



Calendar



May 10

Tuesday

5:30 pm

(see attached flyer for details)

Annual Meeting

Piccadilly/Olive Tree

RSVP by 5/8/16

May 21

Saturday

9:00 am

Board Meeting

St. Paul's Lutheran

Church

May 24

Tuesday

6:30 pm

Meeting

LWV Orientation

Betty's Home

May

On summer break

Tuesday Topics



Democracy

is not a Spectator Sport!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Summer is around the corner and American politics will be even more explosive than usual. The League will be busy, busy, busy –AND WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK!! Betty Ladwig is our Voter Service Chair and she is swamped with requests for registering voters, facilitating forum and debates, speaking to organizations, etc. I have had people ask how to get involved—here is your chance. First, let Betty know that you want to volunteer—get on the right list!! Additionally, we are in the process of planning an event for everyone who is interested in getting involved in League activities, especially new members, scheduled for May 24th. While members may think that Tuesday Topics is over until September and there are no unit meetings in the summer—so things must slow down!! THINK AGAIN!! June 1, 2016 is the deadline for candidate filing and August is the primary election and November is the Presidential election. Plus, we may be asked to help with the Pro-Choice booth at the State Fair. In addition, the League is in the process of choosing a scholarship recipient and planning a fund raising event for August. Finally, the LWVUS Convention is in Washington, D.C in June (16-19). Paul Babich and Sharon Ailsieger will be the delegates. Meanwhile, the State League is involved with lawsuits and legislative issues which local Leagues need to support in whatever way we can. Several of us (Barb Fuller, Paul Babich, Ernestine Krehbiel, & Sharon Ailsieger) just returned from State Council, in Manhattan, where we learned even more about the results of the cuts to education and the water conditions in Kansas. The state of Kansas is working with a financial situation that is in the “red.” Contact your legislators and let them know your opinions!! League can make a difference—but WE NEED OUR MEMBERS TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE!! **Join us on May 10th for our Annual Meeting.** Also, we are looking to fill the position of Secretary of the board for the next two years. Please consider this opportunity to volunteer your time and become more active in the League by attending board meetings monthly and providing a valuable service as Secretary for the next two years. It is a great first step to



becoming an active Leaguer! If you are interested please contact Ellen Estes at (316) 218-1163. **The League of Women Voters is not a passive organization—we care and want to be involved.** Bad things happen when good people do nothing!!

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

Voter Service- Betty Ladwig, Chair

April was certainly full of events, great student registrations at N.W., N.E. Magnet, and North High Schools. Nearly all of them had proof of citizenship with them. Barb Fuller & I will be at Maize H.S. on 5-6, Paul & Sharon will be doing Art Dog's venues tomorrow night downtown at three locations. Pat, Sally & I are doing registrations this afternoon at Evergreen Community Center and this will be a monthly event. Requests for different libraries are being reviewed for this summer, one in June, two in July and three in August.

Sharon & I did a program at Gloria Dei with the wonderful Suffrage boards and were well received on the 18th. We met with Women Attorneys on the 20th and began planning toward a Judicial Candidate Forum later this summer.

We will be meeting on June 2nd to begin the planning, along with Health ICT, on the County Commission Candidate forum. Finally, if you are interested in **assisting at upcoming events** we will have a meeting on **Tuesday, 5-24 from 6:30 to 8:00 at my house, 406 N. Jaax in West Wichita.** It will be light fare, wine and cheese and will talk about upcoming activities and get help with those that are interested. Mark your calendars and invites will be sent out to new members and follow up with phone calls. Hope to see you there. I can be reached at 722-5123 or o7b406@aol.com.

Treasurer Report - Elaine Harvey

We WELCOME members who have joined in the last few weeks, ***Kellie Hogan, a brand new member and Elizabeth Bishop, a returning member, bringing us to 99 members.***

As of April 14, 2016 we have \$6,465 in LWV Wichita-Metro regular funds at INTRUST, although we have several big bills to pay including registering our delegates to the LWVUS Convention. We have \$4,773 in Education and Scholarship Funds at INTRUST and \$3,064 with LWVUS for a total of \$7,837 in Education and Scholarship Funds.

Members might find it convenient to pay dues for 2016-2017 at the Annual Meeting on May 10. Our dues year is from July 1 to June 30 or you can wait until July 1. If you would like to mail your dues, send to Elaine Harvey 4370 N. Eagle Lake Ct., Bel Aire, KS 67220. Please remember to include your email address along with the check so that we stay in touch. 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. Remember that students and second members in a household of a member pay half.



