



# The VOTER

Bulletin of the League of Women Voters of Lawrence-Douglas County, KS  
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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

Sunday, March 17th	1:00 pm	St. Patrick's Day Parade with the League. See details on page 3.
Tuesday, March 19th	8:30 am - 2:00 pm	League Day at the Kansas Legislature. See details on page 3.
Thursday, March 21st	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Hot Topic! Masculinities 101.</b> <i>Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts St.</i> Presenter: Megan Williams. Gather at 11:30am, program begins at noon.
Friday, March 22nd	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>Drinks and Democracy.</b> <i>Johnny's Tavern, 401 N. 2nd Street.</i> Join us for an informal social gathering! Catch up on what's going on in the League and discuss the latest policies and politics.
Sunday, March 24th	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Fluker Award Luncheon.</b> <i>Smith Center, 4730 Brandon Woods Terrace.</i> See details on page 2.
Monday, March 25th	7:30 pm	<b>Social Media Training with KU Journalism Students.</b> <i>Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room C, 707 Vermont St.</i> See details on page 3.
Tuesday, April 9th	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.
Saturday, April 13th	10:00 am	<b>LWVL-DC Annual Meeting.</b> <i>Lecompton United Methodist Church 402 Elmore St, Lecompton.</i> See details on page 3.
Thursday, April 18th	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Hot Topic! Details TBA.</b> <i>Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts St.</i> Gather at 11:30am, program begins at noon.
Saturday, April 20th		<b>Earth Day.</b> <i>South Park.</i> Volunteers needed for Voter Registration. Details TBA.
Saturday, April 27th	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>LWV Kansas State Convention.</b> <i>Bluemont Hotel, Manhattan 1212 Bluemont Avenue Manhattan.</i> See details on page 3.
Friday, April 26th	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>Drinks and Democracy.</b> <i>Johnny's Tavern, 401 N. 2nd Street.</i> Join us for an informal social gathering! Catch up on what's going on in the League and discuss the latest policies and politics.
Saturday, May 5th		<b>Art in the Park.</b> <i>South Park.</i> Volunteers needed for Voter Registration. Details TBA.
Monday, May 6th	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>LWVL-DC General Meeting.</b> <i>Lawrence Beer Company, 826 Pennsylvania St.</i> Join us for an overview of what is happening in your League, social time and a delicious meal too!

## President's Message

Greetings to all!

March is proving to be another busy month for the League! Check out the calendar for all the events we have planned! As always, you can stay informed by following us on Facebook. Be sure to set your newsfeed so you see our posts first and don't miss anything!

In part of our ongoing work with the KU journalism students, we have scheduled a social media training to be held at the Lawrence Public Library Monday, March 25 7:30pm, Meeting Room C. There will be time for individual assistance with the students as well. Join us to learn how to use and maximize your use of social media including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. This training will be beneficial to increase our outreach and influence more citizens on matters important for the League and for you personally. Additionally, you can be more discerning in critically reviewing social media news feeds.

This year we are gearing up to celebrate the centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment and women's right to vote. We are working with KU, the Watkins Museum, the State League and numerous other entities to celebrate and educate. It will be a perfect opportunity for you to get involved! Stay tuned for what we have in store!

I feel lucky and very thankful to have such a wonderful group who work diligently and constantly to #makedemocracyswork! Let's keep it up and expand our reach in the upcoming months! - Kristin



### *You are Invited*

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at the Smith Center at Brandon Woods, 4730 Brandon Woods Terrace. We will be gathering at 11:30 with the luncheon to be served at noon.



*Helen Fluker*

This year we will be honoring Sonja Czarnecki. Sonja is the Dean of Students and a history teacher at Bishop Seabury Academy. She was nominated for her success in helping students understand and engage in the political process.

Please plan on joining us in honoring this exceptional educator. Lunch will be \$20, with a discounted price of \$15 for students. Please email or call Marjorie Cole (nobledog@aol.com or 842-6085) for reservations by Monday, March 18.

Please note that at the request of the Smith Center, we are asking for reservations by Monday, March 18.

# WELCOME!

## To Our Newest Member!

Linda Dean has joined our League. Please greet her at our upcoming events!



## St. Patrick's Day Parade with the League

Sunday, March 17

Meet up around 1pm to walk with us in the parade. Call or text Melissa Wick to see where the float is at a given time. 785-550-6160



## League Day at the Statehouse

Tuesday, March 19th

Join us for the annual League Day at the Statehouse! We will meet in the lobby area at 8:30 am and head up to room 229-E for a legislative update from Paul Johnson and Cille King.

