



Calendar



March 8
 Tuesday
 5:30 pm
Unit Meeting
 Piccadilly's
 R.S.V.P. (see details)

March 19
 Saturday
 9:00 am
Board Meeting
 St. Paul's Lutheran
 Church

March 22
 Tuesday
 Noon
Tuesday Topics
 Planned Parenthood
 Central Library

March 25
 Friday
 11:00 am
 Century II
Voter Registrations
 Naturalization
 Ceremony
 Mary Jane Theater

March 26
 Saturday
 7:30 pm
U.S. Tour 2016
 Use Your Voice
 Hutchinson Fox



Democracy is not a Spectator
 Sport!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Barb and I (and Ernie) 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!! Additionally, we 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 the National Convention in Washington D.C., June 17-19. If you have never been to a LWVUS 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. Just in the month of March we have several opportunities to help register voters. Finally, don't forget the [March Unit meeting— March 8, 5:30pm at Piccadilly's at 29th and Rock](#). The speaker will be the new County Manager. Hope to see you there!

Sharon Ailsieger and Barbara Fuller,
 Co-Presidents



Voter Service- Betty Ladwig, Chair

The past month and upcoming weeks promise to be busy and full of registering voters. The event at Evergreen Neighborhood City Building was a good experience and visited with many of the neighbors up there, a crew of people, plus Marco Alcocer, Editor of El Perico publication assisted the whole three hours. Martha Sanchez, director at Evergreen Resource Center. wants us to make the event a regular event. We will be at LaFamilia Center on 3-24 to also register voters, I am happy we will be doing this on a regular basis in this area which has been underserved in many areas of service. We also emphasized to the people that registered at Evergreen that they needed to educate themselves about issues and candidates, read and listen and meet the candidates when possible. Marco is also going to publicize the registrations in his magazine.

Upcoming dates are requests to register voters in Derby on March 11th and March 12th. We will be presenting a program at The Shepherd Center on March 3rd and again in April at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Forum in July, registering voters later in summer.

As of Monday, 2/22, there were 2,106 Voters still in suspension in Sedgwick County. We continue to hope for a good decision on the outcome on this but in the meantime we will continue to help as we can. If you are interested in upcoming activities please let me know.

Recap - On 2/20/16 the LWV Wichita purchased a table at the fundraising event for Partners for Wichita, Trivia Night Party. The silent auction proceeds amounted to \$2,400. The Trivia night did very well! The LWV donated themed "4th of July" basket sold for \$45 to a local Leaguer. Several Leaguers have been involved in helping with this great program connected with children and hunger in the Wichita community.

The next dates to assist with Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids will be March 14th – 18th this will feed school students during spring break. Contact Betty Ladwig, Voter Service 722-5123 or cell 258-1962

Unit Meeting

Tuesday, 3/8/16 @ 5:30 pm

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

Speaker:

**Brig. General Michael Scholes,
County Manager**

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

Treasurer Report - Elaine Harvey

Our membership is now at 92. Three new members joined the League in February, **Lisa Vayda, Betty Arnold and Deb Umberger**. Our dues year is from July 30 to June 1. New members who join after we report to LWVUS on January 31, 2016 have their membership extend through June 31, 2017, a few bonus months for their first year. We are a local unit of LWVUS and LWVKS so our dues support operations including study of issues and advocacy based on our positions at all three levels.

As of 2/28, LWV Wichita has \$6,214.80 in regular funds and \$6,712.17 in our Education and Scholarship Funds. Our 95th Anniversary Calendar project was a wonderful success with \$2,706.88 net toward our Education and Scholarship Funds. We will be paying about \$1,400 in LWV KS p.m.p (per member payment)



soon and also will be paying about \$600 in LWV US convention registrations for our delegates. Additionally, we will be paying \$2,000 in scholarship funds for a college student majoring in political science or a related public service studying at a local university in the coming months.

WHO CAN HELP??



