



Calendar



April 12
Tuesday
5:30 pm
Unit Meeting
Piccadilly's
R.S.V.P. (see details)

April 16
Saturday
9:00 am
Board Meeting
St. Paul's Lutheran
Church

April 23
Saturday
9:00 am
State Council
Holiday Inn
Salina, KS

April 26
Tuesday
Noon
Tuesday Topics
Dr. Clarkson
Central Library

May 10
Tuesday
5:30 pm
Annual Meeting
Piccadilly's
Legislative Forum



Democracy
is not a Spectator Sport!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Barb, Ernie and I just returned from League Day at the Capital. It was well worth the drive! The speakers were excellent and we have pages of notes. Paul Johnson, who we pay to keep an eye on things for the League, gave a very comprehensive report—especially the self-inflicted financial crisis that the state of Kansas is currently trying to solve. Meanwhile education funding is up in the air, money is being transferred from KDOT and the state's share of KPERS will not be paid for the first quarter!! While much information can be learned from newspapers and television, having someone on the front lines talk about it is so much better. The speakers in the afternoon were reporters from the Capital Journal and they really had some stories to tell!! We also watched the video which the State League, along with help from Washburn University, has put together to tell young people what it takes to become a registered voter!! We also learned what is happening with our lawsuits and the League sponsored legislation. It was so informative and energizing—wish everyone could have attended. But you will have another chance in April when we have State Council in Salina. It will be on April 23, 2016 at the Holiday Inn. More information will be coming soon. Then there is a National Convention in Washington D.C., June 17-19. If you have never been to a LWWUS convention, it is something everyone should attend—at least once! Your brain gets a workout as you discuss issues, meet other Leaguers and make decisions that make a difference!! However, if you really don't want to leave town, but still want to be involved—do we have deal for you. In the month of April we have several opportunities to help register voters. Finally, don't forget the Legislative Forum (Unit Meeting) on April 12 and Tuesday Topics with Dr. Beth Clarkson on April 26. Hope to see you there!

Sharon Aillsieger and Barbara Fuller,
Co-Presidents



Voter Service- Betty Ladwig, Chair

Registering Voters: Phew! The past month has been busy, busy and another one coming up. Thanks to Barb, Wendy, Sharon, Ernie, Paul and Pat for such good help in so many places. We had good publicity for the effort at LaFamilia Center, Marco Alcocer, Editor of "El Perico" the Bilingual Spanish-English publication, and he made the lead article on registering voters at Evergreen (including a picture) with a nice ad promoting the registration last Thursday at LaFamilia. The director at LaFamilia had been a League member and I gave her info on re-joining. Pat and Paul both helped the two hours there.

In checking with the Election Commissioner's office this morning there are currently 3,270 citizens in Sedgwick County on the suspense list, 2,532 are awaiting proof of citizenship, the rest are incomplete and are waiting voter input. They are contacted.

Upcoming April events include N.W. High School on 4-4 for lunch hours, N.E. Magnet High School on 4-7, need a helper there, Evergreen Neighborhood Center again on 4-28. Helpers are on board for all except N.E. Magnet, lunch hours.

We're doing a program at Gloria Dei on 4-18 and have had two more inquiries with dates to be set for registering voters. .

May 6th we've been invited to register voters at Maize High School at 7:30 in the morning for two hours.

We will be helping with a Judicial Forum in July and September 20-21 to register voters for Kansas Public Health meetings.

There is a lot of interest in voter registration efforts this Presidential Election year. If we could just put an end to the vulgarity, insults, bigotry with some of the candidates in this pre-election time...

Unit Meeting

Tuesday, 4/12/16 @ 5:30 pm

Piccadilly Grill
29th & Rock Rd (formerly Olive Tree)

Legislative Forum

RSVP with Martha Pint 259-6182
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Dinner \$18 (cash or check only)

Treasurer Report - Elaine Harvey

LWV Wichita Metro has gained 4 new members in recent weeks bringing our total membership to 97 paid members. [Welcome to Judy Curtis Naylor, Rusty Colahan-Sederstrom and Angela Di Tommaso who are new and to Aleris Charleman who has rejoined!](#) It is great to have our numbers grow in this challenging time in getting voters registered and getting out the vote. We hope all our members can attend our Annual Meeting coming up the 2nd Tuesday in May and meet each other. Our directory will be out soon. Thanks to Carole Neal who is finalizing it.

Our dues year is from July 1 to June 30 so most of us are all paid up for now. Those who have joined since February 1 have their memberships extending through June 30, 2017. If you have a friend who is interested in the League and wants to join right away please have them write their check to: LWV Wichita-Metro and send it to Elaine Harvey 4370 N. Eagle Lake Ct., Bel Aire, KS 67220 and also send their e-mail address along with the check. Dues are \$60 a year unless you want your LWV Wichita-Metro Voter Newsletter sent to you in paper form through the US Postal Service. If you prefer the paper, send an extra \$15.



Scholarship Committee:

The Scholarship Committee has been meeting to re-establish guidelines for the committee. This is something the League does for the future. If you have some suggestions please contact Sally Dewey at (316) 652-8788 or by email sallydewey@cox.net.

USE YOUR VOICE 2016 TOUR:

LWV US and LWV Wichita teamed up to present GRAMMY® Award-winning singer/songwriter Patty Griffin along with Sara Watkins and Anais Mitchell at the Hutchinson Fox Theatre on March 26th. Sharon Ailsieger spoke on behalf of LWV to open the evening's festivities. The performance was amazing and fun was had by all!! Megan Wright-Hagan and Wendy Kabler assisted Sharon with sharing information with attendees about voter registration and LWV membership.



Important Websites for information and forms:

Check your voter registration online:

<https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/VoterVi..>

Kansas voters need to provide "proof of citizenship" in order to register to vote. Accepted documents:

<http://www.gotvoterid.com/proof-of-ci..>

You can request a FREE copy of your birth certificate

<http://www.gotvoterid.com/pdf/BCA.pdf>

If you were born in another state, go to this website for information on your state for a copy of your birth certificate: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>

2016 IMPORTANT VOTING DATES:

7/12 - Last day to register to vote in KS primary

7/13 - First day for advance voting in primary

7/29 - Last day to request an absentee ballot

8/1 - Last day for advance voting in person

8/2 - Primary elections (Unaffiliated voters may declare a party affiliation and vote in that party's primary on Election Day)

10/18 - Last day to register to vote in general election

10/19 - First day for advance voting in general election in some counties

11/7 - Last day for advance voting in person

11/8 - General election

Tuesday Topics: Election Integrity

April 26, 2016 Noon – 1 p.m.
Central Public Library, 3rd floor

Dr. Beth Clarkson, a statistician at the National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) in Wichita, has noticed inconsistencies in the voting results for Sedgwick County. Her attempts to gain access to voting tapes from the 2014 election have led to a lawsuit against the Sedgwick County Election Commissioner. The Sedgwick County Election office was invited, but declined to participate.

Join us to learn more about this issue!



Join the League &
make a difference!

Renewing Member _____ / New Member _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Annual Dues \$ 60.00

Add'l Household Membership \$ 30.00

Student Membership \$ 30.00

Donation _____

Areas of Interest:

Voter Education: _____

Studies: _____

Membership: _____

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