



## CALENDAR

<u>July 9</u> Monday 6-8pm	<u>Judicial Candidate Forum</u> Advanced Learning Library 711 W. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street
<u>July 10</u> Tuesday 10am-4pm	<u>Fidelity Bank Voter Reg. Event</u> Fidelity Bank 100 E. English St.
<u>July 10</u> Tuesday 5:30 pm	<u>Summer Social with LWV-WM</u> The Monarch 579 W. Douglas
<u>July 17</u> Tuesday 5:30-7:00 pm	<u>Candidate Forum on Health</u> Scottish Rite, Venue 332 332 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street North
<u>July 21</u> Saturday 9am-3pm	<u>LWV Board Retreat</u> First United Methodist Church 330 N. Broadway
<u>Aug. 7</u>	<u>Primary Election Day</u>
<u>Aug. 14</u> Tuesday 5:30 pm	<u>Summer Social with LWV-WM</u> The Monarch 579 W. Douglas

## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

### CREATING A MORE PERFECT DEMOCRACY League of Women Voters of the United States 2018 Convention

More than a thousand LWV members gathered in Chicago in June to adopt the 2018-2020 Program. Laura Thompson, Pat Reinhold, Sharon Aislieger, Megan Wright-Hagen, and Martha Pint attended. Four days of meetings, workshops, amendments, resolutions (and disagreements - there are some passionate members in the League) resulted in the adoption of the following Program:

**The Campaign for Making Democracy Work** includes ensuring a free, fair, and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters focusing on:

- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections
- Campaign Financing/Money in Politics
- Redistricting
- Advocacy for the National Popular Vote Compact
- When the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is duly ratified by the 38th state, the LWVUS will take the required steps to see the Amendment through whatever judicial or other challenges may occur until we see the ERA added to the U. S. Constitution in clear, bold, black and white.
- All current LWVUS positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy will be retained.

***We don't tell people how to vote, we inform people about issues.***





## BOARD REPORTS

### Voter Service Report

In June, we had a tabling at the Wear Orange event as well as several other small gatherings. Janice Bradley and Pat Reinhold made sure we were covered where we needed to be. We submitted our final report for the High School Voter Service Event and received the balance of the grant monies.

July Voter Service for the League has geared up.

**Cutoff of voter registration for the primary election on August 7 is July 17<sup>th</sup>.** What started out as a small voter registration event for the main Fidelity Bank location at 103 East English has evolved into a large voter registration, Get Out the Vote event sponsored by Fidelity Bank. **On Tuesday, July 10, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, we will be part of a downtown Farmers' Market, Get Your Vote On voter registration and verification of voter status for all Fidelity Bank locations** as well as 12 other businesses that will be invited to join the festivities. Fidelity will be holding a drawing for those participating in registration and checking their status. We will be sharing information on Vote411.org as well as on how to vote and registering voters.

In addition to this event, we are participating in the **Judicial Forum at the new City Library with the Wichita Women Attorneys Association on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** We will have a voter registration/ League information table and will be keeping time for the candidate questions. Other groups have been asked to invite their members and to get the word out so we can have a great attendance.

**On July 17<sup>th</sup> we will be participating with the Health Alliance Sedgwick County Commissioners Forum that will be held at the Scottish Rite Venue, it will start at 5:30 p.m.** As with the Judicial forum we will have tabling and will be time keeping.

Working with the Women's March Air Capital group and other non-partisan groups we are planning on

preparing webinars with a panel of women interviewing the Governor candidates using prepared questions in a one-on-one environment. We will be asking KPTS and KWCH to air the interviews. We do not yet have their commitment. All governor candidates have been asked to participate. We are planning on having all interviews completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mark your calendars for **primary Watch Party at the Fusion on August 7<sup>th</sup>**, this will be a non-partisan event with fun, political trivia and bingo games with prizes for the winners and music to entertain. There will be cash bar with wine and beer and light appetizers. Contributions will be appreciated to cover the cost of the party.

**Vote411.org is scheduled to go live July 1<sup>st</sup>**, all of the statewide race candidates have been invited as well as Sedgwick, Johnson and Douglas county race candidates. We are working on the other counties. We will have material to handout as well as press releases and facebook postings to advertise the project.

So, as usual, we are busy doing what we love.

Sharon Ailslieger has agreed to join me as co-chair of Voter Service and I thank her profusely. We continue to work with more and more groups that share our desire to get voters to the polls. I want to thank the League members and others who have stepped forward this year to make our efforts successful.

Carole A. Neal, Chair



**Democracy - the best and most fragile form of government.**



**Treasurer’s Report**

We have \$2,702.62 in our local funds. The remainder of the Voter Registration Grant has been received.

We have 144 members on our roll right now. Barbara Bell, Elaine Volkmann and Cindy Miles are our newest members. 10 have joined since January 31. **Time to renew is NOW.** There are 27 members paid for 2018-2019.

We have \$1,627.07 in Education Fund money in our Intrust Account right now. We have a bill for \$876.56 for 100 additional planners due. We plan to sell them at LWVUS Convention.

We have \$618.24 in Education and Scholarship Funds deposited with LWVUS.

