



# 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

Registration Invitations to Zoom meetings will be sent by email to League members and posted on our social media shortly before the date of the meeting.

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| Thursday, August 20                         | Noon - 1:00 pm    | <b>Hot Topic! Building a Better Democracy.</b> <i>Via Zoom.</i> Davis Hammett, recipient of the 2020 Helen Fluker Open & Accessible Government Award. See article on Mr. Hammett on page 3.             |
| Sunday, August 26                           | 7:00 pm           | <b>March to the Polls Community Meeting.</b> <i>Via Zoom.</i> See article on page 3. Watch emails & Facebook for your Zoom invitation.  |
| Monday, August 31                           | 7:00 pm           | <b>Civic Engagement 101, No. 2.</b> <i>Via Zoom.</i> Maria Boyd, Tribal Partnership Specialist with the 2020 Census, will present. See flyer on page 4.   |
| Sunday, September 6                         | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm | <b>Cruising for Voters Parade.</b> <i>Meet at Keller-Williams parking lot, 545 Columbia Ave,</i> to cruise with NAACP and Moms Demand Action.   |
| Tuesday, September 8                        | 2:00 pm           | <b>LWV-L/DC Board Meeting.</b> <i>via Zoom.</i> All interested League members are invited to attend.  |
| Thursday, September 17                      | Noon - 1:00 pm    | <b>Hot Topic! Getting the Legislation You Want.</b> <i>via Zoom.</i> Lessons learned from amending the Kansas Open Meetings Act. Alan Cowles and Senator marci francisco will present.                  |
| Monday, September 28                        | 7:00 pm           | <b>Civic Engagement 101.</b> <i>Via Zoom.</i> Details TBA.  |
| Tuesday, October 13                         |                   | <b>Last day to register to vote in the November 3 General Election</b>  |
| Wednesday, October 14 to Monday, November 2 |                   | <b>Early Voting Period.</b> See Douglas County website for details. <a href="https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections">https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/voting-and-elections</a> |
| Monday, October 26                          | 7:00 pm           | <b>Civic Engagement 101.</b> <i>Via Zoom.</i> Details TBA.  |
| Tuesday, November 4                         | 7:00 am - 7:00 pm | <b>Election Day.</b>  |

# President's Message



## Back to School!

Or is it? Such a strange and extraordinary time in which we live. Although things are not anywhere near "normal" I continue to be inspired and encouraged by people making the best out of what we are given, being creative and inventive out of necessity! League members are some of the most shining examples!

August 26, 2020 is the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment! Women's Equality Day. So much progress and so much yet to be done! Celebrate by becoming more active in the League of Women Voters. Bring your friends! The best thing we can do right now is talk to people (whether masked in person, on the phone, via text or facetime!), educate them about the issues, get them registered and then get them to VOTE! What we do matters!

Our March to the Polls effort continues, although it has taken a little different look. We will have another community partners meeting via Zoom on Aug 26 at 7pm, make more plans and discuss current efforts. Let's commemorate this 100th year milestone by getting out the vote by working together! Please plan to join us. Watch FB and your email for the Zoom invitation.

We still need your help with the Climate Change and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committees! We would also love to have community partner members participate. Please contact me at 334-538-4410 if you are interested. Our national LWV has great resources for both of these issues, we need to personalize them and make them work for our community.

Keep up the good work! I look forward to seeing you all soon via Zoom! :)

#MakingDemocracyWork  
#WomenPowerTheVote2020

- Kristin  
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## Welcome, New Members!

Since the June Voter, nine new members have joined us: **Ann Brill, Deborah Burns, Amaya Simone Harris, Mary Head, Susan Henneke, Betsy Olander, Diana Carlin Pierron, Megan Schulte, and Deb Umberger.**

We look forward to you joining in our Zoom meetings and events. There are various ways to participate in our volunteer activities, both from your home and from safe person-to-person settings. Getting voters registered and ready to vote is vital. - Marjorie Cole



## Lawrence Suffragist History

Genevieve H. Chalkley (1875-1965) worked tirelessly for women's rights in Lawrence and Douglas County since 1904. After Kansas women won full suffrage in 1912, she was elected state President of the re-named Good Citizenship League in 1913 at the Jubilee Convention held in Lawrence. She served as the first President of the Douglas County League of Women Voters (Sept. 1921-Feb. 1922), before moving to England to extend the education of her two daughters.

Register for her suffragist story (enacted by Jeanne Klein) on August 26 at 10 a.m. at [https://us02web-zoom.us/webinar/register/5215948466968/WN\\_LKp-b22usRTKa0Ind06\\_KEQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/5215948466968/WN_LKp-b22usRTKa0Ind06_KEQ). A great way to celebrate the Centennial of the 19th Amendment!

