



# The VOTER

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## League Calendar

Tuesday, April 10th	7:00 - 8:45 pm	<b>LWVL-DC Board Meeting.</b> <i>Lawrence Public Library, Room A, 707 Vermont St. All League members are invited to attend.</i>
Saturday, April 14th	1:00 - 3:30 pm	<b>LWV Forum “Restorative Practices: What’s Next After the Vote?”</b> <i>Bert Nash Center Auditorium, 200 Maine.</i>
Saturday, April 21st	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>Earth Day Parade, Massachusetts Street.</b> Activities, including Voter Registration, in South Park
Wednesday, April 25th		<b>Ballots mailed for vote on Douglas County Jail Expansion and Mental Health Crisis Center.</b> Ballots counted on May 15th.
Saturday, April 28th	9:00 am - 4:15 pm	<b>State LWV Council.</b> <i>Great Bend Church of Christ, 1122 Stone Street, Great Bend, Kansas.</i>
Sunday, April 29th	12:30 pm	<b>LWVL-DC Annual Meeting &amp; Luncheon.</b> <i>Maceli’s, 1031 New Hampshire St. Reservations due by April 22nd. See article on page 3.</i>
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Thursday, May 17th	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Hot Topic: Affordable Housing in Lawrence.</b> <i>Watkins Museum, 1047 Massachusetts St. Program begins at noon.</i>

## Co-President’s Message

Since last month much has happened nationally as well as locally. Several League members met with our legislators to discuss the school funding report that the legislative leadership contracted a study to be done. I think they expected the study would support their position but instead showed in order to increase graduation rates and proficiency in reading and math that Kansas needed to be spending \$1.2 million dollars not the \$650,000 more proposed. We will need to continue to pay attention to deliberations as current news suggests the legislature is considering an increase which is more than what was originally proposed but not as generous as the Courts might favor.



At the legislature we also got to listen to the debate and see the vote on a Senate proposal to approve a resolution making application to the Congress of the US supporting a national Constitutional Convention. The supporters suggest the convention will draft amendments that impose limits on the federal government. There were

many who spoke in opposition but the two most powerful arguments stated that a Constitutional Convention opens the door to reworking the entire document and that avenue already exist in the Constitution to propose an amendment.

The state league and our local league were vocal about gun measures. I am certainly proud of our youth - those in Florida who sparked a national discussion and rally and those here in Lawrence who participated in a walk out of school for 17 minutes and also inspired a March and Rally in South Park. Our letter to the editor highlighted the League position that the proliferation of guns is a health and safety threat.

I want to highlight our upcoming Annual Meeting. It will be Sunday, April 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at Marcelli's. Some of the items for the business meeting are election of the board and approval of the budget. But the best reason to attend is to hear Dr. Diana Carlin who will speak about Kansas Suffragettes. We have a great history in Kansas going back to 1861 and women in Lawrence were important participants in making history.

- Marlene Merrill, Co-President

## Welcome, New Members!

We have four new members: **Camille Healy, Darline Jacob, Matthew Peterson, and Lindsay Roesler.** Please welcome them into the League! Invite them to go with you to any of the events listed on the calendar, especially the Annual Meeting, April 29!

## Save the Date!

The Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority is having a 50th Anniversary Celebration event at Babcock Place on Thursday, July 12th and the LWVL-DC is invited. It was a League study that convinced the Lawrence City Commission to create the Lawrence Housing Authority. More details in an upcoming Voter.

## Forum: Restorative Practices: What's Next After The Vote?

A forum titled "Restorative Practices: What's Next After The Vote?" will be presented by the League Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 3:30 pm at the Bert Nash Center Auditorium, 200 Maine Street. We will gather at 1 pm and the panel discussion will begin at 1:30 pm.

The presenters are Dr. Clarence Lang, professor at University of Kansas, who will be moderator; Patrick Schmitz, Bert Nash CEO; Mike

Brouwer, County Re-Entry Coordinator; and Kevin Harrell, Executive Director Student Support and Special Education for the Lawrence Public Schools; Chief District Court Judge Peggy Kittel; and Lawrence Attorney Julia Butler.

