



Calendar



July 10
 Monday
 6 - 7:30
Candid Conversations
 Film Discussion: RACE
 Rockwell Library

July 11
 Tuesday
 5:30-7
Engage ICT
 Topic: The Off Years
 The Anchor

July 15
 Saturday
Board Retreat
 TBD

July 18
 Tuesday
 5- 7 pm
Social Happy Hour
 The Donut Whole
 1720 E. Douglas

July 18
 Tuesday
 5:30-7
Health Forum
 Scottish Rite Temple
 Register Voters
 & Assisting

Unit Meeting
 No June Meeting

Tuesday Topics
 On summer break



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 is not a Spectator Sport!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The LWV-Wichita-Metro begins its new fiscal year on July1– dues are \$60 per person or \$90 for a household membership. The new Board for the next year becomes official. A new Board means changes and new ideas. Exciting stuff!! Our first Summer Social was a great success. There will be another in July and a final one in August. The Board is going to have a retreat on July 15 and spend the day brainstorming, making decisions--- and look for changes!! We have some candidate forums in our future, continued voter registration and, don't forget League Day, in Topeka, in October!! We are looking for members who want to be part of the Observe Corps, serve on the Local Study Committee, and help with Voter Service activities---and you thought summers were slow!! Pat Reinhold is the new Co-President and she has jumped in with both feet. Way to go, Pat!!!!!! Welcome to all 2017-18 Board members. I look forward to working with all of you.

Sharon Ailsieger, LWV Wichita Co-President





Voter Service- Betty Ladwig, Chair

Voter Service committee met Monday evening (6/26) with five members present. Discussion centered on the voting barricades in Kansas and the Suspense List, which currently has 3,022 voters in suspense. A letter is being crafted to send to Wichita Eagle outlining the reasons that when people take the time and effort to register to vote that they will be unable to do so because of the lack of proof of citizenship. Watch for it.

A number of people are interested in assisting in Voter Service this year. Join us and let us know if you are one that has not signed up yet. Much to do.

Upcoming dates to remember:

- July 11 ☐ Last day to register for Primary
- July 18 ☐ Health Forum City Commission Candidates
- August 1 – Primary Election Day
- August 10 - New Teacher Orientation
- N.W. H.S. - 6:30 to 1:30
- November 7 ☐ General Election
- November 9 - Program for Neighborhood Assn.

To see where various districts are located, click this [Printable Maps](#) link or [Interactive Maps](#) link.

Treasurer Report - Elaine Harvey

We are 123 members strong and growing!!!

Our new League Dues year begins July 1, so it is time to renew! Dues are \$60 per year and the second member in a household or a student is an additional \$30. If you would like to receive the LWV Wichita-Metro VOTER newsletter sent in printed instead of email or download from our web site add \$15 to your membership fee.

Membership renewals can be mailed to Elaine Harvey Treasurer, LWV Wichita-Metro, at 4370 N. Eagle Lake Ct., Bel Aire KS 67220.

We also have PayPal on our website lvwichita.org as an option if you would rather pay online, although PayPal takes a cut that is more than the cost of a stamp.

*New members who have joined since February 1, 2017 are good until June 30, 2018.

Welcome New Members

JC and Barbara Moore

Ellë Kabler

Adele Falk N

Natasha Inman

June 22, 2017 - Board Meeting Recap:

Board members in attendance: Sharon Aillsieger, Paul Babich, Sharon Cranford, Sally Dewey, Ellen Estes, Marilyn Hansen, Elaine Harvey, Wendy Kabler, Ernestine Krehbiel, Judy Loganbill, Martha Pint, Pat Reinhold, Julie Sherwood, Kayla Vix, Vanessa Whalen, Laura Williams, Megan Wright-Hagan

As this was the In-Out Meeting for old and new board members, everyone introduced himself or herself and spoke about their history with the League and their interests. We thanked Marilyn Hanson for her years of service on the board and her service as Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: We have received our funds requested from LWVUS Ed Fund for the Forum and Friends and the KPTS advertising. Funds for the Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship award have been requested.