- Jeanne Klein

## March To The Polls 2020

We are nearing the end of the Civic Engagement phase of MTTP 2020. We have hired our LDC Coordinator and identified volunteers. The coordinator and volunteers received the tablets with SMARTVAN installed and participated in a series of 4 online training sessions.

These sessions were recorded for additional volunteers or reviewing at a later date.

Our MTTP Community Partners meeting will be taking place on August 26, 2020, at 7:00pm, via Zoom. Watch for your invitation by email or in a Facebook listing.

MTTP will be providing information to Cruising for Voters events in order to target neighborhoods and gathering places, and begin relationship building with these communities.

Thanks so much! - Ma'Ko'Quah Abigail Jones  
LDC MTTP Coordinator

## Want to Volunteer? Here is What You Can Do!

A new flyer has been prepared with essential voter information and a list of the primary winners to be handed at tabling events this month. The sign-up list for August gives opportunities to volunteer.

[Please check out the sign-up for August](#) because there are many opportunities!

If you are uncertain about what tabling involves, we have an instructional video for you!

The [instructional video](#) needs some update as it still includes the August primary, but most of the basic information is still relevant. Volunteers need to wear masks and keep appropriate distance from people. Many of our tabling events are outdoors. Help is always available by phone. Our goal is to provide accurate voting information and voting registration materials to everyone.

Connie Stoker will have the tabling kit with necessary materials and will help with getting to the events. Contact her at (314) 225-6101 or [conniestoker@gmail.com](mailto:conniestoker@gmail.com) Thank you, Connie!

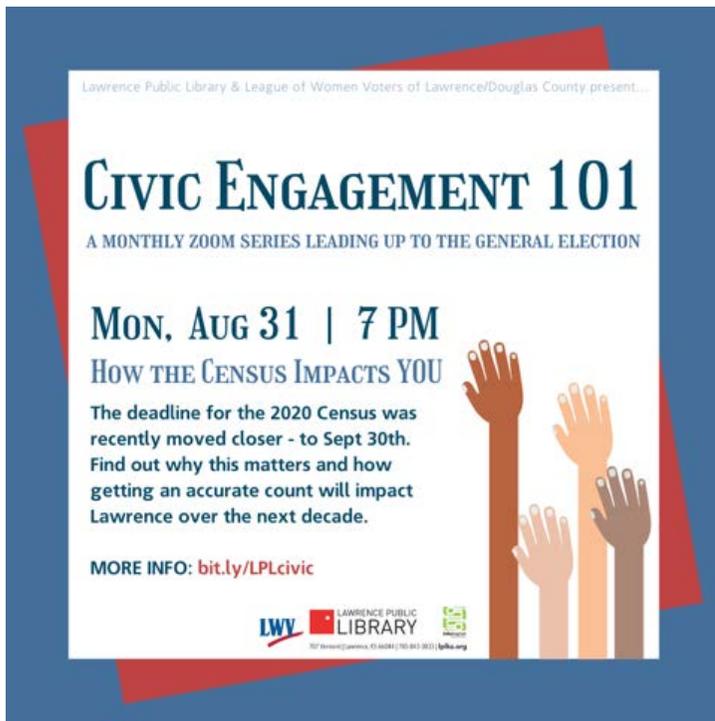
- Sonja Czarnecki  
Martha Silks



## 2020 Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award

We are delighted to announce that this year's recipient is Davis Hammet. Davis is the former Director of Operations for the international progressive nonprofit, Planting Peace, where he worked to maintain and expand programs around the world ranging from medical relief to human rights and bully prevention. He co-created the rainbow colored Equality House across from the Westboro Baptist Church hate group where he lived for 5 years. His work and commentary has been covered in The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN, MSNBC, and most other major outlets.

After several years of successfully organizing to win victories from the local to national level, Davis Hammet founded Loud Light to advance youth civic participation and mobilize underrepresented communities in Kansas.



## Civic Engagement 101 Review

There was a good turnout for the first Civil Engagement 101, on July 28. City Commissioner Courtney Shipley presented an overview of local government. Thirty-five viewers attended in realtime and many more watched on the Library YouTube channel.