Annual Meeting:

May 10, 2016, Piccadilly/Olive Tree
Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner \$20
RSVP with Martha Pint by May 8th

2016 Citizen



Please join us as we honor **Richard Crowson**, the one and only, Kansas banjo playing editorial cartoonist as LWV Wichita citizen of the year on May 10, 2016. Mr. Crowson joined the Wichita Eagle in 1985, working as a newsroom artist crafting illustrations, maps and graphics. In 1987, the paper created the cartoonist job, where he has been ever since. Crowson’s work has been reprinted in Time, Newsweek, The New York Times, The Washington Post and USA Today. He has published several books including Prairie Mirth, a collection of his cartoons poking fun -- and truth--at prairie politics. In addition to his editorial cartoons for the Eagle you will hear his witty editorial comments on KMUW.



LWV-WICHITA-METRO ANNUAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER & AWARD PRESENTATION
2. MINUTES
3. TREASURER’S REPORT
4. BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a) Presentation of recommended budget
 - b) Vote on proposed budget
5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
6. BOARD REPORTS (These are printed in the Annual Meeting packet)
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS-2016-17
8. DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD

Fund Raising - Sally Dewey, Chair

Looking ahead! We will have a party for all candidates after the August 2nd Primary. Watch the VOTER for the date and time! This will be an opportunity to meet and visit with the candidates running for office at county and state levels. Have your questions ready! Call Sally Dewey if you’d like to work on this.



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.

What is the state’s responsibility for funding public schools in Kansas?

Article 6, Section 6, Clause (b) states: The legislature shall make suitable provisions for finance of the educational interests of the state.

Article 6, Section 6, Clause (c) states: No religious sect or sects shall control any part of the public educational funds.

So what can you do?

- Encourage active involvement in the election process.
- More candidates needed to run.
- More engaged electorate.
- Know the Supreme Court Justices and where they stand on the issue.
- Continue to advocate for public education.

LWV KANSAS STATE STUDY:

LWV KS Position on school funding was last updated in 1993 and the state is in the process of a two year study to update the League’s position in light of recent funding issues. Accordingly, at the recent LWV State Council meeting the Superintendent of Salina Schools, William Hall, spoke on the topic of Kansas school finance and presented a summary of the key issues facing Kansas public schools. From the presentation the following are a couple of highlights to stimulate conversation and to further motivate members to get involved.

LWVUS – article published on www.lwv.org

Take Action: Fix the Federal Election Commission By: Elisabeth MacNamara 04/27/2016

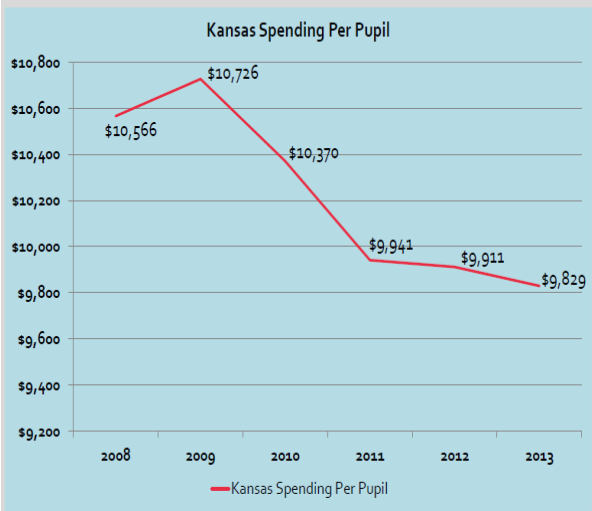


The agency that is tasked with overseeing federal laws governing money in politics, the Federal Election Commission (FEC), is broken. Paralyzed by its own structure, with four commissioners who regularly cast tie votes on a partisan basis, the FEC has failed to enforce and properly interpret the nation’s already weak campaign finance laws.

[It’s time to reform the FEC. Tell Congress to support the Federal Election Administration Act of 2016.](#)

Kansas Expenditures Per Pupil

(Governing States and Localities, June 2015)





The League has endorsed legislation by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and Representative David Price (D-NC) that would create a new independent agency to replace the FEC. The new Federal Election Administration (FEA) would be comprised of five commissioners, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, where only two members can be from the same political party. The fifth commissioner would be appointed on a nonpartisan basis from a list of candidates selected by a blue-ribbon panel of retired federal judges, former law enforcement officials or individuals with election law experience. With this five-member structure, the new legislation would end gridlock at the commission and put the public’s interests over partisan interests.

