



Calendar



Oct. 11
 Tuesday
 5:30 pm

Unit Meeting
 Olive Tree
 R.S.V.P. (see details)

Oct. 13
 Thursday
 6:00 pm

Candidate Forum
 St. Mark UMC
 856 S. Green Street -

Oct. 15
 Saturday
 9:00 am

League Day
 Manhattan
 R.S.V.P. (see details)

Oct. 20
 Thursday
 6:00 pm

Board Meeting
 Sally's Home

Oct. 25
 Tuesday
 Noon

Tuesday Topics
 School Finance
 Central Library



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 is not a Spectator Sport!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I think that fall is here and the election is just around the corner. No matter who wins, am sure we will just be glad to have it over. It has been a really, really busy month for the Wichita League and a BIG thank you goes out all our members who have registered voters, volunteered for the booth at the fair, presented programs and been part of the League presence at events around the area. We received many "thank you for being here" at the State Fair-Trust Women booth. Ellen & Ron Estes, Carole Neal, Megan Wright-Hagan and Sharon & Ross Ailslieger did a great job of representing the League. The other side had three booths there. Tuesday Topics for September was on homelessness and was excellent!! Betty Ladwig and her Voter Service Committee have done a great job registering voters. The final day will be October 18th!! Yea!!! State League Day will be October 15th in Manhattan. We urge as many members as possible to attend. The topic is Leadership and well worth your time. Finally, do not forget the unit meeting on October 11th at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$18.00 for dinner. Martha Pint, who is in charge of program, has secured a Kansas Supreme Court Judge as our speaker. Sally Dewey is proposing doing another calendar for fundraising. If you would like to help with such a project, let Sally know. Ernestine Krehbiel has VOTE411 up and running- thank you Ernie!! It seems like LWV Wichita-Metro does manage to keep busy!! As Co-Presidents, Barbara Fuller and Sharon Ailslieger really appreciate ALL of you!!

Sharon Ailslieger and Barb Fuller,
 Co-Presidents

Voter Service- Betty Ladwig, Chair

The past weeks have been some of the busiest I can remember in a Presidential Election Year for the League. In reviewing the calendar since the middle of June, we have had 23-25 registration or program events. So many of you have contributed many hours and devotion to our community this year. The past month we were registering voters at Colvin Neighborhood Center, Haysville School District, AARP for Sr. Expo and a program at Sr. Expo, Saturday was spent at LaFamilia Family Fiesta registering



voters there. Tuesday, after Tuesday Topics we registered voters at the Central Branch Library, it was also National Registration Day. We registered 24 voters. We have been at all the libraries this summer and through the year most every high school registering teachers or Seniors. We have visited two of the high schools twice this year. Sharon is doing a program today (9/26/16) and I am registering Seniors at NWHS. Thanks to Paul, Rusty, Sharon, Ernie, Janice, and Marco for their time and many hours spent in this important election effort.

Our sympathy goes out to Paul Babich and Joan Barrier for the unexpected loss of their brother this past week.

LWV Wichita	
Dates	Registering Voters
11-Oct	Candidates forum at Gloria Dei
13-Oct	WSU – Smart Justice
18-Oct	LaFamilia

Treasurer Report - Elaine Harvey

Thanks to all who have paid their 2016-2017 dues. As of this writing, we have 75 members, 21 of us who have joined since Feb. 1.

Welcome to newest member, Kayla Vix, who is transferring from a North Carolina League.

Our dues are not tax deductible as they include funding our advocacy efforts at local, state and national levels of the League as well as our local communications and studies and other local expenses. Additional donations to our local league's "general fund" are always welcome. LWV Wichita-Metro also has a Scholarship and Education Fund, donations to that fund are tax exempt. So, if you would like to donate to the League beyond your dues please designate whether your gift is to go to the LWV Wichita-Metro's "general fund" or to the LWV Wichita-Metro Scholarship and Education Fund. Remember if you have made an in-kind donation to the League please send notice to me - this helps us budget more accurately.

