



# The VOTER

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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

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## League Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 16th		Last Day to Register to Vote for the November 6 Election.
Wednesday, Oct. 17th		Advance Voting by Mail and In Person Begins.
Thursday, Oct. 18th	11:30 am - 2:30 pm	<b>Hot Topic: Voter Suppression.</b> <i>Lawrence Public Library Auditorium, 707 Vermont St.</i> LWVL-DC is partnering with the Library to present the film, <b>Best Democracy Money Can Buy</b> , and discussion. See article on page 2.
Tuesday, Oct. 23rd	5:00 - 7:00 pm	<b>Drinks &amp; Democracy.</b> <i>Johnny's Tavern, 401 North 2nd Street.</i>
Thursday, Oct. 25th	8:00 am - Noon	<b>Voter Registration for Naturalization Ceremony.</b> <i>Lied Center, 1600 Steward Drive.</i>
Sunday, Oct. 28th	2:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>Historical Clubs in Lawrence.</b> <i>Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts St.</i> LWVL-DC is participating in the Library's Historic Women's Club event, featuring clubs that have existed for over 50 years. Refreshments. Music by the Lawrence Music Club.
Tuesday, Oct. 30		Last Day to Request an Advance Ballot be Mailed.
Monday, Nov. 5th	Noon	Advance Voting Closes.
Tuesday, Nov. 6th	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	General Election.
Tuesday, Nov. 13th	7:00 - 8:45 pm	<b>LWVL-DC Board Meeting.</b> <i>Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.</i> All League members are invited to attend.
Thursday, Nov. 15	TBD	Tentative Hot Topic: KanCare Outreach.

## Co-Presidents Message

This past month has been very eventful, and will continue to be busy for us as we ramp up to the October 16th registration deadline.

Our collaboration with the KU student community continues to develop; Amy Schumacher-Rutherford addressed the last board meeting to discuss her involvement with theSkimm's No Excuses campaign (<https://www.theskimm.com/noexcuses>) and other outreach efforts, and we joined our September Drinks & Democracy with their Party to the Polls event at





the Oread on National Voter Registration Day. We expect more involvement from our nascent KU branch in the near future (including our next board meeting!).

Our candidate forum and potluck was tremendously well-attended by both candidates and civilians - see the write-up in the Journal-World if you were unable to make it. Thanks to all who helped out with food, supplies, or organization; we couldn't have done it without you!

The Voter Education Coalition, in which the League participates, is planning another Candidate Forum on Sunday Oct 7, 1:30pm at the City Council chambers. We will host Kansas Legislative Candidates from Districts 42 - Jim Karleskint and Thea Perry, and 45- Mike Amyx and Cynthia Smith. There will also be a presentation from Douglas County about the proposed sales tax increase.

Please plan to attend the next Hot Topic on Oct 18 11:30-2:00pm at the Library. We will be showing the movie "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy." Investigative reporter, Greg Palast, covers voter suppression throughout the country and includes in-depth research of Kansas' flawed and unsecured Interstate Crosscheck program. By the time you read this, League Day in Wichita may have come and gone. If so, we hope that you were there and had a great time!

One thing you can still do is help prepare voters for the coming election, whether by registering, informing, or arranging transportation. Please reach out to Melissa Wick or your co-presidents if you are not already receiving emails and would like to volunteer.

Whatever you do, we hope you're enjoying some fall weather (at last), and that you've checked your own voter registration!

Until next month!

- Kristin Salmans & Anne Fluker, Co-Presidents  
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## Welcome, New Members!

October finds us with four new members — **Sheryl Brotton, Hugh Griggs, Jed Shaffer, and Martha Silks.** Please welcome them at our upcoming events!

## October Hot Topic: Voter Suppression October 18th

The controversial film "Best Democracy Money Can Buy" is the Hot Topic! program, Thursday, October 18. We will meet at 11:30 am at the Library Auditorium. The film will begin at noon. Running time is under two



hours, and even with discussion to follow, the event is planned to conclude by 2:30 pm.

The film's solid reporting by Rolling Stone journalist Greg Palast has been reviewed positively. He includes voter suppression information from the 2016 presidential election and focuses on Kansas's flawed and unsecured Voter Registration Interstate Crosscheck program. Celebrity appearances include Ice-T and Richard Belzer, Willie Nelson, Rosario Dawson, and Shailene Woodley. Actor Jason Alexander states, "Palast's amazing, mind-blowing, literate and disturbing-

ly funny account of what has happened to this country has left me dizzy.’

Invite friends and neighbors. The public is welcome to attend.