Board Format and Responsibilities by Sharon Aillsieger with further discussion of Board Format, Committees, and Responsibilities at the July board retreat meeting.

Voter Services and Speakers Bureau: Carole Neale (Co-Chair), Vanessa Whalen (Co-Chair), Pat Purvis.



Communications: Wendy Kabler (Chair, Voter Co-Editor), Megan Wright-Hagan (PR, FaceBook), Kayla Vix (Twitter), Julie Sherwood (Voter Co-Editor). Fundraising: Martha Pint (Chair).

Membership: Ernestine Krehbiel (Chair), Sharon Cranford, Pat Purvis. Nominating Betty Ladwig (Off Board Chair), Carole Neal (one additional person to be appointed). Observers: Sally Dewey and Judy Loganbill (Co-Chairs). Programs and Unit Meetings: Ellen Estes (Chair). Scholarship: Wendy Kabler (Chair). Tuesday Topics: Paul Babich, Megan Wright-Hagan

Unit Format and Schedule for Upcoming Year - There was extended discussion about this.

Scholarship and Communications: Wendy Kabler. The first LWV-Wichita Metro Social Happy Hour will be Tuesday, June 20 the Public at the Brickyard. Wendy and Kayla will have new nametags available for all members at that event and for meetings. Wendy read a list of members that she did not have contact info for and asked for input. Megan asked that members send publicity ideas to her.

Tuesday Topics, Paul Babich. Tuesday Topics starts again in September at the library.

Voter Services, Carole Neal. Carole will get the updated voter suspense list from the state to analyses.

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LWV WICHITA \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

LWV Wichita Education/Scholarship Fund annually grants a scholarship to a well deserving college student who shows a desire to further their education in law, public service, social or government field in our community.

The scholarship committee received excellent applications and essays from Newman University students this year for consideration. The committee chose to interview the top four candidates at the university on May 3, 2017. We had a tough time selecting as each of the applicants reported GPAs of 3.74+ and highly involved in school and community activism.

The LWV Wichita Metro scholarship committee announced this year's scholarship award is being presented to [Rachel Greene](#), a graduate student at Newman University, at the May 9, 2017 LWV Unit meeting.

Rachel is already an advocate in our community and has demonstrated her commitment in public service through extensive volunteer work with the Hispanic community. She is a current graduate student in Social Work and will graduate in May 2018. She was a former high school graduate of Bishop Carroll and double majored at Newman with a degree in Psychology and Sociology, with minors in Spanish and History. Her career goal is to become a licensed clinical social worker. She is fluent in Spanish and has translated and interpreted for town hall meetings and outdoor rallies. Rachel says her passion in life is educating, advocating for, and empowering the most vulnerable of our society.

The LWV Wichita Scholarship committee believes [Rachel Greene](#) be an excellent [LWV Wichita student Ambassador at Newman University](#) and we look forward to introducing her to you at our September Unit Meeting.



LWV US – article published on www.lvw.org

LWV Statement on Kobach Request for Voter Records 06/30/2017 | by Caitlin Rulien

LWV Opposes Kobach Request for Voter Records

WASHINGTON, DC- The request for voter records confirms fears of Kris Kobach continuing his tactics of voter suppression and the genesis of the Elections Integrity Commission in general. The League of Women Voters president, Chris Carson released this statement on the issue:

There is no justification for this giant fishing expedition. The Commission itself is a distraction from the real issue of voter suppression, and that efforts to investigate voter fraud threaten our most fundamental voting rights.

This most recent move by Mr. Kobach is an indicator that the so-called Election Integrity Commission is not interested in facts, but false accusations and dangerous policy recommendations.

State laws govern the release of voter registration information, and, at a minimum, election officials must follow those laws before releasing data. The League stands with those state leaders who have already come out to support their voters and refuse these requests from Mr. Kobach and the EIC.

