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League Calendar

Saturday, July 7th	6:30 - 11:00 am	Voter Registration: Lawrence Farmer's Market. 824 New Hampshire St. Volunteers needed for 2-hour time slots, plus help setting up & breaking down. Please contact Lois Orth-Lopes, loisorth @ aol.com.
Tuesday, July 10th	7:00 - 8:45 pm	LWV-DC Board Meeting. Pioneer Ridge Community Room, 1000 Wakarusa Drive. All League members are invited to attend.
Thursday, July 12th	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority 50th Anniversary Celebration. Babcock Place, 1700 Massachusetts St. See article on page 2.
Saturday, July 14th		Voter Registration: Lawrence Farmer's Market, Lawrence Public Library, & Pop-Up Event at Love Garden. Please contact Melissa Wick wickma @ aol.com to volunteer.
Sunday, July 15th		Voter Registration: Lawrence Public Library. 707 Vermont St. Please contact Melissa Wick wickma @ aol.com to volunteer.
Monday, July 16th		Voter Registration: Lawrence Public Library. 707 Vermont St. Please contact Melissa Wick wickma @ aol.com to volunteer.
Tuesday, July 17th		Voter Registration: Lawrence Public Library. 707 Vermont St. Please contact Melissa Wick wickma @ aol.com to volunteer.
Thursday, July 19th	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Voter Registration: Downtown Sidewalk Sale. Need volunteers throughout the day in two hour or more shifts. Please contact Melissa Wick wickma @ aol.com to volunteer.
Thursday, July 19th		Voter Registration: Naturalization Ceremony, Lied Center. 1600 Stewart Drive. Please contact Melissa Wick wickma @ aol.com to volunteer.
Saturday, July 21st	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Coffee & Conversation. Z's Divine Espresso, 2351 West 31st. Drop in and see what is happening with the League.

Co-President's Message

By the time you read this, people all over the country will have rallied or marched on Saturday, June 30 in support of ending family separation and detention. This cause is supported by the League, the ACLU, and many other organizations as well as countless individuals. We hope that those of you who attended had a fulfilling time and avoided heatstroke.



This past weekend, several members of our board - Debra Duncan, Cille King and Kristin Salmans - were in attendance at the National Convention in Chicago, along with delegates from all over Kansas and the nation. They will be returning with guidance and inspiration for our local league, which we will be sharing with you in the weeks and months to come.

Besides helping with voter registration and education, there are a number of ways you can help the League. Submit photos of any events you've attended for the website, or come to a Coffee & Conversation or a Drinks & Democracy (check the calendar!) to share ideas: for the upcoming centennial celebrations, for fundraising, for student outreach, for anything that interests you. And always feel free to bring a friend.

Wishing you all a pleasant holiday, however long it lasts for you!

- Anne Fluker, & Kristin Salmans, Co-Presidents

WELCOME, NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

We have six new names in this year's directory: **Mary Donnally, Robin Gingerich, Aspen Junge, Margaret Rose, Brian Salmans, and Diane Schwartz!** Some of them have already been registering new voters with us, some have been members in the past and are re-joining. Welcome to all of you!

CANDIDATE INFO

Links have been added for candidate information at our website, lawrenceleague.com. Please visit and refer people to the site!

Housing Authority Okayed By Commission on Tuesday

The City Commission Tuesday afternoon unanimously agreed to establish a Lawrence Housing Authority and authorized staff to draw up necessary ordinances to set it up.

The local housing authority is the result of a strong recommendation last June 18 from the League of Women Voters to the governing body, and a request last Thursday night by the city's advisory group that the public housing agency be established.

City Manager Ray Wells Tuesday in City Hall told the commission that approval of establishment of a housing authority "is tantamount to approval of public housing of some type in Lawrence."

Commissioner Don Metzler asked if the governing body still had the ability to decide against public housing — "to

say we don't want it or we don't need it" — though he admitted such an action is not likely. Wells said the governing body maintained control of the authority.

Metzler then pointed out that the City Commission is "really losing nothing by appointing a local housing authority."

Wells said once appointed, the housing authority will be self-perpetuating. He said it will be funded by federal grants, not local tax funds.

"I feel it is time to launch into this program," Commissioner Dick Raney said. With that, the commission instructed the staff to prepare necessary ordinances to set up a Lawrence Housing Authority. The authority will have five members, appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Commission.

LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Date: Thursday, July 12

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Place: Babcock Place, 1700 Massachusetts St.

A light lunch will be served.