- Marlene Merrill



## Voter Services Report for September

This was the busiest month for voter registration events in the 4 years that I have been a member! This report covers events from 8-31-2018 through 9-27-2018.

There were a number of days with more than 1 event scheduled. From contacts developed over years of tabling at a variety of institutions – public and private – we succeeded in establishing our reputation as a group that will register voters in a non-partisan manner and disperse election information without endorsing candidates or parties.

Our variety of events included public and private schools, at community events, senior resident complexes, entertainment establishments and the Lawrence Public Library.

My thanks goes out to the following volunteers who have served at events during the month: Teresa Malarky, Amy Rutherford, Kristin Salmans, Marlene Merrill, Deb Duncan, Sally Kelsey, Sonja Czarniecki, Sabrina Eichen, Alex VanVleck, Robin Gingerich, Carol Williamson, Lois Orth-Lopes, Jude Block, Edie Patterson, Celia Lia, Maya Svendson, Hugh Griggs, Charlie Crabtree, Marjorie Cole, Marty Doherty, Logan Stenseng, Edward Roman Nose, Megan Moriarity, Marlaine Stoor, Carolyn Young, Karen Frick, Janice Friedman, Kelly Jones, Stella Tunge, Krista Barbour, Glenn Adams, Cille King, Tamara Cash, Pam McKean, Becky Plate, Helen Alexander, Alana Cloutier. Special recognition to a number of people who served as the

on-site coordinator: Lois Orth-Lopes, Sonja Czarniecki, Teresa Marlarky, Carol Williamson for numerous events.

And now (drum roll) the RESULTS:  
333 Newly Registered Voters  
54 Address Changes  
3 Name Changes  
30 Advanced Ballots  
40 Party Affiliation Changes  
5 New Members

- Melissa A Wick



## Observer Report for the Monday August 13, 2018 meeting of the City of Lawrence Public Incentive Review Committee (PIRC)

Meeting place: City Commission Meeting Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

Subject: Review Requested Industrial Revenue Bonds by Heritage Tractor

### PIRC members attending:

Aaron Cromwell, Mayor's Appointee – Sustainability Advisory Board  
Shannon Kimball, Board of Education,  
Ken Easthouse, Chair, Member at Large  
Eric Kirkendall, At large Member  
Michelle Fales, Financial Analyst

### City staff attending:

Diane Stoddard, Asst. City Manager  
Britt Crum-Cano, Economic Development Analyst

Danielle Buschkoetter, City Manager Admin. Asst.

Heritage Tractor Representatives Attending:

Derek Dummermuth, President, CFO

Rob Mandel, Representative

Dan Dannenberg, L-Dg.Co. LWV observer.

Agenda:

1. Administration and Procedures
  - a. The minutes of the April 23, 2018, meeting were approved
  - b. A quorum was present to conduct business.
2. Discuss of application by Heritage Tractor for Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB) financing to obtain sales tax exemption on construction materials to rebuild facility at 1110 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. that was destroyed by fire.
  - a. Heritage Tractor has distributed John Deere agricultural equipment at its Lawrence location since 2009. Large equipment is 65-70 % of annual sales.
  - b. The hub of the company is located in Baldwin City.
  - c. The Lawrence market is in about a 60-mile radius.
  - d. On May 5, 2018, the facility on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street was destroyed by fire ignited by a falling utility pole. The Westar insurance company will reimburse about 1/3 to 1/2 of the replacement cost.
  - e. A 22,000 sq ft building will be constructed on 3.5 acres to replace the 14,000 sq ft. building that was destroyed.
  - f. The existing employment is 28 employees averaging \$50,000 per year in salary. Employment is expected to increase by 5-10 jobs over the next few years.
  - g. The company is requesting \$3,000,000 in IRB's for project costs. About \$1,500,000 of that amount is for materials subject to sales tax. About \$163,500 in sales tax will be exempt. The City of Lawrence has no liability under the IRB issue.
3. Other discussion points
  - a. Erik Kirkendall asked whether or not Heritage Tractor was being given an unfair advantage against their competitor, Kubota, across the street. The consensus was that because Her-

itage Tractor was being made whole from the fire there wasn't an unfair advantage. Such advantage could accrue if a new company from outside the City was provided a similar financing package.

- b. Asst. City Mgr. Diane Stoddard said the City recommends approval of the IRB financing and sales tax exemption for construction materials.

4. Decision

- a. PIRC members unanimously approved the motion for the application by Heritage Tractor for IRB's, and the concurrent sales tax exemption on construction materials.