Davis Hammet from Loud Light will be joining us at lunch. Boxed lunches will be catered in; please let me know if you have dietary requirements. Price will be \$10. If you know you'll be coming, please let me know so we have an accurate count for lunch.

Feel free to join us at anytime Tuesday. If you miss the early morning session, text me at 785-550-0363, and I'll let you know our whereabouts. Hope to see you in Topeka!  
-Thea Perry



## Social Media Training with KU Journalism Students

Monday, March 25

7:30pm at the Library Meeting Room C

Join us to learn how to navigate and optimize your social media including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. There will be time for individual instruction with the students too!



## LWV-OC Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 13th, 10:00am

Lecompton United Methodist Church  
402 Elmore St, Lecompton, KS 66050

Join us for a delicious meal of fried chicken and a historical reenactment with the Lecompton Reenactors. Details and a map are also on our Facebook page. Please RSVP by April 5 to Marjorie Cole at nobledog@aol.com

Cost: for the meal \$15, additional \$5 for the theatrical performance.

## Nominating Committee Report

Proposed Slate for election at the Annual Meeting, April 13, 2019:

### Officers

President	Kristin Salmans
President-Elect	Thea Perry
Vice President	Marjorie Cole
Secretary	Sharon Brown

### Directors

Cille King  
Tracy Matthews  
Denise Pettengill  
Becky Plate  
Norine Spears

**2019-2020 Nominating Committee:** Jan Roth and Marilyn Hall, Co-Chairs, Ellen Paulsen

- Submitted by 2018-2019 Nominating Committee Co-Chairs: Jan Roth and Marilyn Hall



## League of Women Voters Kansas State Convention

Saturday, April 27 9am -4pm

Bluemont Hotel, Manhattan

1212 Bluemont Avenue Manhattan, KS 66502

See Facebook for map. Please join us! This is a great opportunity to see what the League does on a statewide level. RSVP to Marjorie Cole at nobledog@aol.com



# Voter Services Report

## March 2019

### Upcoming voter registration events:

April 13 Lawrence Farmer's Market 6:30am set up – 11:00 am closes

April 20 Earth Day Set Up begins at 10:45am – event closes at 4:00pm

April 20 Lawrence Farmer's Market 6:30am set up – 11:00am closes

April 27 Lawrence Farmer's Market 6:30am set up – 11:00am closes

May 4 Lawrence Farmer's Market 6:30am set up – 11:00am close

May 5 Art in the Park – South Park – details will be forthcoming

Registration event at Lawrence College & Career Center – details will be forthcoming.

May 11 Lawrence Farmer's Market 6:30am set up – 11:00am close

Lied Center Naturalization Ceremony – details will be forthcoming when date is established

We continue to contact the area schools for voter registration drives, not much action so far.

**IMPORTANT – I will be out of town from April 12th to May 7th and will need volunteers to manage each of these events.**

- Melissa Wick wickma@aol.com 785-550-6160



# Highlights of the Minutes -

## LWV-OC Board Meeting

### February 12, 2019

**Present:** Kristin Salmans (President), Melissa Wick (Treasurer), Sharon Brown (Secretary), Tamara Cash, Marjorie Cole, Debra Duncan, Janice Friedman, Lori Hutfles, Cille King, Marlene Merrill

**Absent:** Margaret Arnold, Jamie Benvenuti, Kim Gibson, Thea Perry

**Guests:** Denise Pettengill, Ashley Naipohn, Janet Yoe

Kristin introduced Ashley Naipohn, KU journalism student, who will interview board members tonight, take photographs and be available to help with social media platforms, including establishing Instagram accounts.

**TREASURER:** Melissa reported income of \$930.00 in January (dues \$220, contributions \$185, scholarship contributions \$150, grants \$375) and expenses of \$1120.21 (postage \$100, PayPal \$5.10, Christmas tree \$155.94, Afternoon with Legislators \$40, VOTER \$26.17, misc. postage \$100, state PMP \$693).

BALANCE SHEET 02/06/2019  
STUCKY MMA ACCOUNT \$0.00  
MMA \$10,750.84  
CHECKING (12/31/2018) \$7,498.13  
NATIONAL EDUCATION FUND \$1,328.39  
CHECKING (02/06/2019) \$7,007.72

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** Lori presented three ideas for raising funds to support our scholarship: a direct mailing, email requests, and partnering with a restaurant to earn a percentage of profits. She also suggested that the board needs to maintain portfolios and do an improved job of documenting our history.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A discussion was held on whether to obtain 501c3 designation at the local level or under the state umbrella. Marlene volunteered to invite someone to explain this more fully.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Debra is chair of the LWVKS Nominating Committee and asked if anyone might be interested in serving on the State Board.

- Sharon Brown, Secretary







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**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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