



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, September 24th	7:00 pm	Votes for Women: Suffrage and the 19th Amendment Centennial. <i>Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Drive, Lawrence.</i> Suffrage historians Jinz Broussard, Teri Finneman and Candi Carter and the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.
Friday, September 27th	5:00 - 7:00 pm	Drinks and Democracy. <i>Johnny's Tavern, 401 N. 2nd Street, North Lawrence.</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, September 28th	7:30 - 11:00 am	Voter Registration at Lawrence Farmer's Market. Two people are needed at each time slot. Contact Melissa Wick 785-550-6160 wickma@aol.com
Tuesday, October 1st	7:30 pm	Sovereignty of the Soul: Centering the Voices of Native Women. <i>The Commons, Spooner Hall, 1340 Jayhawk Blvd, KU Campus, Lawrence.</i> Humanities Lecturer Sarah Deer.
Saturday, October 5th	7:30 - 11:00 am	Voter Registration at Lawrence Farmer's Market. Two people are needed at each time slot. Contact Melissa Wick 785-550-6160 wickma@aol.com
Tuesday, October 8th	7:00 - 9:00 pm	LWVL-DC Board Meeting. <i>Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.</i> Board meetings are open to all interested members.
Thursday, October 10th	11:15 am - 1:30 pm	Voter Registration at Freestate High School. Two people are needed at each time slot. Contact Kristin Salmans 334-538-4410 kristinbrightstar@gmail.com
Saturday, October 12th	7:30 - 11:00 am	Voter Registration at Lawrence Farmer's Market. Two people are needed at each time slot. Contact Lois Orth-Lopes 785-764-6300 loisorthl@aol.com
Monday, October 14th	6:30 pm	Candidate Forum for Lawrence City Commission. <i>Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire St., Lawrence.</i>
Sunday, October 15th		Final day to register to Vote in the November Election.
Monday, October 21st	7:00 pm	Hot Topic! Understanding the Census: What the Census asks, how it is used, and how you can help. <i>Lawrence Public Library auditorium, 707 Vermont St, Lawrence.</i> Speakers Steven Hale and Frankie Foster Davis. See article on page 3.

President's Message

This Fall is in full swing busy mode! You may notice the League calendar is completely full of great events and opportunities to volunteer.

Plan on joining us for our General Meeting, Candidate Forum & Potluck Picnic on Sunday, Sept 22! We will have live music, BBQ, and fun! Candidates for City Commission and School Board will be there to meet you and answer questions. Bring your family and friends! Kids are welcome, too!



We have our first meeting on KU campus scheduled for Thursday, Sept 19 at 4pm CapFed Rm 4131. We are excited to get our KU group up and going- if you are a KU student, be there! Bring your friends! Particularly as we head into 2020, we need students energized and involved.

Sign up to participate in Voter to Voter. It is super easy and is a great tool to encourage our friends and neighbors who may have never voted or vote rarely to get out and VOTE!

We would also like to invite you to join us for a very special event 7-9pm on Tuesday, Sept 24 at the Dole Institute. The KU Suffrage Anniversary Launch features three dynamic speakers. Jinx Broussard, Teri Finneman, and Candi Carter will discuss the history of the suffrage movement and voting issues that remain today. You won't want to miss this!

Join us at the end of the month for Drinks & Democracy, Friday Sept 27, 5-7pm at Johnny's North. It's a great casual get together to chat about what's going on in the world and see how you can get involved.

I look forward to seeing many new friendly faces and getting to know you- Happy Fall! - Kristin

WELCOME. NEW MEMBERS!

The League has **24 new members** this month, including many students! We look forward to seeing you and to you taking part in your League's events!

Welcome to Sara Albeita, Brenda Base, Madeline Bettis, Ivan Calderon, Monica Curiel, Lear Eicher, Katherine Eicher, Cynthia Eubanks, Catherine Ewing, Arianna Fallahian, Susie Glenn, Leon Gomez, Martha Hodge-smith, Gwendoyn Joslin, Lori Lampe, Jarron Lewis, Haeli Maas, Catherine Magana, Morgan Orozco, Matthew Petillo, Joshua Potratz, Janice Tedrow, Joanne Willson, and Starra Zwegardt!