DID YOU KNOW?? DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know that Kansas played a leading role in granting women the right to vote? It was the first state in the Union to consider a law giving women full voting rights and the seventh to actually pass such a law. Even before that, Kansas women were allowed to vote in school and municipal elections and have equal property rights in marriage. Kansas also has the distinction of having elected both the first woman mayor and the first woman sheriff anywhere in the United States.



League Day 2016: Saturday, October 15, 2016

Join us in Manhattan to learn - What we have accomplished in Kansas and learning to Lead in the League: A training ground for building better communities. This event is hosted by LWV Manhattan/Riley County League. Registration information page included within this newsletter.

Sedgwick County State Legislative Candidate Forum
 Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 pm
 St. Mark United Methodist Church, Southeast Campus, 856 S. Green Street - Wichita, KS

Moderated by: Mark McCormick, executive director of the Kansas African American Museum

Sponsored by: Kansans for Smart Justice
 ACLU of Kansas
 The Community Voice
 Jobs and Education - Not Incarceration
 Kansas Appleseed
 Kansas Black Leadership Council
 League of Women Voters of Wichita-Metro
 Team St. Mark Prison Ministry Group



Highlights of the Sept. 17th Board Meeting

Present. Barbara Fuller, Sharon Ailslieger, Paul Babich, Sharon Cranford, Sally Dewey, Elaine Harvey, Betty Ladwig, Judy Loganbill, Martha Pint, Pat Reinhold, and Megan Wright-Hagan.

Co President’s Report. Sharon reported on League Day, which will be October 15 in Manhattan. Sharon is arranging carpools for those who are registering to attend. The Wichita League is joining with the library to work with the Kansas Humanities Council to submit a 2017 grant (\$15,000) proposal for a project that addresses racial and ethnic tensions, particularly as it relates to law enforcement.

Fundraising/Educational Fund. Sally suggested that the next calendar be an 18-month calendar, from July 2017 to December 2018. The group agreed that this timeline was good. Scholarship: There is a need to appoint a new Scholarship Chairman to work with the Scholarship Committee. The plan for next year is to choose an upperclassman from Newman University for a \$2,000 scholarship. Fundraising letters: About 200 fundraising letters were sent in August to CEOs of local companies.

Voter Service. The Voter Registration team has been busy. Contact Betty Ladwig to find out where you can help.

Treasurer. We have 65 paid up members to date. In-Kind donations should reported to Elaine as treasurer. Elaine moved that the LWV- Wichita pay the annual fees for our domain name, lwwwichita.org.

Unit Meetings. Dates: 10/11, 11/15, 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, and 5/9. All meetings will be at Olive Tree. The Christmas Party will on 12/10 with AAUW, at the Dewey home. Martha Pint schedules and plans the Unit meetings while Ellen Estes takes all member reservations this year.

Vote411 Wichita LWV Project by Ernestine Krehbiel:

The following is the invitation email sent to each Kansas House and Senate candidates. Half of the candidates have provided responses already.

Invitation to Participate

Dear xxx,

The League of Women Voters -Wichita Metro would like to invite you to participate in our 2016 election voter guide called Vote411.

This election year we are creating an online voter guide where voters can compare your positions with those of your fellow candidates simply by typing in their address to find all of their candidates that will be on their ballot. Voters will access it at <http://www.Vote411.org>

We are using a new Web-based system to pose questions to you and other candidates and collect your responses. You can post your replies yourself, in your own words so that voters can gain a clearer impression of who you are and of the platform on which you stand. You can post a picture and a biography. We can send you a link to your answers to post on your campaign web site.

