



Calendar



June 21 **Board Meeting**
Tuesday **Sharon Ailsieger**
5:30 pm Home

Unit Meeting
No June Meeting

Tuesday Topics
On summer break



Democracy
is not a Spectator Sport!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

Hey, hey summer is here. There are no Unit Meetings June-August, but the League continues to be as busy as ever. Registering voters (River Festival), planning political forums, choosing topics for Tuesday Topics (which will start in September), organizing a Membership/Legislative event in August and attending LWVUS National Convention. Paul Babich and I will be attending the convention, in Washington, D.C. Junes 16-19th. Please go the LWVUS website to see what items will be up for discussion and vote. Paul and I are the voting delegates for the Wichita League, so if you have any input to share, please let us know. I want to thank Betty Ladwig for hosting the Voter Service/New Member Orientation event at her home on May 24th. There were 18 people in attendance and it went very well. If you were unable to attend, but want to help with League activities—Let Betty know!! We may have another one in the Spring. I also want to thank the Board for the lovely flowers and cool cup presented to Barb and me at Annual Meeting. I love flowers and collect cups—so it was a double gift!

Annual Meeting is the final meeting of the Wichita League year. It is where we take care of official business, which includes election of officers. I want to welcome the new board members-Pat Reinhold (secretary), Martha Pint (she was off -board last year as Unit/Program Chair) and Wendy Kabler (she was appointed for one year as VOTER editor). They are all now serving two years and as on-board positions. A big thank you for saying “yes.” Barb Fuller continues into her second year (of a two year term) as Co-President. I will continue in a second term (two years) as Co-President. Finally, a BIG THANK YOU to those leaving the Board—Carole Neal (past Co-President), Marilyn Hanson (Secretary), Ellen Estes (off-Board as Nominating Committee Chair), Sally Morse (off-Board on Nominating Committee), Joyce Cavarozzi (Speaker’s Bureau-moved to California), Connie Dean and Myrna Hudson (who had both resigned for health reasons). These members all said “yes” and stepped up the plate—did a great job—and will be missed. However, they are still involved in League and are still saying “yes.” Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!! But, a bigger Thank you to those Board members who are continuing on the Board—Elaine Harvey (Treasurer), Betty Ladwig (Voter Service), Sally Dewey (Fund Raising), Paul Babich (Voter Service and Tuesday Topics) Megan-Wright-Hagan (PR & Tuesday Topics), Ernestine Krehbiel (Membership), Sharon Cranford, Judy Loginbill.



And off-Board—Stephanie Huff (webmaster). All of these people have given their time and talents to the LWV Wichita-Metro. Please note our membership is now up to 104—because of everyone’s effort.

I cannot say thank you enough!!

There is a Primary Election in August and the Presidential election in November. Between now and then, the League will be very busy—please consider volunteering to help—just once would be great!! Have a great summer!!

**Sharon Ailsieger and Barbara Fuller,
Co-Presidents**



Voter Service- Betty Ladwig, Chair

Thanks to those in attendance Tuesday night for what may be the beginning of this type orientation for new members. It was fun and we got to know one another better; to enlist names for future help in our voting registration efforts, to inform on how the League operates and are able to take positions, we thank Sharon for all her help with refreshments. Some could not come due to conflicts or colds, so we need to get another one scheduled for this Fall. We also provided some great handouts with useful information for our new members.

Since our meeting, we have been asked to register voters at the Flea Market at Meridian & Pawnee on 6/25 from 11:30-1:30, Marco from El Perico has coordinated this event. On Thursday after the orientation, Paul & I registered voters at Westar from 11:30 to 1:30 and when I took registration cards to Election Commissioner's office on Friday they told me

there are currently 1,495 Sedgwick County residents on suspense list... waiting for proof of citizenship. A candidate was at the desk and heard this and thought we should be putting it on Facebook!!!!

On 5/20 it was announced that voter registrations at the DMV, both prior to today and henceforth will be checked against DMV documents. Persons registering to vote at the DMV will no longer be put on suspense lists and purged if the DMV has matching documents to support their citizenship. It is the State League of Women Voters understanding that those registering to vote elsewhere will still be required to produce documentary proof of citizenship. They will notify us as they receive further information.

We will be meeting on assisting with County Commissioner and Judicial Candidate races this coming week. Sally, Angela and Kiehl are doing the Evergreen Library on 6/13 and more branches coming later in the summer. A new member joined us Tuesday night, Janice Bradley, and she enlisted helpers to register voters at the River Festival where she is coordinating the "Get your Vote Back" program for wichtapeace.org.

Keep an eye open for upcoming events, attend forums, help when you can. An interesting time. Read, listen and help to make intelligent decisions at the polling place.

Treasurer Report - Elaine Harvey

We **WELCOME** three new members who have joined in the last few weeks, **Beth Ann Larsen, Julie Sherman and Janice Bradley**. We are at 105 LWV Wichita-Metro members with 13 of us new since February 1.