If you missed it, here is the link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEis2usuDMo&fbclid=IwAR3\\_IVe-OUSpTy8Sat8kekiTGKIjUjxyRIDquBlLxQyG7t-l8t8Sh5vj0e4U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEis2usuDMo&fbclid=IwAR3_IVe-OUSpTy8Sat8kekiTGKIjUjxyRIDquBlLxQyG7t-l8t8Sh5vj0e4U)

- Denise Pettengill, Hot Topic Committee Chair

## LWV LDC Scholarship Fundraising Yard Sale!

This year's fundraising yard sale was a huge success! We raised over \$2200 toward our High School Scholarship Fund! Tracy Matthews generously hosted the sale in her driveway and yard. We were able to socially distance and everyone wore masks, shoppers and workers alike. We had lots of wonderful donations, including two turn of the century crazy quilts - works of art in themselves! We still have one of the quilts available. Please contact Tracy at 785-727-8342 if you are interested. Thank you so very much to all of

our donors and all the volunteers who worked hundreds of hours! We are only successful because of you! This is a huge endeavor, particularly during a global pandemic! Thank you, thank you, thank you!  
- Kristin Salmans

## Voter Services Report for July 16<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>

As the general election gets closer we are expecting to get very busy with voter registrations, providing much needed voter educational support, and promoting safe vote-by-mail. We are continuing all the voter services activities of previous months and have added a few more. Our in-person registrations practice CDC recommended health and safety procedures (wearing masks and maintaining social distance and good sanitization).

We are continuing to post yard signs (with a QR code linking to KSVotes.org) in locations with high visibility. We will be distributing updated fliers to local businesses and organizations, once these are available. These updated fliers will have candidate information and everything an eligible voter needs to know to register and vote. We are working with assisted care facilities to register residents and complete permanent advance vote-by-mail requests so they are not left out of the democratic process. We have reached out to Douglas County high school educators and administrators to provide materials and educational materials to register and educate students on voting process.



scheduled in-person voter registration

events include:

- Local farmers markets (as much as permitted by the organizer),
- Wonderfair in downtown Lawrence (schedule TBD),
- Crunch Fitness (23<sup>rd</sup> and Iowa), and
- Ballard/Harvesters food distribution events at Douglas Co. fair grounds (two times each month).

All this activity means we need more volunteers. If you wish to help distribute fliers to local businesses please contact Charlie Crabtree at [charleytree04@gmail.com](mailto:charleytree04@gmail.com). If you wish to help out with voter registration events, post signs, or participate in our next Voter Services Zoom Meeting (Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00a.m.), please contact Sonja or myself at [marthajsilks@gmail.com](mailto:marthajsilks@gmail.com) or [sonja.czarnecki@gmail.com](mailto:sonja.czarnecki@gmail.com).

All this work was possible through work of the members of the LWV-Lawrence/Douglas County League.  
 - Martha Silks & Sonja Czarnecki,  
 Voter Services Co-Chairs

## Highlights of the Minutes LWV-L/DC Board Meeting July 14, 2020 via Zoom

**Present:** Kristin Salmans (President), Marjorie Cole (Vice President), Melissa Wick (Treasurer), Sharon Brown (Secretary), Tamara Cash, Charley Crabtree, Cille King, Denise Pettengill, Emily Riner, Martha Silks  
**Absent:** Tracy Matthews, Becky Plate  
**Guests:** Sonja Czarnecki, Ma'Ko'Quah Jones, Amber Sellers, Jennifer Martello, Kay Johnson, Marlene Merrill.

**TREASURER:** Melissa reported income of \$808.50 in June (dues \$563.45, contributions \$245.05) and expenses of \$173.61 (VOTER printing \$23.61, stickers \$100, National meeting \$50).

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| BALANCE SHEET         | 07/01/2020            |             |
| MMA                   |                       | \$28,598.28 |
| CHECKING (06/30/2020) |                       | \$ 9,503.10 |
| NAT'L EDUC FUND       |                       | \$3,218.30  |
|                       | L/DC SCHOLARSHIP FUND |             |
|                       | \$2,972.34            | CHECKING    |
|                       | (07/01/2020)          |             |
|                       | \$9,449.90            |             |



**VOTER SERVICE:** Sonja and Martha reported that VS committee meetings are scheduled and all are invited to attend. More fliers are needed and will be printed in black and white. There are six more tabling events scheduled at Checkers in the next three weeks. We can table at Just Foods once a week on Tuesday or Friday, from 9:00 to 3:00.

**MTTP:** Ma'Ko'Quah reported that the first of four training sessions was held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Martha Silks, Ann Gardner and Jamie Benvenuti participated. The tablets are out and one mobile hot spot is available. She encouraged all board members who have not signed up for Voter to Voter yet to please join our team today.

**STATE CO-PRESIDENT:** Cille announced that LWVUS may send more funds to support the PPFM campaign. She reported that the Kansas State Fair that was scheduled for September 12, 2020, has been cancelled due to the pandemic. LWVKS is inviting local league presidents to attend State Board meetings.