The purpose of the forum is not a pro/con session regarding the County's jail sales tax ballot but a presentation of facts, current status, and capacity to address inmate and mental health needs and where we go from here. Common questions will be sent to each presenter to assist them in their preparation for this forum.

### Questions:

1. Tell us about the "early release" options and other restorative opportunities currently available? How are people eligible and how effect have these programs been?
2. Tell us what steps are being taken to correct ethnic and racial imbalance in our programs and practices?
3. Tell us what the timeline will be for the different phases of the expansion for both the jail and the mental health facility? If the vote fails tell us how will the proposal and the timeline change?
4. Tell us if there are limitations to what the county can do on its own to improve restorative practices and reduce overcrowding?
5. Can you identify another issue that we should really be addressing at this panel?
6. Tell us about restorative justice programs that are occurring in our schools? In future school planning will more dollars be available for restorative justice programming?



Please plan to attend and bring a neighbor or friend with you. This will be a program that no one should miss.  
- Marlene Merrill

## Don't miss the LWV Annual Meeting!

Diana Carlin, retired professor emerita of communication at Saint Louis University and the associate provost for graduate and global education, will be the guest speaker at the LWV-DG Annual Meeting Sunday, April 29. The meeting and luncheon will be at 12:30 pm at Marcelli's, 1031 New Hampshire.

Dr. Carlin was a faculty member and administrator at KU for 24 years and a faculty member at Washburn for five years. Dr. Carlin's research and teaching specialty is political communication with an emphasis on political campaigns and debates and women in politics. She has provided technical advice in new democracies on political debates and has worked in Afghanistan and Myanmar to start university debate programs as a way of preparing their countries' future leaders.

She is known for her work centering on debate communication, and her experience serving on the Presidential Debate Commission. Carlin has authored several scholarly articles, and has co-authored several books, including her most recent, *Gender and the American Presidency: Nine Presidential Women and the Barriers They Faced*, (with Theodore F. Sheckels, Nichola D. Gutgold.) Carlin has also been featured in [The New York Times](#) regarding the value of debate.

Following Dr. Carlin's presentation, new officers will be elected.

To make reservations for the Maceli's luncheon, email Marjorie Cole, [nobledog\[at\]aol.com](mailto:nobledog[at]aol.com) or call 842-6085. The charge for luncheon is \$20. Dues may be paid at the door. To vote at the meeting you will need to have paid your dues for the 2018-19 year. If you wish only to hear the speaker and attend the meeting, plan to arrive at 1:00 pm and be sure to check in at the door so we will know we have a quorum of members.

## Upcoming Annual State League Council Meeting

Great Bend is the site for the State League Council meeting this year. League members from around the state will gather Saturday, April 28 from 9 to 4:15 at the Great Bend Church of Christ. Featured speaker will be Tracy Streeter, director of the Kansas Water Office.

The agenda will include adoption of the LWV's new position on water; update on plans for the League's 100 year celebration; election of new state board of directors and officers; legislation and election year updates; and information on League merchandise.

Please contact Cille King for more information or check out [lwvk.org](http://lwvk.org). All members of the League are encouraged to attend.

## Voter Services Report

**THANK YOU** one and all for assisting in the March For Our Lives voter registration event that took place during the rally and after the march at South Park. We registered 19 new voters and helped 7 others with registration changes. Special thanks to Krista Barbour, Kristin Salmans, Sarah Vandermast, Robin Gingerich, Teresea Malarky, Marlaine Stoor with help from volunteers assigned by Diane Vigna, one of the adult organizers and Claudia from Mom's Demand Action. The High School Students who did a great job speaking to the need to not only register to vote, but to educate yourself and vote, were Sandhya Ravikumar and Grace Porter.

