Meeting (April 23).

Debra brought proposed changes to the bylaws, including one mandatory one required by the decision of the National LWW meeting to change member age and residency status. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to recommend adoption of the changes at the Annual Meeting.

- Marjorie Cole



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2017 LWWK CONVENTION

Business of Convention

LWWK bylaws direct us to:

- Elect officers, directors, and three members of the nominating committee for the 2017-2019 biennium
- Adopt a budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year
- Approve 2015-2017 proposed position.
- Adopt program for 2017-2019
- Adopt amendments to the bylaws as needed

The members of each local League shall be entitled to one delegate who shall be chosen by the members through the local League; the members in each local League having more than fifteen voting members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional fifteen voting members or major fraction (8 or more) thereof.

SCHOOL FINANCE POSITION TO BE VOTED ON AT LWWK CONVENTION

BACKGROUND:

The school finance position was apparently approved as part of the Education Governance Position by the Board of Directors in 1998, and was incorporated with the 1986 statement of position. A new two-year update study was approved at State Convention, 2015. After intense study involving a SurveyMonkey consensus question/answer response from nine leagues and six individuals, the updated position statement is being recommended for approval at State Convention, 2017.

STATEMENT OF POSITION:

The LWWK reaffirms its position (please see State Finance, Standards, in current positions) that adequate funding of public (pre-K-12) education is very important for the students currently enrolled in Kansas schools, as well as for the future of Kansas, its communities, and the state's businesses. In doing so, the LWWK:

- (a) recognizes that the expenditures for public education in Kansas must be adequate and should not be eliminated or decreased;
- (b) believes that students in poorer Kansas school districts should receive educations on par with students in richer districts;
- (c) agrees that educational funding should be equitable for taxpayers across various school districts;

ANSWERS TO MARCH'S JUST FOR FUN

These are the Trailblazing Women whose portraits were in the March Voter.

Cover

Ada, Countess of Lovelace: Mathematician, wrote the first computer algorithm (for the Babbage Analytical Engine, 1842-43)

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Sandra Day O'Connor: First woman U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1981)

Mae Jemison: Engineer, physician, dancer, astronaut, first African-American woman in space (1992)

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Charlotte E. Ray: First African-American female lawyer (1872), and first woman to argue a case in front of the Supreme Court

Mary Eliza Mahoney: First African-American professional nurse to graduate from a nursing school, co-founder of professional nursing organizations

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Rosalind Franklin: Chemist, X-ray crystallographer, long uncredited co-discoverer of DNA double helix

Rachel Carson: Author of "Silent Spring," credited with starting the modern environmental movement

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Valentina Tereshkova: First woman in space (USSR, 1963)

Sally Ride: First U.S. woman in space (1983)

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Marie Curie: Co-discoverer of radium, first woman Nobel Prize winner; first to be awarded two Nobel Prizes

Lise Meitner: Physicist, co-discoverer of nuclear fission

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Madeleine Albright: First U.S. female Secretary of State (1997)

Shirley Chisolm: First African-American female Congresswoman (1969) first African-American candidate for a major party's nomination for U.S. President

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Nellie Bly: Investigative journalist, world traveller; inventor and industrialist.

Nellie Tayloe Ross: Politician, first woman governor of a U.S. state (Wyoming, 1925)



(d) endorses the LWVUS position statement that "equity does not mean equal, given that some populations are more expensive to educate than others, and some localities have specific needs;" and that "the federal government should be primarily responsible for funding programs mandated by the federal government on local education agencies;"

(e) finds that the state, as required by the Kansas Constitution, should provide the total operating costs of education in Kansas;

(f) endorses, in recognition of the system of checks and balances, the role of the courts in ensuring adequate funding for preK-12 public education in Kansas;

(g) believes that local property taxes, when used for school building projects and other local projects, such as technology, should be decided at the local level and equalized in districts with low property wealth;

(h) favors, when necessary, hiring and paying salaries for more teachers to achieve class sizes that will assist in educating every student to his/her potential, and confirms the high importance of providing benefit packages that include health insurance and secure retirement payments, and the granting of due process rights to preK-12 teachers and educators to ensure a competent work force in the public schools;

(i) strongly endorses Article 6, Section 6 of the Kansas Constitution regarding both the legislature's duty "to make suitable provision for the finance of the educational interests of the state" (Clause B) and "No religious sect or sects shall control any part of the public education funds;" (Clause C); and

(j) believes that public money should only fund public schools and that all schools funded with public money, including charter schools accepting vouchers, must meet the same high quality curriculum and instructional standards and accountability requirements. Charter schools, etc., should remain under the jurisdiction of local school boards.

Statewide League Membership as of 1/31/17:

Lawrence 163

Manhattan 102

Topeka 131

Wichita 101

JoCo 223

Salina 58

Emporia 53

Gt Bend 20

Leavenworth 15

Members @ large 3

TOTAL 869





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*(Membership is open to any man or woman who is sixteen years of age or older.
New or renewed memberships received now will expire March 31, 2018.)*

Date _____ Renewing member
_____ New Member. I heard about the League via (Facebook, Web Site, Friend, Other): _____

Suggested voluntary membership assessment:*

Approximate Household Income	Individual membership	Household membership
Student**	_____ \$17	_____ \$29
Under \$25,000	_____ \$20	_____ \$35
\$25,000 to \$50,000	_____ \$35	_____ \$55
Over \$50,000	_____ \$55	_____ \$85
Sustaining member	_____ \$100	_____ \$150
Life member (of 50 years)	_____ \$0	

* Our membership assessment supports the National and State Leagues at \$50/member (\$32 National and \$18 State).
** High school or postsecondary student enrolled at least part time in an accredited institution.

_____ I am not a member, but would like to support the League with my contribution as indicated below.

I have enclosed a contribution of \$ _____ for the League General Fund.
I have enclosed a contribution of \$ _____ for the League Education Fund***

*** This contribution is tax-deductible. Write check to "LWV Education Fund."

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As a League member or supporter, I would like to help support League activities by participating as follows:

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| <p>General Membership Meetings:</p> <p>___ Set up and/or tear down</p> <p>___ Hospitality (provide coffee/tea/dessert)</p> <p>___ Taking notes/writing up report of meeting</p> <p>Membership:</p> <p>___ Recruitment</p> <p>___ Mentor/follow-up with new members</p> <p>___ Provide a ride to a fellow member</p> <p>___ Phone members without internet access about special updates</p> <p>Voter Services:</p> <p>___ Register voters</p> <p>___ Help with voter education</p> | <p>Promotion of League to our Community:</p> <p>___ Public speaking</p> <p>___ Represent League at community events</p> <p>___ Observer corps (attend/report on government meetings)</p> <p>___ Help with research for League studies on issues</p> <p>___ Serve on the Board of Directors</p> <p>I have the following skills:</p> <p>___ Editing articles/reports</p> <p>___ Database management</p> <p>___ Microsoft Word / Excel / Quickbooks</p> <p>___ Website/Social Media design/management</p> <p>My interests include:</p> <p>_____</p> |
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Friendly Reminder: Dues are due! The Annual Meeting is this month, and you must be a current paid-up member to vote at the meeting.