- Dan Dannenberg



## Highlights of the August Board Meeting

### August 14, 2018

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

Guests: Claudia Kressig, Sara Thimmesch

TREASURER: Melissa presented the treasurer's report. We had income of \$2,415.00 in July (dues \$2,255, contributions \$20, scholarship contributions \$15, grants \$125) and expenses of \$2,319.57 (LWV-L/DC scholarship \$1000, Pay-Pal \$7.46, VOTER printing \$19.63, VOTER postage \$50, voter service postage \$140.08, national conference reimbursement \$409.40, state PMP, \$693.00).

DASHBOARD 08/13/2018  
BALANCE SHEET 08/13/2018

STUCKY MMA ACCOUNT	\$0.00
MMA	\$2,743.38
NATIONAL EDUCATION FUND	\$1,502.39
CHECKING (07/31/2018)	\$16,736.17
CHECKING (08/13/2018)	\$16,069.62
outstanding check	\$1000
deposits	\$333.45

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

Marjorie announced that we have seven new members: Jacqueline Becks, Susan Knudsen, Claudia Kreszig, Sara Thimmesch, Beth Chambers, Stella Tunge, and Kelly Jones.

VOTER SERVICE: The Voter Services Committee held 12 voter registration events from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>. The largest event was the Naturalization Ceremony at the Lied Center. We registered 204 new citizens to vote out of the 327 people who were naturalized during this ceremony. Lois Orth-Lopes lead a team of volunteers who distributed Voter Registration Applications throughout the Lied Center Auditorium prior to the 10 a.m. ceremony. After the ceremony, the new citizens returned their forms to the waiting volunteers who checked the forms for completeness. Due to the court ruling in June, we did not have to photocopy the naturalization documents saving time for the new citizens and the volunteers. The volunteers for this event: Lois Orth-Lopes, Cille King, Marlene Merrill, Kaleigh Merrill, Marjorie Cole, Bonnie Dunham, Jon Dunham, Cammy Healy, Lisa McLendon, Jamie Benvenutti, Tamara Cash, Sonja Czarnecki, Robin Gingerich, Gayle Matchett, Pam McKean, Thea Perry, Rita Spradlin, Dianne Schwartz, Marlaine Stoor, Melissa Wick. The next naturalization ceremony is scheduled for October 25, 2018 at the Lied Center.

In addition, we held 3 events at the Lawrence Farmer's Market, 4 events at the Lawrence Public Li-



brary, 2 events at Raintree Montessori School, tabled from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Downtown Sidewalk Sale and held an event at Van Go. Volunteers for the above events were: Lois Orth-Lopes, Robin Gingerich, Sally Kelsey, Marlaine Stoor, Arline Davis, Sonja Czarnecki, Marjorie Cole, LeeAnn Fitzgerald, Cammy Healy, Dee Hogan, Pam McKean, Rita Spradlin, Gayle Matchett, Anne Fluker, Karen Heintzen, Betty Bunce, Judy Dutton, Jamie Benvenutti, Cammy Healy, Melissa Wick, Tayler Bertlesman, Tamara Cash, Teresa Malarky, Cille King, Dan Dannenberg, Randi Hacker, Carolyn Young, Melissa Wick. Many of the above tabled at multiple events. Registration totals for these events: 42 new to Kansas registered voters, 49 address changes.

I want to thank all of you who volunteered your time to make these events successful and represent to the public the goals of voter registration and education of the League of Women Voters of Lawrence & Douglas County.

To join our Voter Services team, please email Melissa A. Wick at [wickma@aol.com](mailto:wickma@aol.com) with your name, email, and phone number. When we schedule registration events, an email will be sent to all of those interested in voter registration and voter education asking you to sign up if possible.

NEW BUSINESS: We are working with Becky Plate to schedule a candidate forum in Eudora. Debra announced that she has checked with Lawrence Travel Center about scheduling an excursion to Seneca Falls NY in the fall of 2019 and asked if there are any board members interested in this trip. She will check on more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tamara related that Megan Williams with the KU Emily Taylor Center for Women and Gender Equity will present on diversity at a Hot Topic meeting in 2019.