Calendar of Wichita LWV Events – Voter Service:

1. WSU Gender Conference: Friday, March 4, 8:00-5:00pm. Will have an information table and perhaps register voters. POC: Ernestine Krehbiel
2. Derby– 2 day event, Friday, March 10, 9:00-1:00 pm and Saturday, March 12 10:00-2:00. Register voters in 2 hour shifts. POC: Betty Ladwig
3. Andover High Schools– Register Seniors in the spring. POC: Megan Wright-Hagan.
4. Wichita Public Library would like us to register voters on a monthly basis.
5. Evergreen Community Center and LaFamilia Center would also like the League to register voters on a monthly basis.

Voter Service will continue to be busy as the elections get closer. We have already been asked to facilitate two candidate forums in the future. **WE NEED MEMBERS TO HELP! POC IS BETTY LADWIG, VOTER SERVICE CHAIR.** Look at your calendars and see if you could give two hours to help!!

SPEAKER’S BUREAU:

Requests for programs are starting to come in. Betty Ladwig and Sharon Aillsieger will be presenting a program at West Heights Methodist Church on 3/3. Sharon will be presenting a program on 3/10 to the Assisted Living section of Spiritual Life Center. If you belong to a group that needs a program/speaker, contact the LWV Wichita/Metro.

OTHER HAPPENINGS:

LWV US and LWV Wichita are teaming up to present “Use Your Voice 2016 Tour” on 3/26/16 at the Hutchinson Fox Theatre. GRAMMY® Award-winning singer/songwriter Patty Griffin along with Sara Watkins and Anais Mitchell will be performing the U.S. tour and voter engagement drive. Tickets can be purchased here: <http://www.hutchinsonfox.com/all-upcoming-events>

National Grant / Use Your Voice Concert

The Wichita LWV has been asked to speak and have a table at the concert in Hutchinson. LWV US has given us a \$500 grant for PR, etc. Megan, Wendy, Ernie and Sharon will be going, with Sharon giving a plug for League before the concert. [Come JOIN the FUN!](#)

Watermark Books presents:

THOMAS FRANK (reading & signing)

Bestselling author and entertaining speaker

Wednesday, 3/23/16 6:00pm

<http://www.watermarkbooks.com/event/thomas-frank-0>

Tuesday Topics: Planned Parenthood

3/22/16, 11:30 am - 1 p.m., Central Library

How does Planned Parenthood compare to other health centers? Congress is considering defunding Planned Parenthood, despite existing laws which already prohibit federal funding of abortions. Join a discussion about a topic that is of importance to both supporters and detractors.



2016 Elections Calendar:

Both Republican and Democratic presidential caucuses will take place on **March 5**.

- To participate in the Republican Caucus, you must be a registered Republican no later than Feb 4, 2016.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ksgop.org/#!caucus/cl95>

- To participate in the Democratic Caucus, you can register up to and including the day of the caucus and can participate if you will be 18 by Nov 4, 2016.

For more information visit:

<http://www.kansasdems.org/caucus-2016/>

4/1/16 - First day to submit "Application for Advance Ballot by Mail" for 2016 elections

6/1/16 -Candidate Filing deadline

Last day to change from Republican, Democrat, or Libertarian to a different party before the primary

7/12/16 - Last day to register to vote for Primary

7/13/16 - Advance Voting Begins for Primary Election in some counties

7/20/16 -Advance Voting Begins for Primary Election in some counties

7/29/16 -Last day to submit "Application for Advance Ballot by Mail" for Primary

8/1/16 -In-person advance voting ends at noon

Last day for Independent Candidates to file for the General Election

8/2/16 - Primary Election 7 am – 7 pm (Unaffiliated voters may declare a party affiliation and vote in that party's primary on Election Day)

10/18/16 - Last day to register to vote for General Election

10/19/16 - Advance Voting begins for General Election in some counties

11/4/16 - Last day to submit "Application for Advance Ballot by Mail"

11/7/16 - In-person advance voting ends at noon

11/8/16 - General Election 7 am – 7 pm

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..>

If you were born in Kansas; here is the link to the application to request a certified copy of your Kansas birth certificate:

<http://www.kdheks.gov/vital/download/...>

You can request a FREE copy of your birth certificate with this

<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>

To update your Kansas driver's license and voter

registration address online: <https://www.kdor.org/dl/>





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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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