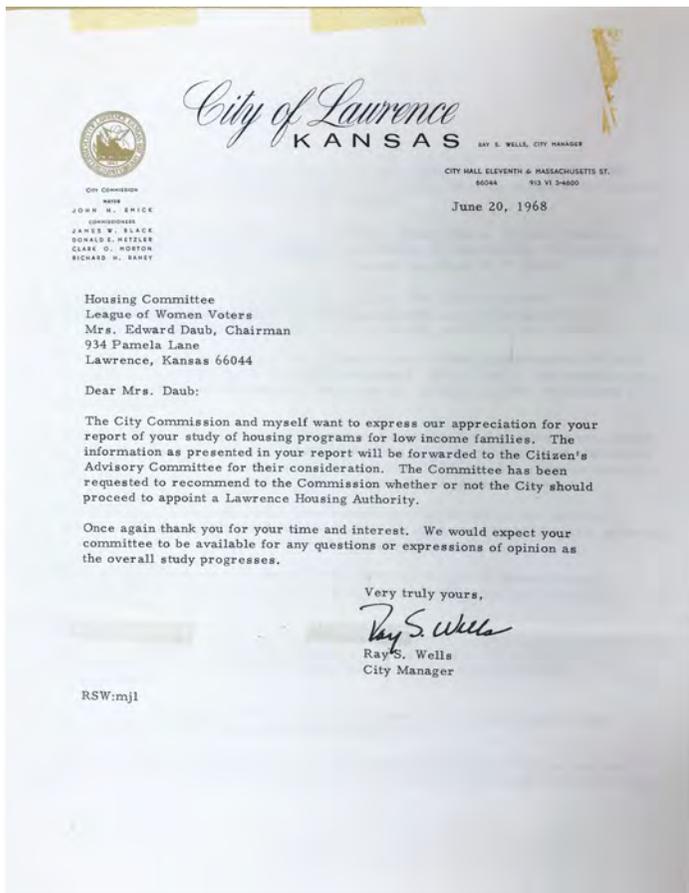
Display of historical League and other documents on the creation of the Lawrence Housing Authority.

Please RSVP to Ruth Lichtwardt at rlightwardt@ldcha.org or 830-2253



WOMEN VOTERS ELECT OFFICERS — Members of the League of Women Voters elected officers at the annual meeting Thursday in the Kansas Union. From the left are: Mrs. Walter O'Brien of 315 Kansas, treasurer; Mrs. Ethan Allen of 1719 Miss., secretary; Mrs. Charles Oldfather of Route 5, president; Mrs. David Paretsky of Route 1, Eldora, Mrs.

William Hambleton of 2009 Oxford Rd. and Mrs. John P. Davidson of 6 Colonial Ct., directors. Not pictured are other officers Mrs. Earl Nehring, second vice president; Mrs. Glen McGonigle, first vice president, and Mrs. Edward Daub, Mrs. James Thomson and Mrs. Paul Burton, directors. (Journal-World Photo)



League member take a moment to celebrate this landmark voting rights decision.

Please join me in thanking all the LWV-LDC members who have tabled during the events this month. Not in alphabetical order: Lois Orth-Lopes, Janice Friedman, Marlaine Stoor, Ann Ozegovic, Krista Barbour, Cammie Healy, Jamie Benvenuti, Kristin Salmans, Robin Gingerich, Sue Himes, Leeann Fitzgerald, Teresa Malarky, Marjorie Cole, Gayle Machett, Jane Imber, Megan Moriarity, Sally Kelsey, Betty Bunce, Sonja Czarnecki, Pam Adams, Ellen Paulson and Marlene Merrill.

You to can come join the fun: email Melissa Wick at wickma @ aol.com or Lois Orth-Lopes at loisorthl @ aol.com to find out about upcoming events. Or, propose one of your own, there are many places and events in Lawrence, Baldwin City, Eudora & LeCompton that would be good venues for a voter registration drive.

- Melissa Wick

VOTER SERVICES REPORT FOR JUNE 2018

As I write this article I can already report 7 voter registration drives have occurred this month with another one scheduled for June 30, 2018. The Mid-terms are coming and with a lot riding on the outcome, many more people seem to be really engaged in the election process, starting with voter registration. We have conducted 4 drives at the Lawrence Farmer's Market, one drive at the How To Festival at the Lawrence Public Library, a pop-up drive at Love Garden Music Store on Mass St. and at the NAACP Juneteenth Celebration at Holcomb Park. We have processed 23 new registrations and 23 address changes.