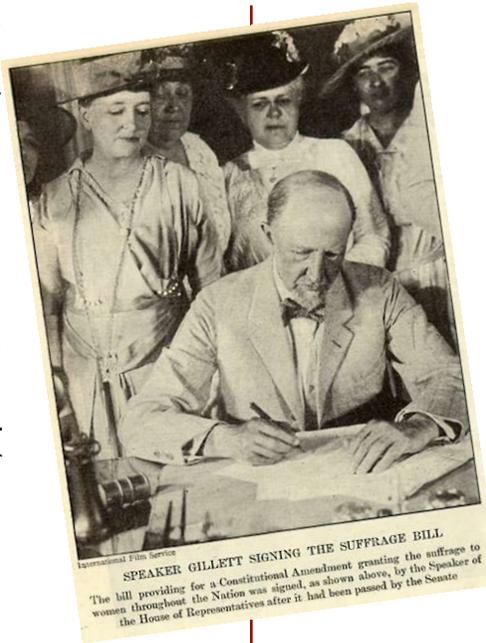


**PRESIDENT:** Kristin announced that we will be forming action committees to focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and climate change. Kay, Tracy, Emily, Tamara and Amber volunteered to serve on the DEI committee. We need to find someone to chair this group and Amber suggested we have co-chairs. Kay encouraged getting diverse groups involved and Tracy will help with that. Tamara said League should decide to focus on several areas of disparity: health care, education, housing, criminal justice and voting. She can share videos and other information on racism. For

climate change Kay Johnson suggested we check to see if someone on the City of Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board would be willing to chair the committee.

ONGOING BUSINESS: Marlene reported on the LWVK committee that is working to update our Criminal Justice/Policing Position Statement. There are 18 members on the committee and it is a diverse group. They are researching what to add or change in the existing position which dates from the 1980's.

- Sharon Brown, Secretary



**SPEAKER GILLETT SIGNING THE SUFFRAGE BILL.**  
The bill providing for a Constitutional Amendment granting the suffrage to women throughout the Nation was signed, as shown above, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives after it had been passed by the Senate.

thing yet.... Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt with her "Rats." Is she the one that put rat in ratification, Ha! No more from mama this time. With lots of love, Mama."

Burn had read and re-read the words from his mother that he had just received and he hoped that he would not have to take a definitive stand on the measure until after the election. Burn did not believe he would ever have to take a definitive stand on the issue at this point in time. Nevertheless, when the "antis" made a move to kill the bill by calling for a vote on the amendment itself, Burn faced a moral dilemma—to

vote against the amendment and remain faithful to his "anti" constituents in light of his upcoming re-election campaign or remain faithful to the wishes of his mother.

When the clerk called his name, Burn voted "Aye." His vote came so quickly, so unexpectedly, that many in the galleries and on the House floor were caught off guard. Several thought that the young Republican freshman had innocently become confused by the prior two votes and meant to vote "Nay" instead of "Aye." Indeed, Burn had made no mistake. He had cast his ballot for woman suffrage, and thus, cast the key ballot in the 49-47 vote that made the 19th Amendment the supreme law of the land.

Source: [www.teachnhistory.com](http://www.teachnhistory.com)

## "Don't Forget to be a Good Boy"

On a hot and muggy summer morning in the month of August 1920, a young 24 year-old Republican lawmaker from Niota (McMinn County), in the southern valley of East Tennessee, changed his "Nay" vote to an "Aye" during a critical final ballot to decide the fate on ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Burn's momentous decision to vote in favor of woman suffrage not only secured the elusive victory that suffragists had sought since the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 but also secured a place for both Burn and his widowed mother, Febb Ensminger Burn, in American history as they delivered Tennessee as the "Perfect 36" state to ratify the 19th Amendment.

Febb Burn would later tell a reporter, "Suffrage has interested me for years. I like the suffrage militants as well as the others." Realizing that her son's constituents in McMinn County were fiercely in opposition to woman suffrage, Mrs. Burn maintained that she felt compelled to force the issue. "I sat down on [my] little chair on the front porch and penned a few lines to my son." In fact, Febb Burn wrote more than a few lines in regards to supporting ratification, which were interspersed among other family matters, in a seven-page letter to Harry.

"Dear Son, ... Hurray and vote for Suffrage and don't keep them in doubt. I noticed Chandlers' speech, it was very bitter. I've been waiting to see how you stood but have not seen any-





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OF LAWRENCE/DOUGLAS COUNTY

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:\*

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.

\* 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:

# August 2020

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