SUFFRAGETTE PIN

This lovely pin is reproduced from one worn by early suffragettes! Perfect for wearing in this Centennial year and available for a contribution of \$15 to our Scholarship Fund. Look for them at League events.



PUT KANSAS ON THE NATIONAL VOTES FOR WOMEN TRAIL!

To celebrate the Centennial of the 19th Amendment, the National Votes for Women Trail has been collecting hundreds of sites from all over the country where

suffragists of all ages, races, and classes fought for their rights to vote. Sites include various kinds of buildings (where suffragists met or lectured), birthplaces and gravesites, outdoor parks, historical markers and monuments. The goal is to encourage people to visit these sites and honor suffragists' achievements and legacies now through August 26, 2020.

Currently Kansas has 14 sites at <http://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail> :

Six of these are in Lawrence: Lucy Hobbs Taylor Building, Frazer's Hall/Eldridge House (lectures), Liberty Hall/Bowersock Opera House (lectures), Watkins Museum of History (meetings), Douglas County Courthouse (meetings) and Oak Hill Cemetery.

Hundreds of Kansas suffragists campaigned across the entire state from 1867 through 1912. If you know of more local sites you can submit them by linking to <https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail> and clicking on "get involved" to fill out a brief form.



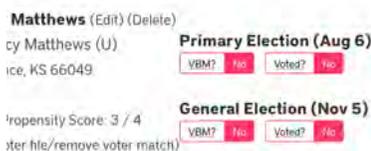


HOW TO BE A VOTING AMBASSADOR FOR VOTER-TO-VOTER

In 2018, Voter-to-Voter made several efforts to increase voter engagement by building a culture of voting around the people you know. Using existing relationships and having conversations about the importance of voting with friends, family, and neighbors, with peers and with people in the community, have been shown to lead to greater engagement and turnout. In 2019, Voter-to-Voter project is continuing to inform Kansans about the importance of voting.

To join the Lawrence/Douglas County League of Women Voters team, go to votertovoter.org and click "Join a Team." Our team is LWV Lawrence Douglas County. After you join our team you will be promoted to Register. Once your account is created, you can begin entering your friends, family, and neighbors. Voter to voter electronically accesses public voting records to determine whether a person you enter has voted in recent elections. If you enter a person and only their name appears, you may be prompted to "See if they are registered to vote!" Click on that text, and "Search for Matching Voter Records." If you see your entry, click on the aqua colored "This is them" button, and the data should populate.

Your entry will look similar to this (keep in mind we didn't have an August primary election in Lawrence).



For questions, please reach out to Tracy Matthews at tracymatthews@kw.com or go online to <https://www.kansasappleseed.org> > uploads > ambassador_cheat_sheet

THE CENSUS: THE WHO, WHAT, HOW, WHY, AND IMPORTANCE

The League of Women Voters with the Lawrence Public Library announces a program on the upcoming census for Monday, October 21 7PM. The meeting will be in the Lawrence Public library auditorium. Program title is "Understanding the Census: What the census asks, how is it used, and how can you help." Speakers are Steven Hale and Frankie Foster-Davis. The census is a once-in-every-10-years process and it is critical to include everyone in the count.

Government, businesses and others use census data for grants, transportation planning, emergency preparedness, education funding, health tracking, and Congressional representation (e.g. if Kansas keeps 4 Congressional districts). The census also impacts how state and local legislative districts are formed. Businesses consider population trends when choosing places to locate, which boosts economic growth. Kansas in 2016 received over \$6 Billion dollars from 55 US programs.

The census is mandated by the US Constitution to take place every 10 years. It is important to count every person. People don't participate in the census for a variety of reasons. Such as: Don't feel comfortable sharing my information; don't have time to fill it out; or don't think it is important.

Typically, some important groups do not get counted. Often missed are young children, people of color, rural residents, low income people, and the elderly, foreign born, single parents, and the homeless. To get a better count, Kansas is mobilizing Complete Count committees.

Join the League and the Library in telling your friends and neighbors, and others who won't see the announcement on Facebook or internet. Our speakers are very skilled and will address the issues and questions you have about the Census. Join us October 21!

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

August was a busy month with coverage every weekend at the Lawrence Farmer's Market and the KU Volunteer and Part Time Job Fair. We continue to get wide community exposure from tabling at the Farmer's Market, at least one event has been scheduled do to our being at the Market.