### Upcoming events:

**Thursday April 5**, Lawrence Public Library 7-8:30 pm, voter registration at a Mental Health Concern's meeting. Invited by Dave Ranney

**Tuesday April 10**, Lawrence High School, All Day Registration

**Saturday, April 21**, South Park – Earth Day

**The Voter Services Committee needs members.** Some of the duties would be developing working relationships with schools, colleges,



churches, businesses, & community events coordinators to make a voter registration a part of their events. Also, to contact members interested in voter registration to assist at these events. For more information, please contact Melissa A. Wick 785-550-6160 Voter Services Chair

## Fluker Award Luncheon Report

Laura Bauer, a Kansas City Star reporter, was the recipient of the annual Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award. Marlene Merrill, co-president, presented the award at the 19th annual Fluker Luncheon March 24 at the Smith Center at Brandon Woods.



Ms. Bauer wrote an article for the Star in January, 2017 about the difficulty in getting open-record requests involving children who had died while in foster care in Kansas. This piece of journalism led to a paper-wide five-part investigative series addressing serious concerns with Kansas state government's lack of effectiveness and transparency statewide. She told the attendees Kansas is one of the most difficult states, in her experience, from which information can be obtained, particularly regarding children harmed or killed while in state custody. "Even when copies are reportedly 'free,' significant additional charges are added to pay attorneys to review and redact information," she said. Ms Bauer said she continues to work on the topic and expects more articles to follow.

The Star series recently won a Scripps Howard award for Distinguished Service to the First Amendment. And more importantly, "it has prompted swift and extensive changes throughout the state and serves as a model for news organization in other states."

- Janice Friedman

## Report on League Day at the Kansas Capitol

Several League members participated in our annual League Day March 8 at the Statehouse. We had a meeting with Paul Johnson, our lobbyist,

who updated us on current legislation. Paul shared with the group a report from the Senate Utilities Committee about the Southwest Power Pool and the significant increase in wind and solar energy production in Kansas. Currently, Kansas is creating enough wind energy that we are exporting this power to our surrounding states.

Paul also gave an overview of League issues related to everything from education and water to election issues and noxious weeds. Cille also shared the update on the ACLU v Kobach trial, which she had attended the day before.

We watched debate in both the House and Senate Chambers, which is always interesting to see which issues capture the attention and strong debate of the representatives.

We met with our Senators Marci Francisco and Tom Holland and touched base with our representatives Tom Sloan, Barbara Ballard, Boog Highberger and Eileen Horn. League members attending were Cille King, Marlene Merrill, Lori Hutfles, Kristin Salmans, Deb Duncan, Teresa Malarky, and Ann Carlin Ozegovic.

- Lori Hutfles

## Observer Report City of Lawrence Public Incentive Review Committee (PIRC)

Tuesday, February 14, 2018

Meeting place: City Commission Meeting Room, 1st Floor

### Agenda:

1. Review and vote on PIRC Committee by-laws
2. Review Requested for grant of \$30,000 for Hillary's (D-E-W Drink Eat Well) expansion to be funded by equally by the City, County, and EDC/Network Kansas.
3. Review and recommend to the City Commission on the request by Lawrence Memorial Hospital (LMH) for City assistance in issuing hospital revenue bonds up to \$65,000,000 to provide funds for land acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, repair, equipping and furnishing of a new 200,000 sq. ft. medical facility at the northeast intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street



and KS Hwy. 10; Acquisition, improvement, extension, repair, equipping and furnishings of existing LMH facilities at 404 Main St. and 1112 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Lawrence, KS; and miscellaneous capital expenditures for LMH's health care facilities in Lawrence, KS including LMH's main campus and other health care facilities locations.

PIRC members

Aaron Cromwell, Sustainability Advisory Board Member

\*Diane Stoddard, Asst. City Manager

Jill Fincher, School Board Member

\*Ken Easthouse, At-Large Member CHAIR

\*Michelle Fales, Financial Analyst Representative VICE CHAIR

\*Rebekah Gaston

\*Erik Kirkendall

Pat Slabaugh, Economic Development Representative

\*Mike Gaughan, Douglas Co. Comm. Rep.