New members who joined since February 1, your membership extends through June 30, 2017, you are "caught up" for dues! Our dues year is from July 1 to June 30 and we give new members a little bonus the first year.

Continuing members, June is the month to have your dues paid "on time" for 2016-2017. We hope for 100 percent renewal this year.

Please mail your dues to me at:

**Elaine Harvey
4370 N. Eagle Lake Ct.,
Bel Aire, KS 67220.**



If there are any changes in your contact information please make note of them. Thanks to those who have renewed early for 2016-2017.

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 version please send an extra \$15. Standard delivery of our LWV Wichita-Metro Voter is through e-mail. Remember that students and second members in a household of a member pay half.

Annual Meeting Recap:

LWV Wichita Annual Meeting was held on May 10, 2016 at Piccadilly/Olive Tree. We thoroughly enjoyed our time with our honored guest and 2016 Citizen of the year - Richard Crowson and his wife Karen.



Ernestine Krehbiel and Richard Crowson

THANK YOU Richard Crowson for your fabulous editorial comics and humorous commentary on KMUW. THE LWV Wichita applauds your civic involvement in our community!!!

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to our fearless leaders - Sharon Ailslieger and Barbara Fuller for your service!



Betty Ladwig gifted Sharon and Barb with flowers

2016 Board Members:

- Barb Fuller
- Betty Ladwig
- Elaine Harvey
- Ernestine Krehbiel
- Judy Loganbill
- Martha Pint
- Megan Wright-Hagan
- Pat Reinhold
- Paul Babich
- Sally Dewey
- Sharon Ailslieger
- Sharon Cranford
- Wendy Kabler

LWV Party - Sally Dewey, Chair

Looking ahead! On August 16th we will have a party for all candidates after the August 2nd Primary. More details will be shared in the July VOTER. This will be an opportunity to meet and visit with the candidates running for office at county and state levels. Have your questions ready! Next planning meeting is scheduled for 6/9 at 3:00 at Sally Dewey's home.

Scholarship Committee:

The Scholarship Committee has been meeting to reestablish 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.

LWVUS – article published on www.lwv.org

Take Action: Bring the Affordable Care Act into Compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.

By: Jeanette Senecal 5/19/2016



Tomorrow, marks the 23rd anniversary of one of the League’s greatest victories ever—the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), or the so-called “Motor Voter” law. And I’m asking you to help us celebrate in the best way possible: by making this landmark law even stronger.

[Please, take a moment right now to sign our petition to President Obama calling on him to bring the Affordable Care Act into compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.](#)

Here’s the quick back story: the NVRA requires that voter registration be made available whenever citizens interact with a wide variety of government programs—including federal-run health insurance exchanges set up under the Affordable Care Act. Most state-run health care exchanges are complying with the law, but, inexplicably, Americans applying for health insurance in the more than 30 states that use *federal*-run exchanges are NOT given an opportunity to register. **By some estimates, this failure has already cost 1.7 million lost voter registrations.**

And that’s something our democracy cannot afford, especially when voters’ rights are already under pressure from onerous new laws making it tougher to register and vote in some states.

[Tell President Obama it’s time to act—sign our petition today.](#)

It’s the perfect way to celebrate one of the League’s great victories.

2016 Elections Calendar:

Tues. July 12 Last day to register to vote for Primary Election

Wed. July 13 Advance Voting Begins for Primary Election in some counties

Wed. July 20 Advance Voting Begins for Primary Election in some counties

Fri. July 29 Last day to submit "Application for Advance Ballot by Mail" for Primary

Mon. August 1 In-person advance voting ends at noon — Last day for Independent Candidates to file for the General Election

Tue. August 2 Primary Election 7 am – 7 pm (Unaffiliated voters may declare a party affiliation and vote in that party's primary on election day)

Tue. October 18 Last day to register to vote for General Election

Wed. October 19 Advance Voting begins for General Election in some counties

Wed. October 26 Advance Voting begins for General Election in some counties

Fri. November 4 Last day to submit "Application for Advance Ballot by Mail"

Mon. November 7 In-person advance voting ends at noon

Tue. November 8 General Election 7 am – 7 pm

Additional Voter Information:

New residents: You have moved to Kansas from another state less than 45 days before the presidential election. You must possess the qualifications of a Kansas elector, except for residency requirements. The law does not require that you were registered to vote in the state of your previous residence.



 **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: _____

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate. **Join Us!!!!**

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DUES ARE DUE FOR 2016-17

LWV Membership Dues are: \$60 for single membership

\$90 for household membership

(Add \$15.00 if you want the VOTER in paper copy—otherwise it will be an e-mail.)

Money can be donated to the Education Fund any time throughout the year. (Tax deductible)

Send checks to: Elaine Harvey, Treasurer

4370 Eagle Lake Court

Bel Aire, KS 67220

(Make checks out to LWV WICHITA-METRO)