The results of these events are 27 new registrations, 1 electronic registration, 31 address changes, 2 name changes, and 3 party affiliation changes.

Our hardworking coordinators Lois Orth-Lopes and Sonja Czarnecki were joined by registration volunteers Charley Crabtree, Betty Bunce, Pam Adams McKean, Matthew Petillo, Lear Eicher, Lyle Griggs, Randi Hacker, Martha Silks. Melissa Wick and Kristin Salmans tabled at the KU Volunteer & Part Time Job Fair.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES LWV-LDC BOARD MEETING AUGUST 13, 2019

Present: Kristin Salmans (President), Marjorie Cole (Vice President), Melissa Wick (Treasurer), Sharon Brown (Secretary), Tamara Cash, Cille King, Tracy Matthews, Becky Plate

Absent: marci francisco, Thea Perry, Denise Pettengill, Norine Spears

Guests: Lindsay Behgam, Teri Finneman, Marlene Merrill, Susan Shanklin

Lindsay Behgam presented information about the Voter to Voter project, an initiative of the Mainstream Education Foundation. This project is non-partisan and imposes no specific position or policy messaging, except, of course that voting is important. Tracy is leading our LWV-L/DC team of Voting Ambassadors.

Teri Finneman reported on scheduled 19th Amendment Centennial events. A list of upcoming programs and activities can be accessed by googling the following: Suffrage events William Allen White

Marjorie announced that we have eight new members: Bill and Kathleen Wiseman, Kaylyn Munro, Mina

Dailey, Amanda Brayer, Teri Chambers, Carol Robertson and Suzi Cammon.

TREASURER: Melissa reported income of \$1,041.92 in July (dues \$511.80, contributions \$105.12, grants \$125, other \$300) and expenses of \$1,099.53 (scholarship \$300, VOTER printing \$30.03, State PMP \$769.50).

BALANCE SHEET 08/13/2019

MMA \$10,763.10

CHECKING (12/31/2018) \$7,498.13

NATIONAL EDUCATION FUND \$1,428.39

L/DC SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$806.67

CHECKING (8/13/2019) \$9,026.11

Marlene moved and Becky seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted and filed for audit. Motion carried. Melissa reported that proceeds from the garage sale totaled \$1,710.67. Also, League can expect to receive a \$16,000+ donation from Ann Ozeovic's estate.

STATE CO-PRESIDENT: Cille discussed some items that will be covered in the Local Presidents' Call to be held Wednesday, August 14. The launch of the updated Vote411 website is scheduled for August 14. Cille is a member of the Governor's 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. The LWVUS Webinar on 2020 Census was presented on Tuesday, July 30. More information can be accessed at the LWVKS website. LWVUS has a new Redistricting 50 State Campaign and state leaders will convene in the D.C. area in October.

HOT TOPICS: Marlene reported that the October meeting will be held on Monday, October 21 in the evening and the topic will be the 2020 census. A program on emergency services is being planned for November.
- Sharon Brown, Secretary





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Make a Difference - Join/Support the League!

*Return this form with a check made out to LWV/DC, and mail to the address below.
Membership is open to any person who is sixteen years of age or older.
New or renewed memberships received now will expire March 31, 2021*

Date _____ Renewing Member _____ New Member _____

I heard about the League via (Facebook, website, friend, other): _____

Membership Dues:*

Approximate Household Income	Individual Membership	Household Membership
Student** (until 1/2021)	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 & 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 _____ (ZIP) _____

Phone _____ Email _____
(each member)

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

- General Membership Meetings:
- Set up and/or tear down
 - Hospitality (provide coffee/tea/dessert)
 - Taking notes/writing report of meeting
- Membership
- Recruitment
 - Mentor/follow-up with new members
 - Provide a ride to a member
 - Phone members without internet access
- Voter Services
- Register voters
 - Help with voter education

- Contribute to the League by:
- Researching for League studies on issues
 - Participating in fund-raising activities
 - Attending/reporting on government meetings
 - Representing the League at community events
 - Serving on the Board of Directors
- I have the following skills:
- Editing articles/reports
 - Database management
 - Microsoft Word / Excel / Quickbooks
 - Website/Social Media design/management
- My interests include:
- _____

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