\*Those attending

City staff attending:

Britt Crum-Cano, Economic Development Analyst

Danielle Buschkoetter, City Manager Admin. Asst.

Hillary's (DEW) Representatives Attending:

Woman Manager

Lawrence Memorial Hospital Representatives Attending:

Russ Johnson, President, CEO

Joe Pedley, Vice President, CFO

Committee Actions:

1. Voted unanimously to approve the by-laws
  - a. No elected official can serve as Chair or Vice Chair.
  - b. The by-laws will be reviewed by the City Commission and approved or disapproved.
  - c. Persons not residents of Douglas County can serve on PIRC.
  - d. Ken Easthouse was elected Chair.
  - e. A Vice Chair was also elected.
2. PIRC approved the grant of \$30,000 to Hilary's D-E-W to expand the business
  - a. The company is a certified class B corporation
  - b. It focuses on social justice and allergy prevention
  - c. It sells 27 products in 50 states. Frozen products are made in Lawrence. Salad dressings are

made in Nebraska.

- d. The company plans to spend \$1,500,000 on the facility at 2151 Haskell in Lawrence.
  - e. 12-14 new jobs will be added in the next 3 years.
  - f. Employees may have troubled histories.
3. PIRC approved City assistance to Lawrence Memorial Hospital in issuing hospital revenue bonds in the amount of \$65,000,000. The City will not be obligated in any way for repayment of the bond proceeds.
  4. The L-Dg. Co. LWV observer asked about the application of state open meetings and records statutes when the PIRC attendees weren't identified. The Asst. City Manager said this wasn't contrary to those laws.

- Dan Dannenberg

## Highlights of the February Board Meeting

**February 13, 2018**

**Present:** Marlene Merrill (Co-President), Ann Ozegovic (Co-President), Marjorie Cole (Treasurer), Tamara Cash, Janice Friedman, Cille King, Kim Gibson, Melissa Wick

**Absent:** Margaret Arnold, Sharon Brown, Debra Duncan, Anne Fluker, Thea Perry  
**Guests:** Lori Hutfles, Sally Kelsey, Kristin Salmans

**TREASURER:** Marjorie reported income for January 2018, of \$1015.00 (fund drive \$505, grant for Voter Service \$375, dues \$135). Expenses were \$1,198.85 (Per Member Payment to Kansas \$612, MyLO subscription \$400, Ed Fund money included in contribution checks \$150, administration \$20, VOTER printing \$16.85). Net Inflow/Outflow was \$-183.95.

Dashboard 2/13/17 (Status Summary as of January 31, 2018)

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Annual</u>
<u>Budget</u>		
General Fund Income	\$7,969.00	
	\$11,000.00	
General Fund Expense	\$7,520.28	
	\$ 9,636.00	



General Fund  
Net Revenue                   \$ 448.62           \$ 1,634.00

**CO-PRESIDENTS:** Since Earth Day activities are scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> it was decided to change our Annual Meeting date to Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Ann agreed to call Jesse at Maceli's to verify the change of date. The time will be from 12:30 to 3 to allow for church goers.

**STATE PRESIDENT:** Cille reported that there are two open positions in the State League: Communications and Voter Services.

Bills that the League is currently watching include the Free State Election Act HB2538 and SB 326 which would enact election day registration, repeal the proof of citizenship requirement, and expand early voting and create a permanent advance ballot status; HB2617 having to do with the costs associated with Crosscheck; more oversight by Legislature and requires SOS to become members of ERIC by 1/1/2019; Expand KanCare, and SCR 1604 Constitutional amendment lowering the rate of sales and use taxation on food and food ingredients.

Paul Johnson's reports are posted on the website of LWVK.

**VOTER SERVICE:** Melissa reported on voter registration at the Kaw Valley Seed Fair. Our league table saw two party changes, four address changes, and distributed 41 poll worker applications. We are signed up for a table at the Earth Day Celebration on April 21 from 11:30 to 4 pm. Melissa and Jamie met with Lois Orth-Lopes to discuss increasing voter registrations of people of color.