[Take action – tell Congress to establish a new, effective enforcement body to oversee the nation’s campaign finance laws.](#)

The new Federal Election Administration will still have the responsibilities previously held by the FEC to administer campaign finance laws and the presidential public financing system, as well as to issue regulations and advisory opinions. The FEA also would have the authority to conduct investigations of possible violations. However, the legislation sets up a new system of administrative law judges with jurisdiction over individual enforcement cases in order provide for consistent and impartial enforcement.

The League believes in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy. That’s why we’ve been leading the charge for campaign finance reform at the state, local and federal levels for more than four decades - but we need you to join our fight.

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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LWV Wichita-Metro Financial Report and Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

Income	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 Income YTD	2015-2016 Additional Income Expected	Variance from Budget	2016-2017 Budget
Membership Fundraising/Donations	\$405	\$100		-\$305	\$500
Membership Dues	\$5,000	\$3,945	\$1,020	-\$1,055	\$5,700
Newsletter Dues	\$90	\$83		-\$7	\$100
Total Income	\$5,495	\$4,008	\$1,020	-\$1,487	\$6,300

Expenses	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 Expenses YTD	2015-2016 Additional Expected Expenses	Variance from Budget	2016-2017 Budget
Annual Meeting including Recognition	\$300	\$0	\$300	-\$300	\$300
Educational Expenses	\$150	\$84		-\$66	\$150
Units	\$50	\$414		\$364	\$50
Membership Expense	\$225	\$0		-\$225	\$225
National Convention	\$600	\$0	\$1,200	-\$600	\$600
National PMP (1/2)	\$1,225	\$0	\$1,240	\$15	\$1,520
Newsletter	\$125	\$0	\$100	-\$125	\$125
Other Board Expense	\$100	\$100		\$0	\$100
Position Support	\$200	\$0		-\$200	\$200
Post Office Box	\$90	\$82		-\$8	\$90
Postage	\$100	\$0		-\$100	\$100
Program Committee	\$50	\$0		-\$50	\$50
Publicity and Marketing	\$200	\$265		\$65	\$200
Secretary Expense	\$25	\$0		-\$25	\$25
State Convention	\$300	\$150		-\$150	\$300
State PMP	\$1,425	\$0	\$1,710	-\$1,425	\$1,710
Treasurer Expense	\$75	\$43		-\$32	\$75
Miscellaneous	\$55	\$38		-\$17	\$55
Telephone	\$180	\$235	\$37	\$55	\$225
Web Site	\$200	\$200		\$0	\$200
Total Expense	\$5,675	\$1,610	\$4,587	-\$2,825	\$6,300

**LWV Wichita-Metro Education and Scholarship Fund Financial Report and
Proposed Budget for 2016-2016**

	2015- 2016 Budget	2015-2016 Expenses YTD	2015-2016 Additional Expected Expenses	Variance from 2015-16 Budget	Proposed 2016-2017
Education Fund					
Fund Raising	\$3,000	\$4,116		\$1,116	\$3,500
Special Donations		\$0		\$0	
Grants	\$0	\$700		\$700	\$500
	\$3,000	\$4,816		\$4,816	\$4,000

	2015- 2016 Budget	2015-2016 Expenses YTD	2015-2016 Additional Expected Expenses	Variance from 2015-16 Budget	Proposed 2016-2017
Education Fund					
Scholarship	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	-\$2,000	\$2,000
1/2 National PMP	\$1,000	\$1,240		\$240	\$1,520
Community Publicity		\$120		\$120	\$120
Calendar Printing/Promotion		\$198		\$198	\$0
Anniversary Expenses		\$1,652		\$1,652	\$0
Annual Meeting Printing		\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100
<u>Grant Funded Expenditures</u>		<u>\$516</u>		<u>\$516</u>	<u>\$500</u>
	\$3,000	\$3,725	\$2,100	\$725	\$4,240



ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: MAY 10, 2016 (TUESDAY)

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: PICCADILLY'S BANQUET
(29th & Rock Rd.) COST: \$20.00

RSVP: Martha Pint by May 8, 2016

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We will elect officers, approve the budget, recognize our Citizen of the Year, and discuss important issues!!