



CALENDAR

April 10 Unit Mtg: Project Wichita
Tuesday Olive Tree Restaurant
Food 5:45pm 2929 N. Rock Rd.
Prog. 6:30pm

\$18.00 for meal (free for meeting only)

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SUN.,
APRIL 8th TO ELLEN ESTES. See p. 1.

April 21 Board Meeting
Saturday St. Paul's Lutheran
9am-Noon 925 N. Waco
MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

April 24 KanCare Expansion
Tuesday Evergreen Branch Library
Open 11:30am 2601 N. Arkansas Ave.
Starts at Noon

Apr.28 LWV State Council
Saturday Great Bend

May 22 Annual Meeting
Tuesday

Jun 28-Jul 1 LWV National Convention
Thurs-Sun Chicago, IL

Special Topics

League of Women Voters Presents: KanCare Expansion

Tuesday, April 24, 11:30 am for brown bag lunch;
program starts promptly at **12:00 pm**
****Evergreen Branch Library, 2601 N. Arkansas****

In place of April's regularly scheduled Tuesday Topics, this month's program will be a special presentation at the Evergreen Branch Library on a topic for which the League has taken a position. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows states to choose to expand Medicaid with the federal government paying most of the additional costs. Kansas is one of 18 states that chose not to take advantage of the expansion, leaving nearly 150,000 Kansans in health care limbo. A speaker from the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas will speak on the topic and describe how that organization is working to expand KanCare and what people can do to try to convince the Kansas legislature to expand KanCare. Sack lunches are welcome; drinks will be provided.

April Unit Meeting

Focus Group for Project Wichita
Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 pm

The April Unit Meeting will be held at the Olive Tree restaurant, 2949 N. Rock Rd. Meals are \$18.00. Reservations are due by April 8th to Ellen Estes at efestes@cox.net or call her at (316) 218-1163. If you need meal accommodations for a special diet, let Ellen know. If you want to attend without dinner, there is no charge. Beverages and desserts are only available for those who pay for the meal.

Plan to be there by 5:30 pm. Dinner service will begin at 5:45 pm. The program is scheduled from 6:30-7:30



pm. Kayla Vix will be leading a focus group for Project Wichita, designed to gather community feedback on Wichita's priorities in the coming years.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is April and things are as busy as ever with the League. State Council is April 28, in Great Bend, KS, and National Convention is June 28-July 1, 2018 in Chicago. Both of these events are worth attending—especially if you never have. It is great way to really understand how the League works, at both state and national levels. We will be carpooling to Great Bend and all are welcome. Currently, we have five going to National and Chicago is closer than Washington, D.C. Please give consideration to both events. Several of the Wichita League members went up to Topeka on March 20, along with some members from the Leavenworth League. It was a really good day!! We were able to observe the House and the Senate in session, attend some committee hearings, and meet with some legislators. Plus, our newly remodeled Capitol is beautiful!!

We have only two regularly scheduled unit meetings left before summer. What that really means is that we will just have more time to register voters, facilitate candidate forums, speak to groups, attend advocacy team meetings and observe local government. In addition, we are currently updating our website and hoping to have some “summer socials.” Our membership has grown to around 130 members and we want to get to know each other. The April Unit meeting will be April 10 at 5:30pm at **Two Olives**, which is where we met in the past. The program should be very exciting—the League will be part of a series of focus groups for PROJECT WICHITA, which our own Kayla Vix is working on. She will be running the meeting and asking a series of questions concerning Wichita. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!! Please plan to come and bring a friend.

Annual Meeting will be May 22nd This is also your chance to be heard as we elect officers and Board

members, vote on the budget, decide on studies and announce our Citizen of the Year Award. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. It is one way to be active in the League.

Finally, as of July 1, 2018, I will no longer be Co-President of the Wichita League. I have been Co-President for four years—one year with Carole Neal, two years with Barbara Fuller and one year with Pat Reinhold—and it has been great. For those who do not know, I have been in League since 1978—so I believe in the League and the difference that it makes!! (My first position was running the mimeograph machine, once a month, which printed The VOTER!!)

Sharon Ailsieger, Co-President



Voter Service Report

League members joined one of the most exciting events in a long time by registering students during the March for Our Lives event on March 24. Even though the weather was a little cool, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the participants. Thank you to everyone who participated.

- We have contacted Russell Fox at Friends University and our last year's scholarship recipient Rachel Greene at Kansas Newman and will be holding registration events on both campuses before Spring semester is over.
- We are in contact with all of the public high schools in Wichita and are busy scheduling dates to facilitate registration events in the schools. Will keep you posted during the month since we are trying to schedule all of the schools in the month of April.
- On April 4th and 5th, we will be at North High during the lunch hour 11:35-1pm.
- On April 7th we will be at the March for Our Lives Town Hall at the Evergreen Library to register voters. To sign up to volunteer, click [here](#).