We would like your answers to the following questions:

- i What are your top 3 legislative priorities for Kansas should you be elected? Please explain why you consider these important.
- i Fiscal Year 2016, just completed, received tax revenue of \$683 million less than in FY 2013, making it the third year in a row that state receipts have been less that the year before. What solution do you see for the current fiscal difficulties in Kansas state budget? Select from these options or write your own option. A. Repeal the 2012 income tax exemptions on LLCs and other businesses and the others state income tax cuts. B. Stay the course set in 2012 by the governor and the previous legislature. C. Raise other taxes to make up for revenue lost by income tax cuts. D. Use another way (please explain).

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- i Recent studies of societal cost of mass incarceration has also shown the impact just being poor has on the likelihood of being tangled in the criminal justice system. (Non-violent crimes or simply the inability to pay a traffic fine can ultimately end with incarceration and a criminal record as well as impairing one's ability to get a job and even get TO the job --with license suspension.) • What are ways that you would propose reforming the criminal justice system in Kansas?
- i Education in Kansas has faced issues of adequacy and equity in public school funding by the state, in addition to controversy about funds from the public coffers going for non-public schools • What is your position on what the state should do about funding education in Kansas? Please explain your reasoning. • What factors are essential in your opinion for including in the weighting of a new school funding formula?
- i Traditionally, Kansas required all voters to sign the voter registration form, swearing to citizenship and the truthfulness of their answers under penalty of perjury. Since the SAFE Act in 2013, additional steps have been added to voter registration to catch impersonators by requiring documented proof of citizenship, even if several out of state documents must be paid for often costing up to \$76 each, including proof of marital name change. Research and court cases have found that this documentary proof of citizenship creates complexities and barriers to voting among young citizens, elderly and low income citizens. Research found that nation-wide, fewer than 28 impersonated a voter out of one billion votes over 15 years--2 fraudulent voters have been reported in KS. However, Courts recently found 18,000 real KS citizens were denied the vote by this law's implementation as it stands. Do you favor repealing, altering or keeping the current Secure and Fair Elections law (the SAFE Act)?
- i Private and charter schools are not required by Kansas law to inclusively educate all students, nor are they required to meet the same teacher certification or education standards as are public schools. Do you support school vouchers or

- i other corporate or individual tax credit ways to direct some state tax funds to support private or charter school students? Explain your thinking.
- i Currently, there are 150,000 uninsured Kansans whose income is too low to qualify for insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare). Do you support expanding Medicaid to cover almost all of these Kansans with 90% funding from federal dollars and 10% from state dollars? Explain your position.

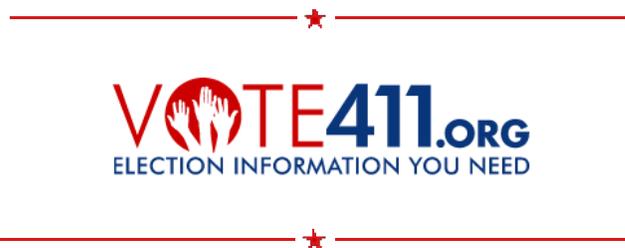
It is easy to participate and to speed the process we ask that you respond via our Web-based form rather than by email, fax or mail. We will publish live on September 27, 2016, National Voter Registration Day when the League and many other organizations nation-wide will have a big push to get the unregistered voters signed up to vote.

We look forward to your participation! If you have any questions, please contact me, Ernestine Krehbiel : lwwErnestine@gmail.com or phone 316-652-9229.

Warm regards,

Ernestine Krehbiel

LWV Wichita Metro Vote411 Voter Guide Editor





 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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LEAGUE AND LIBRARY present TUESDAY TOPICS –
Fall 2016

Wichita Public Library

223 S. Main, Wichita – 3rd floor auditorium

4th Tuesday: 11:30 am -1:00 pm

Bring a brown bag lunch, drinks furnished.

- **School Funding Formulas**

How do school funding formulas affect different sized districts? John Allison, Superintendent of the Wichita Public Schools, and Craig Wolford, Superintendent of the Derby Public Schools, will share how the State school funding formula affects districts. Learn more about what factors must be considered when creating a fair formula that works for districts of all sizes.