Now that a Federal judge has ruled the Proof of Citizenship Law, championed by the Kansas Secretary of State, unconstitutional, registration will return to a smooth process taking less than 5 minutes. We have been advised by counsel to continue to use the Federal Form. Let every

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY BOARD MEETING

Present: Kristin Salmans (Co-President), Anne Fluker (Co-President), Melissa Wick (Treasurer), Sharon Brown (Secretary), Margaret Arnold, Tamara Cash, Marjorie Cole, Debra Duncan, Kim Gibson, Cille King, Marlene Merrill, Thea Perry Absent: Jamie Benvenuti, Janice Friedman, Lori Hutfles

TREASURER: Marjorie gave the treasurer's report. We had income of \$1,660 for April (dues \$1,055, meetings and hospitality \$155, contributions \$400, scholarship fund \$50) and expenses of \$2,092.84 (meetings and hospitality \$877.42, first quarter state PMP \$693, State Council registrations \$180, Education Fund donations \$235, VOTER printing \$37.08. Net inflow/outflow was \$ -432.84. Current balances as of April 30, 2018, were checking account \$14,279.93, money market account \$2,107.94, Stucky account \$1,634.62, Education Fund \$114.39.

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN AGENT OF THE CITY DESIGNATED HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, DELEGATING POWERS THERETO AND AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

SECTION I. There is hereby created as an agent of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, an authority to be known and designated as "Housing Authority of the City of Lawrence, Kansas" (herein called the "Authority").

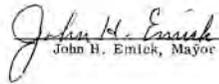
SECTION II. The Authority is hereby delegated (a) the power to plan, construct, maintain, operate and manage any low-rent housing project or projects of the City of Lawrence, Kansas; (b) all other powers conferred on the City of Lawrence, Kansas, by the Municipal Housing Law, except the powers to execute contracts with an agency of the Government, borrow money, issue bonds (as defined in the Municipal Housing Law) and acquire or dispose of real property; and

SECTION III. The Authority is hereby authorized to employ an executive director, technical experts and such other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as the Authority may require, and to delegate to one or more of them such powers or duties as the Authority may deem proper; and

SECTION IV. The Mayor shall be promptly notified of the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION V. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body this 9th day of July, 1968.


John H. Emick, Mayor

ATTEST:


Vera Mercer, City Clerk

501C4 and 501C3 status being on the website and Kim said those are already on the site.

STATE PRESIDENT: Cille announced that at the State Council Meeting it was decided to bring back the Vote411 program with Carol Neal of Wichita in charge. Trial questions will be given to US Representative and KS Representative candidates. League members are encouraged to volunteer and grants for 1 or 2 people to do data entry will be available. The website is lwvksvote411@gmail.com

The PMP for League student memberships has been waived nationally.

Tentative dates for the 2018 State League Day to be held in Wichita are October 6 or October 13.

VOTER SERVICE: Melissa reported that two registration events were held recently, at the Lawrence Farmer's Market (19 registrations) and Art in the Park (29 registrations).

FLUKER AWARD: Janice and Anne were confirmed as co-chairs of this committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Kristin, Marlene and Debra will be our delegates to the LWVUS National Convention. Cille will attend as a delegate from the State Board.

- Sharon Brown, Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you to Spencer Research Library and their very helpful Librarians for the clippings and documents featured in this issue, which are all from the League archives in the Kansas Collection.

Dashboard, 5/8/18

(Status Summary as of April 30, 2018)

	Year to Date	Annual Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 1,660.00	\$15,700.00
General Fund Expense	\$ 2,092.84	\$15,700.00
Net Revenue	\$ -432.84	\$ 00.00

Marlene moved and Sharon seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted and filed for audit. Motion carried.

Marjorie announced the names of four new members: Mary Jane Clement, Charley Crabtree, Lori Johns and Pamela McKean.

CO-PRESIDENTS: Kristin reported that she and Anne had met with Marlene and Ann Carlin Ozegovic to review the League notebook and duties of their office. New notebooks will be given to Lori and Jamie. She inquired about our

to receive funds for housing programs if we desired them. We spent many hours with the assistant city manager on this, and, having never seen the League in action before, he was truly impressed! "Do you ladies always go into things this thoroughly?" he asked one day, shaking his head in disbelief!



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF LAWRENCE / DOUGLAS COUNTY

Make a Difference – Join/Support the League!

Return this form with a check made out to LWV L/DC, and mail to LWV L/DC, PO Box 1072, Lawrence, KS 66044.

*(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**	_____ FREE	_____ FREE
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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