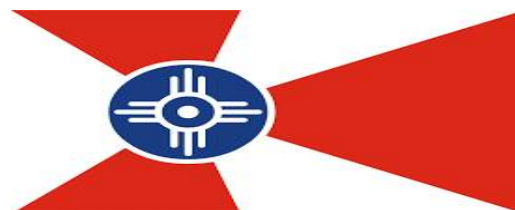


DUES ARE DUE FOR 2017-18

LWV Membership Dues are: \$60 for single membership ; \$90 for household membership

**Make checks payable:
LWV WICHITA-METRO
Mail to: Elaine Harvey, Treasurer
4370 Eagle Lake Court
Bel Aire, KS 67220**

Money can be donated to the Education Fund any time throughout the year, tax deductible.



WICHITA Community Events

Throughout 2017, the Wichita Public Library will be conducting a series of programs designed to highlight race and ethnicity, particularly in relationship to law enforcement. All events are free and open to the public.

July Film Discussion: Race: The Story We Tell

While people have always had ways of stigmatizing others on the grounds of language, custom, class, and religion, it wasn't until the founding of the United States that the idea of "race" took hold. Since its inception, racial differences have been used to justify conquest, domination, and inherent inferiority of non-whites. This 2nd part of the PBS documentary *Race*:



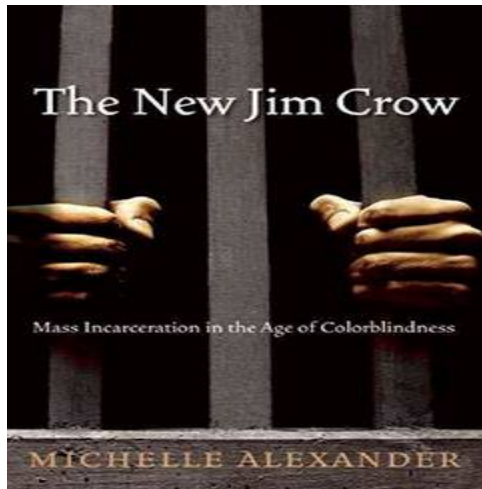
Have you read The Man Behind Trump's Voter-Fraud Obsession, By Ari Berman and published on June 13, 2017? If not, check it out.

How Kris Kobach, the Kansas secretary of state, plans to remake America through restrictive voting and immigration laws.

The Power of an Illusion offers historical context to better understand systemic racism and how it undermines American society and prevents us from realizing the American dream of "equal justice for all." A facilitated discussion will follow the film.

Monday, July 10, 6-7:30 p.m.,

[Rockwell Branch Library](#)



Book Discussion: [The New Jim Crow](#)

by [Michelle Alexander](#)

Legal scholar Michelle Alexander looks at the American judicial system and how it targets black males, resulting in a de facto form of slavery and never-ending second-class status for its victims. Is justice truly colorblind when the race of the individual determines the likelihood of a prison sentence? Registration is required and begins June 16; call 688-9580 or register online. Books are available for the first 15 people who register.

This event is a special after-hours book discussion; the Library closes at 6 p.m., but will re-open the meeting room at 6:45 for this program.

Friday, July 21, 7-8 p.m., [Angelou Branch Library](#)
[Register Online](#)



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ON TAP ★★

At a time when citizens and voters face monumental choices on issues that will define our future, there is a great need for broader understanding of how what happens at the polls affects you. That's why KMUW launched *Engage ICT: Democracy on Tap*. Come find out why you should care about the issues in our city, state and nation.

These monthly gatherings are held at different venues each month and will feature authoritative panelists and conversations on issues that touch your daily life.

**Our next event is on July 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm at
The Anchor -- 1109 E Douglas.
Topic: The Off-Years--The Local Docket & Why Your
Should Care**

Future topics include:

August | Wealth on Health: The Impact of Debt on Wellbeing

September | The Art of Teaching: Innovations in the Classroom

November | Reaching your Reps: Knowing Who Represents You, What They're up to, and How to Contact Them

December | Sequoia Roots: How Your [Small] Actions Hold Others Up



Join the League & make a difference!

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Annual Dues \$ 60.00

Add'l Household Membership \$ 30.00

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Areas of Interest:
Communications: _____

Membership: _____

Studies: _____

Voter Education: _____

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