Tuesday, October 25, Noon-1 p.m., Central Library, 223 S. Main

- **2016 Election Analysis**

The 2016 election cycle has been unique in many ways, and the impact of this year's election will be seen in the days and months ahead. Join us for a look at the results of the 2016 elections with analysis by Dr. Russell Fox, Professor of Political Science at Friends University. Find out more about how this year's candidates will influence public policy and shape the decisions that affect our lives.

Tuesday, November 22, Noon-1 p.m., Central Library, 223 S. Main

These programs are free and open to the public. Please share this information with others who are interested. The program starts promptly at noon.



League Day
HOSTED BY LWV MANHATTAN/RILEY COUNTY
College Avenue United Methodist Church,
1609 College Avenue
Manhattan, Kansas
Saturday
October 15, 2016
Registration Form

Registration begins at 9:00 am

Session-9:30 am – 3:00 pm

The registration fee is \$30 and will cover continental breakfast and lunch.

Please register on line at lwwk.org or complete the form, make checks payable to League of Women Voters Kansas and send to:

LWV Kansas
515 S. Kansas Ave, Suite C
Topeka, Kansas 66603
(Please register by October 1, 2016)

Name _____

League _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Meal Restrictions:

Vegan _____ Gluten Free _____

Questions:

Contact Email: lww.kansas@gmail.com or Anita Kaiser LWV Kansas Treasurer (913) 897-6242 or Cathy Hedge LWV Manhattan (785) 537-1101 cjhedgewriter@gmail.com

For those wishing to come the night before October 14, 2016 a block of rooms have been reserved at the Parkwood Inn & Suites, 505 S. 17th, Manhattan, KS 66502 Phone 785-320-5440, parkwoodinnmanhattan.com. (2 beds \$89.95) Reservations need to be made by September 23, 2016.

NEWS RELEASE

September 28, 2016

For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Ron Kaufman, 785-296-2870, email ron.kaufman@ksoutdoors.com

Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Amendment on November Ballot

Topeka, Kansas – In addition to voting for their chosen candidates and other important matters in the November 8, 2016 general election, voters will decide whether to amend the Kansas Constitution's Bill of Rights to add a constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap wildlife.

The proposed amendment would specify the people have a right to hunt, fish and trap by traditional methods, subject to reasonable laws and regulations that promote wildlife conservation and management and that preserve the future of hunting, fishing and trapping. The amendment would also specify that hunting and fishing are the preferred means for managing and controlling wildlife, and that the amendment shall not be construed to modify any provision of law relating to trespass, eminent domain or other private property rights.

The amendment would be created if approved by a majority of Kansas voters. A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of adding the amendment to the constitution, and a "No" vote will be a vote against adding the amendment. If the amendment passes, current laws and regulations governing hunting, fishing and trapping of wildlife would still apply, as the proposed right is subject to reasonable laws and regulations. If the amendment fails, there would be no changes to current laws and regulations.

The proposed amendment was introduced into the 2015 Legislative Session as House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 5008 by Representative Couture-Lovelady and Representative Lusker, but no action was taken. It was carried over to the 2016 session where it passed both chambers by large margins. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) testified in support of the resolution.

According to the website Ballotpedia.org, 19 states currently have similar constitutional provisions for the right to hunt and fish. Two others have constitutional provisions guaranteeing the right to fish, and two have statutes providing for the right to hunt and fish. Vermont established its right to hunt and fish in 1777, but most of the other states have created their rights since 2000.

Hunters and anglers provide all of the support for the state's wildlife and fisheries management programs. These programs are entirely funded by license/permit fees and a federal match from the excise tax paid by hunters and anglers on equipment they buy (these revenues can only be used to fund wildlife and fisheries programs; they cannot be used for state park maintenance). The state's share of the federal excise tax can only be returned to Kansas if someone buys a license or permit. KDWPT does not receive any state general funds for any of its programs.

For more information about the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, visit KSOuthdoors.com or TravelKS.com.