- Sharon Brown, Secretary

INCOME	(FISCAL 2018-2019)	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET
	DUES	1055.00	730.00	415.00	2200.00	9000.00
	CONTRIBUTIONS	400.00	507.00	105.00	1012.00	4000.00
	LWV-LDV SCHOLARSHIP	50.00			50.00	
	CONTRIBUTIONS					1000.00
	GRANTS					500.00
	OTHER	155.00	540.00		695.00	1200.00
	INCOME TOTAL	1660.00	1777.00	520.00	3957.00	15700.00
EXPENSE						
	ADMINISTRATION					
	POSTAGE					
	PO BOX RENTAL					
	PRINTING	70.34			70.34	
	LWV-LDC SCHOLARSHIP					
	SUPPLIES					
	WEBSITE			15.17	15.17	
	MISC*	235.00		8.34		
	ADMIN EXPENSE TOTAL	305.34	0.00	23.51		2500.00
	MEALS & HOSPITALITY					
	ANNUAL MEETING	727.42			727.42	
	FLUKER LUNCHEON					
	HOT TOPICS	150.00	50.00		200.00	
	SUMMER POTLUCK			45.00	45.00	
	AFTERNOON WITH					
	LEGISLATORS					
	MISC*					
	M & E EXPENSE TOTAL	877.42	50.00	45.00	972.42	2500.00
	COMMUNICATIONS					
	VOTER		27.92	64.17	92.09	
	FUND RAISING					
	MISC*					
	COMM EXPENSE TOTAL	0.00	27.92	64.17	92.09	400.00
	VOTER SERVICES					
	PRINTING	37.08			37.08	
	SUPPLIES					
	MISC*					
	VOTER SERV EXPENSE TOT	37.08	0.00	0.00	37.08	500.00
	MEETINGS					
	STATE	180.00			180.00	300.00
	NATIONAL		1935.60		1935.60	4500.00
	MEETINGS TOTAL	180.00	1935.60	0.00	2115.60	4800.00
	PER MEMBER PAYMENT					
	STATE	693.00				
	NATIONAL					
	PMP TOTAL	693.00	0.00	0.00	693.00	5000.00
	EXPENSE TOTAL	2092.84	2013.52	132.68	4239.04	15700.00

INCOME	(FISCAL 2018-2019)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET
	DUES	2,255.00	795.00		5,250.00	9000.00
	CONTRIBUTIONS	20.00	235.00		1,267.00	4000.00
	LWV-LDV SCHOLARSHIP	15.00			65.00	
	CONTRIBUTIONS					1000.00
	GRANTS	125.00			125.00	500.00
	OTHER Fund Raising		513.00		1,208.00	1200.00
	TOTAL	2,415.00	1,543.00		7,915.00	15700.00
EXPENSE						
	ADMINISTRATION					
	POSTAGE					
	PO BOX RENTAL					
	PRINTING				70.34	
	LWV-LDC SCHOLARSHIP	1,000.00			1,000.00	
	SUPPLIES					
	WEBSITE				15.17	
	MISC* Pay-pal	7.46	16.32		267.12	
	ADMIN EXPENSE TOTAL	1,007.46	16.32		1,352.63	2500.00
	MEALS & HOSPITALITY					
	ANNUAL MEETING				727.42	
	FLUKER LUNCHEON					
	HOT TOPICS				200.00	
	SUMMER POTLUCK				45.00	
	AFTERNOON WITH					
	LEGISLATORS					
	MISC*					
	TOTAL				972.42	2500.00
	COMMUNICATIONS					
	VOTER	19.63	19.63		131.35	
	FUND RAISING		24.95		24.95	
	MISC* postage	50.00			50.00	
	TOTAL	69.63	44.58		206.30	400.00
	VOTER SERVICES					
	PRINTING				37.08	
	SUPPLIES					
	MISC* SWS, Postage	140.08			140.08	
	TOTAL	140.08			177.16	500.00
	MEETINGS					
	STATE				180.00	300.00
	NATIONAL	409.40	245.60		2,590.60	4500.00
	TOTAL	409.40	245.60		2,770.60	4800.00
	PAYMENT PER MEMBER					
	STATE	693.00			1,386.00	
	NATIONAL		1,224.00		1,224.00	
	TOTAL	693.00	1,224.00		2,610.00	5000.00
	EXPENSE TOTAL	2,319.57			8,089.11	15700.00



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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:\*

Table with 3 columns: Approximate Household Income, Individual membership, Household membership. Rows include Student\*\*, Under \$25,000, \$25,000 to \$50,000, Over \$50,000, Sustaining member, Life member (of 50 years).

\* 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:

- General Membership Meetings: Set up and/or tear down, Hospitality, Taking notes...
Membership: Recruitment, Mentor/follow-up...
Voter Services: Register voters, Help with voter education
Promotion of League to our Community: Public speaking, Represent League...
I have the following skills: Editing articles/reports, Database management...
My interests include: \_\_\_\_\_

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