**WEBSITE:** Kim announced that she is planning to open our new website, My League Online (MyLO) on April 1, the beginning of the League year. The website committee will include Kim, Kristin, Marjorie, and Ann. Most of the decisions will be made by email. There will be a Pay Pal option on the new website for paying dues and making donations.

- Marjorie Cole, Substitute

Secretary

## News Release: League of Women Voters of Kansas Testifies in Historic Case Challenging Voter Suppression

TOPEKA, Kan. – March 28, 2018 – The decision to become plaintiffs in a suit against the Kansas documentary proof of citizenship law devised by the Kansas Secretary of State, and passed by the Kansas Legislature in 2011, drew the League of Women Voters of Kansas into a historical fight for voting rights.

“Stepping into a lawsuit in Kansas against the most suppressive voter laws in the nation was a frightening leap of faith in the rule of law” said LWVK past co-president Marge Ahrens of Topeka, who testified on behalf of the League at the trial. “The lawsuit was our last resort against what we knew first hand to be harmful to our volunteer organization’s mission to register voters.”

When in 2015 the Kansas League was asked by the ACLU to be a plaintiff in a case regarding documentary proof of citizenship, League volunteer members were still struggling to help potential voters comply with the multiple steps needed to fulfill the law’s requirements.

“Our history, our principles and our passion for all citizens to access the vote, to want to vote, to be informed about their vote, was waiting to be told in court,” said Ahrens.

Nearly 100 years ago, the first League of Women Voters chapter in the nation met in Wichita, after the close of the Chicago suffragist convention and the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote.

“Since that time local, state and national units have helped citizens access the vote. We’ve conducted candidate forums and debates. We’ve studied and reached consensus on numerous public policy issues,” said Teresa Briggs, Emporia, LWVK co-president.

Fish/League of Women Voters of Kansas v.



Kobach is a case with national implications regarding the ability of citizens to register to vote without undue barriers. It is a challenge to voter suppression of an historic nature. Because of Federal District Court Judge Julie Robinson's preliminary injunction in June 2016, citizens have been able to register to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) without documentary proof of citizenship.

"What a privilege to speak for the League of Women Voters, long believing that women have gifts in the fight to strengthen democracy," said Ahrens. "The League was very grateful to be represented with the skill, depth and knowledge of our extraordinary ACLU legal team."

The Kansas League is once again making history, this time in regard to the vote, noted Cille King, Lawrence, LWVK co-president. "But it is not the first time," she said. The League has long fought to gain, protect and empower the vote for all citizens."

The [League of Women Voters of Kansas](http://www.lwvk.org) is a nonpartisan, grassroots, volunteer political organization with nine local Leagues across the state. LWVK encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League never endorses candidates or parties. To join the League, or to register to vote, go to [www.lwvk.org](http://www.lwvk.org).

### **Background on the League of Women Voters of Kansas and the lawsuit:**

The League of Women Voters of Kansas, believing that voter fraud is so rare as to be almost unmeasurable, testified against the S.A.F.E. Act in the Kansas Legislature in 2011 and in 2012. Then, because of the risks associated with copying documents, all but the Douglas County League stopped registering voters for a year. Members of that league attempted, without success, to call and email persons who did not bring in documents to complete voter registrations. Finally, they went door to door, succeeding in getting only 30 completed registrations out of 115 they selected from 1000, which cost an hour of volunteer time per completion.

The League then distributed thousands of flyers to libraries and schools across the state, educating

the public about new so-called SAFE Act requirements for registering to vote and voting. It created a video and teaching module on registering to vote under Kansas law, and distributed them to some colleges, universities and high schools across the state. LWVK then purchased incomplete voter registration (suspense) lists, sorted by county, and published them on its website so the public could know that their registrations were not complete. (In Fall 2015, 87 percent of the 36,000 on the suspense list were there for lack of documentary proof of citizenship). In addition, the League sent local lists to appropriate newspapers across the state.