Elaine Harvey, Treasurer

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Here are thirteen new members who have recently joined:

- Barbara Bell
- Elaine Volkmann
- Cindy Miles
- DeShaun Willingham
- Cherrie Holder
- Shreda Burkhalter
- Janice Mills
- Krista Lovette
- Sheri Copridge
- Julia Hartley
- Janet Findling
- Martha Fair
- Nancy McCarthy-Snyder

We are pleased to welcome them to our ranks!

**EVENTS**

**Judicial Candidate Forum**

**Monday, July 9, 6-8 pm**  
**Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.**

Come meet the candidates in contested judicial races and stay for a moderated forum to learn more about each. Meet and greet is from 6-7 pm; moderated forum is from 7-8 pm. Co-sponsored by the Wichita Women Attorneys Association, League of Women Voters-Wichita Metro, and Women 4 Kansas. Flyer attached to post at your place of business.

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**July Summer Social**

**Tuesday, July 10, 5:30 pm**  
**The Monarch, 579 W. Douglas**

Join fellow League members to chat & mingle at our summer socials. These are a chance for you to get better acquainted with League members on a more personal level. July’s social will be held at The Monarch bar & restaurant in Delano.

Hold the dates for future socials! Look for the locations in your next issue of The VOTER.  
- Tuesday, August 14

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**Candidate Forum on Health**

**Tuesday, July 17, 5:30-7:00 pm**  
**Scottish Rite, 332 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. North**

Don’t miss this great opportunity to hear candidates for Sedgwick County Commissioner & the Board of Health share their positions on health issues during a Meet the Candidates Health Forum on July 17. Flyer attached to post at your place of business.





## OTHER NEWS

### Upcoming Dates for the Primary Election

Monday, July 23: Early voting begins at Election Office

Tuesday, July 31: Last day to mail advance ballots

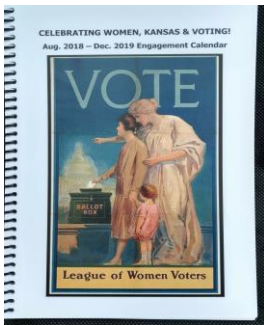
Thursday, Aug. 2: Early voting starts at satellite locations

Friday, Aug. 3: Voting equipment public testing

**Tuesday, Aug. 7: VOTE!! Primary Election**



### FUNDRAISER!



This beautiful 17-month engagement calendar celebrates the Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment which, when ratified in 1920, finally gave women the right to vote in the U.S. Only \$15!

Spoons are also still available for only \$6 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! To purchase yours, contact Martha Pint at [martha\\_pint@hotmail.com](mailto:martha_pint@hotmail.com) or call (316) 259-6192.



### Report on the "Celebrating Women, Kansas, and Voting" Kickoff Event Report

A big thank you to Chair, Sharon Cranford, for a successful event on June 23 at WSU. The room was full with League members, honorees and their friends and family. Honorees able to attend included, Karla Burns, Joan Williams, Ponka-We Victors, Sandra

Rankin, Carol Hahn, and Dr. Karen Countryman-Roswurm. They each responded with interesting, inspiring messages about their life and what makes them women leaders. The whole event was uplifting and energizing. We sold planners, got new members, and had intelligent conversations!! It was, indeed, a day worth remembering and an event worth attending. Of course, League events are always worth attending!! (Please watch the VOTER, Facebook, Twitter, and your e-mail for upcoming League events.)

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### Want to help create a more perfect democracy? Volunteer with LWV!

Your help for even a couple of hours a month will make a difference. Here's some things you could consider:

- Be a Leader! - Our league is growing! If you like to organize to make things happen, let us know!
- Membership - join a telephone tree to call members about meetings; mentor a new member; bring people you know to a meeting or event
- Raise money so we can do more - sell some "Celebrating" planners (and buy one for yourself); talk with potential donors; address and stuff envelopes; make a donation
- Voter Services - register voters, assist with candidate forums, help educate voters
- Keep an eye on local government - review advance agendas for city council, county commission, and other meetings and alert the League of important topics; observe meetings while wearing your LWV button
- Communications - help with newsletter by printing & mailing 10-15 copies each month; help with social media

Call or email Pat Reinhold, Co-President to talk about how you can be involved! [patinw@gmail.com](mailto:patinw@gmail.com), 316-619-6717.

## LWV SCRAPBOOK

Here are some recent photos of League events.  
Enjoy!



Honorees at Celebrating Women (l. to r.): Ponka-We Victors, Karla Burns, Sandra Rankin, Joan Williams, Carol Hahn, and Dr. Karen Countryman-Roswurm



Sharon Cranford, emcee at the Celebrating Women, Kansas, and Voting Event



Sheila Kinnard ends the Celebrating Women event with a medley of patriotic songs



Co-Presidents Laura Thompson and Pat Reinhold enjoying the Celebrating Women event



Martha Pint and Sharon Ailsieger in Chicago for the National League of Women Voters Convention



*Local League members who attended National Convention:  
Sharon Ailsieger, Laura Thompson, Megan Wright-Hagan,  
Martha Pint, and Pat Reinhold*



*A scene from the National Convention in Chicago*

**2018-2019**  
**LWV Wichita – Metro Board Members**

*Effective July 1, 2018*

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Martha Pint  
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Kayla Vix  
Megan Wright-Hagan

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For Candidate Information:

**VOTE411.org**

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See attached flyers for details on:

“Dark Money” film showing  
Candidate Forum on Health  
Judicial Candidate Forum  
LWV Happy Hour Socials

***Power responds to  
power.***