- On April 12th, we have been asked to participate in East High’s 10th anniversary of Aces in the Community for East High students by registering voters during their celebration. To sign up to volunteer, click [here](#).
- On April 15th, I will be speaking at the Moms Demand Action meeting.
- On April 24th, we will be sure and have a voter registration table at our Special Topics at Evergreen Library. The event is being published in the Hispanic newsletter.
- In addition, we have been asked to train volunteers and to facilitate a voter registration event for the Family Support Network at the Hilltop Community Center on Friday, April 20.

Even if you are not on the Voter Service Committee, please feel free to join us. The registration events are a great way to get involved and meet other members.

Carole A. Neal, Chair

Treasurer’s Report

As of March 26th, we have \$6,614 in LWV Wichita-Metro Funds. We have raised \$1,024.80 toward our 100th Anniversary celebration with our Opportunity Baskets at our unit meetings and our “Stirring Up Democracy” spoon sales. Our spoons would be great to include in a gift for a May graduate. We welcome our newest members: **Jessi Wigdahl, Nancy Wiebe, Krista Jackson, Leah Barnhard, Ronald Rose, and Irene Hart**. We are at 131 members, which is wonderful!

Continuing members, you are paid up through June 30, 2018, although you can prepay for the upcoming year, which begins on July 1. New members who have joined since February 1st are paid up through June 30, 2019.

Elaine Harvey, Treasurer

FUNDRAISER!

Martha Pint, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, still has spoons available with the League imprint on one side and a quotation on the back: “Stirring up Democracy for 100 Years.” Buy them for yourself and share them with friends! At \$6 each, these are a bargain. To purchase yours, contact Martha Pint at martha_pint@hotmail.com or call (316) 259-6192.

Media Bias Chart

Fake news continues to be a problem. Please verify sources before you repost or repeat stories, especially on Facebook. The attached media bias chart, showing how reliable or unreliable and how liberal or conservative major media sources are, is a useful guide.



League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro registered voters at March for Our Lives on March 24. Pictured (left to right): Carole Neal, Representative Elizabeth Bishop, Donna Wirth, and Pat Reinhold.



Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate be elected to serve as Officers and Directors of the League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro for 2018-2019.

Officers and Board Members Continuing

Pat Reinhold - Co-President	2017-2019
Elaine Harvey - Treasurer	2017-2019
Judy Loganbill	2017-2019
Megan Wright-Hagan	2017-2019
Sharon Cranford	2017-2019
Kayla Vix	2017-2019
Julie Sherwood	2017-2019
Sharon Ailslieger, Past Co-Pres.	2017-2019

New Officers and Board Members Presented For Election

Laura Thompson - Co-President	2018-2020
Pat Purvis - Secretary	2018-2020
Martha Pint	2018-2020
Carole Neal	2018-2020

Nominating Committee for 2019-2021:

Paul Babich (Chair) and Betty Ladwig (Board member) will be appointed immediately following the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted by: Betty Ladwig (Chair),
Carole Neal and Paul Babich.



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:

Communications: _____

Membership: _____

Studies: _____

Voter Education: _____

2017-2018 LWV Wichita-Metro Board Members

Sharon Aillsliager - **Co-President** - sailsliager@netscape.net

Betty Arnold - bettyarnold60@hotmail.com

Paul Babich - **Tuesday Topics** - pbabich604@att.net

Sharon Cranford - **Membership** - scan50452@cox.net

Sally Dewey - **Observers** - sallydewey@cox.net

Ellen Estes - **Programs and Unit Meetings** - efestes@cox.net

Barbara Fuller - **Past Co-President** - utwbarb@cox.net

Elaine Harvey - **Treasurer** - elaine.harvey@wichita.edu

Ernestine Krehbiel - **At Large** - ekrehbiel@gmail.com

Judy Loganbill - **Observers** - judithloganbill@msn.com

Carole Neal - **Voter Services & Speakers Bureau** - cadeneal@att.net

Martha Pint - **Fundraising** - martha_pint@hotmail.com

Pat Purvis - **Membership** - pat_p@cox.net

Pat Reinhold - **Co-President** - patinwy@gmail.com

Julie Sherwood - **VOTER Newsletter** - dwir917@yahoo.com

Laura Thompson - **Secretary** - laura.thompson.lmt@gmail.com

Kayla Vix - **Communications** - kaylavix@gmail.com

Megan Wright-Hagan - **PR/Tuesday Topics** - meganwh825@cox.net

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