Ron Kaufman
Director of Information Services/CIO
Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
www.ksoutdoors.com



League of Women Voters Kansas
League Day
Manhattan, Kansas
October 15, 2016

MAKING THE SUNFLOWER BLOOM!!!

What we have accomplished in Kansas!!!!
and
Learning to Lead in the League":
A training ground for building better communities.

- 9:00 - 9:30 Registration and Mixer -
- 9:30 – 9:45 Welcome - Who We Are and Where We Are Going!
- 9:45 – 10:00 Manhattan League Highlights of 2016 Election Year
- 10:00 – 10:45 JOCO, Topeka, Wichita, Leavenworth, Emporia, Lawrence, Salina, Great Bend
Presidents Highpoints
- 10:15 - 10:45 Breakout session for State Study Committee only
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 - 11:30 Guidelines to the Future
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| New Bylaws | - | Carole Neal |
| Website/Social Media | - | Melissa Carlson |
- 11:30 – 12:00 Did we get out the Vote! - Kansas Primary Results - Cille King
Can we save Kansas? – Upcoming General Election- Carole Neal/El Centro
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch /Speakers – The Young Voter Group
- 1:00 – 1:55 "Engaging Members to Lead the League" –
Linda Duckworth & Martha Pint
- 1:55 – 2:05 Break
- 2:05 – 3:00 "Getting and keeping members engaged" -
Membership Chair Panel – Johnson County/Shawnee County
- 3:00 Adjourn

16 State League Day in Manhattan

Saturday, October 15

9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m.

Hosted by LWV of Manhattan/Riley County

at [College Avenue United Methodist Church 1609 College Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502](#)

\$30 registration fee covers continental breakfast and lunch.

Morning focus: "What We Have Accomplished in Kansas!"

Afternoon focus: "Learning to Lead in League: A training ground for building better communities"

Spending the night in Manhattan?

A block of rooms is reserved for Friday, October 14 at the [Parkwood Inn & Suites, 505 South 17th Street, Manhattan](#), 785-320-5440. Mention LWV and book by September 23 to get double-occupancy room rate of \$89.95 + tax, including complimentary breakfast buffet. Cancellation is permitted up to 24 hours in advance.

Questions about the hotel or directions, contact [Cathy Hedge LWV Manhattan](#) (785) 537-1101. Questions about payment, contact [Anita Kaiser LWV Kansas Treasurer](#) (913) 897-6242.

Registration

[Visit our lovely new website](#) to register online -- see the home page, lower left. A PayPal® account is not needed. If you prefer to pay by check, [click here for a form to print](#) and mail. Register by October 1.

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LWV Wichita-Metro Unit Meeting

October 11, 2016
5:30 p.m.

Olive Tree Banquets and Catering
29th & Rock in Wichita.

The Importance of our Independent Court System

We have seen an attack on our judiciary during this election year. What is the role of courts in our democracy and what is the importance of an independent judiciary? We are honored to have Kansas Supreme Court Justice, Marla Luckert, and Deputy General Council at Textron (Cessna) , Laura L. Ice, presenting.

R.S.V.P. by October 10, 2016
(316) 573-5583 or wichitametrolwv@gmail.com
Dinner is \$18.00



Sunflower & Sangria Gala

The Ville at St. Vincent de Paul
123 N. Andover Rd, Andover, KS 67002

Thursday, November 3, 2016, doors open at 5:30PM

DINNER

Live Music by Air House Music Academy

Silent/Live Auction

\$75 per person

\$450 per table

Register for this event at www.raisemyhead.org or by calling 316.258.4676

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Raise My Head Foundation



"Women breaking free of sex trafficking, addiction, and homelessness."

LWV Wichita Metro and the Wichita Public Library presented
Human Trafficking in our community - Tuesday Topic (1/26/16)

The Raise My Head Foundation is close to achieving its financial goal of opening
The Ville.

This wonderful event is an opportunity to show your support!