Noting that the Secretary of State had created a "90 Day Rule" meaning that any registration on the list longer than 90 days would be cancelled, the League purchased complete voter registration lists several times. Volunteers analyzed the lists, compared them with existing suspense lists and determined thousands to be lost in terms of their attempts to register to vote. The Secretary of State repeatedly refused the League's requests for numbers and further information about those who were cancelled. Following a preliminary injunction by Federal District Court Judge Julie Robinson related to the Fish/League of Women Voters of Kansas suit in June 2016, League members could spend less time helping voters on the suspense list complete their registrations and focus on assisting other Kansans in registering to vote.

However, a member from one local league reported that those registering to vote without documentary proof of citizenship were not being sent the standard Certificate of Registration postcard which tells them the districts in which they reside and where they are to vote. On March 7, 2018, that matter was the last subject of LWVK testimony in the trial. It led to a possible "contempt of court" citation for the Secretary of State.

The League believes that the SAFE act makes it harder, if not impossible, for thousands of people to register and vote — disproportionately minorities and young people. It believes the Secretary of State has failed to identify more than a handful of possible cases of voter fraud. In eight years in Kansas, there have been nine convictions; only one was for illegal voting



by a noncitizen; most were for double-voting by older white men.

The lawsuit contends that the legislation violates federal law, which requires only that prospective voters attest to their citizenship under penalty of perjury. The League also says it is possible honest mistakes or clerical errors were made, for instance at the DMV, where someone might mistakenly be offered a form to register.

The League has questioned whether restrictive voting laws are really about protecting electoral integrity, or rather about keeping certain people from voting who actually are citizens. Some strict voting laws in Texas and North Carolina have been struck down for lack of evidence and for discriminating against minority voters without evidence the laws were necessary to prevent voter fraud. There are other states whose laws have been upheld without identifying a single case of fraud that law would have prevented.

## Results of the the Lawrence League Consensus Meeting on Water Resources Management Policy

*If you would like the extensive on-line packet of materials, please email Marlene at [merrillm92\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:merrillm92[at]yahoo.com)*

### Original Proposed Changes:

**Proposal 1** In the Water Rights Section, eliminates "the ranking of beneficial uses." League questions the policy of giving all "beneficial uses" equal weight and ranks priorities of water use as:

1. domestic and municipal,
2. livestock and general farm use,
3. minimum stream flow,
4. irrigation,
5. industry,
6. oil or gas production, and
7. recreation.

Public health and safety should preempt all other rights when water is in short supply.

**Proposal 2** Conservation of Water – eliminate Section H and reaffirm "first in right" First in use legal doctrine.

Encourage energy development that utilizes water efficiency and Best Practices. The League views conservation of water as critical in the protection of the wetlands of the state. The planned depletion of groundwater is not an acceptable policy for water conservation.

Section H does not address the water use framework. Under Kansas law, "water within the state" is to be dedicated to the use of the people.

If anyone would like the complete packet of materials, please send me an email and I will email it to you. It is an extensive document. - Marlene Merrill

### Consensus Question Results from Lawrence:

**Proposal 1** - Yes, replace the section referenced on Water Rights. A couple of comments: the group believes that Wildlife should be included on the League's ranking of beneficial uses. Wildlife is essential to our ecology and if wildlife is not a priority then conservation efforts will not be effective.

Secondly, our League feels strongly that the League position needs to include a statement that encourages the separation of the Division of Water Resources from the Department of Agriculture. -

### Proposal 2

No- The first sentence should read --Encourage energy development that if utilize water (including other forms of energy development) resources that it do so considering water efficiency, water reuse, and best management practices.

No - change second sentence to --League views the conservation of water as critical in the protection of **water resources** (wetlands, drinking water, etc.) of the state.

No - Not eliminate it but rewrite it. **The planned depletion of groundwater is an unacceptable policy for water conservation.**





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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, 2019. )*

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."

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**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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