



## CALENDAR

Mar. 5            Voter Service Meeting  
Monday            Mead’s Corner, 430 E. Douglas  
5:30-6:30pm      Carole Neal, cadeneal@att.net

Mar. 13           League Unit Meeting: KS  
Tuesday           School District Court Case  
Fairmount Coffee Co.  
Food 5:45pm      3815 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St. North  
Prog. 6:30pm  
\$12.00 for meal (free for meeting only)

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SUN.,  
MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> TO ELLEN ESTES. See p. 2.**

Mar. 17           Board Meeting  
Saturday           St. Paul’s Lutheran  
9am-Noon        925 N. Waco  
MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Mar. 27           Tuesday Topics:  
Tuesday           Money in Politics  
Open 11:30am    Central Library  
Starts at Noon    223 S. Main

Apr.28           LWV State Council  
Saturday           Great Bend

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

## Tuesday Topics

### Money in Politics

**Tuesday, March 27, 11:30 am** for brown bag lunch;  
program starts promptly at **12:00 Noon**  
**Central Library, 223 S. Main, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Auditorium**

The controversial Supreme Court decision Citizens United resulted in allowing vast amounts of money being poured into political campaigns with little to no transparency. A local political scientist will speak to the topic, explaining the actual decision from the point of view of both the majority and minority of the Supreme Court and how the decision has critically impacted political campaigns in the United States.

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### 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, April’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.



## March Unit Meeting

### KS School Districts v. State of Kansas

Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 pm

**\*\*NEW\*\* Fairmount Coffee Co., 3815 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St. N.**

The March Unit Meeting will be held at a new location, Fairmount Coffee Company, located at 3815 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St. North, next door to a bar called The Field House, across from the WSU campus. The coffee house is approximately 6 streets east of Hillside on the south side of the street. There is parking in the front with overflow parking in the back.

The menu will be Garden Salad with Chicken, cookie, and iced tea or water. Meals are \$12.00. Reservations are due to Ellen Estes at [efestes@cox.net](mailto:efestes@cox.net) by March 11<sup>th</sup>, or call her at (316) 218-1163.

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.

The program speaker is one of the attorneys representing the school districts in the lawsuit against the state. The Kansas Supreme Court will hand down their decision probably sometime in April. We will be prepared to talk with friends and family regarding this important issue.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is healthy by now. January and February were "sick months" for many, your Co-Presidents included. The League is a busy organization for anyone who really wants to be involved.

Carole Neal, **Voter Service** Chair, is in the process of forming and training her committee. The Wichita League received a grant from LWVUS to register young people and that is going forward at warp speed.

The **Action Teams** are getting organized and trying to schedule meetings. Since Ernie Krehbiel had to resign as **Membership** Chair, Pat Reinhold is working with the committee to keep things moving.

Martha Pint and her committee are working hard on **Fundraising**. The proposed calendar/planner is in the works and on schedule. The Wichita League is working with LWVKS on the **100<sup>th</sup> Celebration**.

The **Communications Committee** and Pat Reinhold are working furiously to update and change the LWV Wichita-Metro Website. Megan Wright-Hagan keeps our Facebook interesting and informative.

Megan & Paul Babich work together to keep **Tuesday Topics** viable. The **monthly Unit meetings** require time and effort, to which Ellen Estes has been contributing HER time and effort, as we try to secure an acceptable place to meet.

Judy Loganbill has taken over as Chair of the **Observer Corps**. She and Sharon Ailslieger will be calling members who have expressed an interest in this activity. If we can just get members to attend City Council, County Commission, and School Board, that will be a start.



Now, does anyone see a pattern to the message? If you want to be involved in League—just pick a committee and volunteer, or better yet, if the **Nominating Committee calls say “Yes.”** Plus, **to keep informed, read the VOTER** which Julie Sherwood puts together every month. The Wichita League currently has 126 members and we can keep **everyone**, busy and involved, doing something!! In addition, ALL members are urged to consider attending **State Council on April 28, in Great Bend and National Convention in Chicago, June 28-July 1, 2018.**

Sharon Ailsieger & Pat Reinhold, Co-Presidents

**Voter Service Report**

In February, the voter registration events started again. We have had following requests and committed to these dates. Wendy Kabler, Betty Ladwig, Pat Purvis, Janice Bradley, and Shari Lovendahl have stepped forward to staff the events through March 1, 2018. We will be needing volunteers for the WSU event.

February 18, 2018      Voter Registration – Church – Wendy Kabler

February 27, 2018      Voter Registration – Hamilton Middle School – Parent/Teacher Conference

February 28, 2018      Voter Registration – North High School – Parent/Teacher Conference

March 1, 2018              Voter Registration – Hamilton Middle School – Parent/Teacher Conference •

March 1, 2018              Voter Registration – North High School – Parent/Teacher Conference

March 30, 2018              Voter Registration –Wichita State University - 2018 Gender & Sexuality Conference in Kansas

On Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm at Mead’s Corner we will be having our Voter Service Committee meeting to continue planning for registering high school students and other events.

Carole A. Neal, Chair

**Treasurer’s Report**

We have \$6,627.48 in our local funds including a \$750 Voter Service Grant from LWVUS. **We now have 125 members.** Hurrah! New members are Tonya Ringle and Jeannie Krehbiel. With our spoon sales and other fundraising efforts we have raised \$820.80 toward our 100th Anniversary celebrations. We recently received a \$500 Grant to our Education and Scholarship Fund from the DeV Vaughn James Law firm. Our dues year is from July 1 to June 30th.

Elaine Harvey, Treasurer

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE  
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The LWV-Kansas and the LWV-Wichita Metro are both looking ahead to 2020 and the anniversary of the passage of women’s suffrage. Volunteers are needed at the State Level to serve in the following ways:

- Education Coordinator: current or retired teacher or someone with a strong background in the education system to coordinate curriculum for public schools from kindergarten through higher education



- Fiscal Agent for the KS Humanities Grant: Person responsible for the accounting of grant funds and cost share.
- Communications Chair: individual with working knowledge of numerous forms of communications including publicity (press releases, news stories, etc.) and social media (websites, FaceBook, Twitter, etc.)
- Fundraising committee chair/member: To head or serve as a member on this committee; will be asked to interact via email, phone, and face-to-face as they seek donations and sponsorships to financially support the events and activities of the Centennial Celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- Budget committee member: work to establish the appropriate budget for our projects and activities and then monitor said budget.

Wichita-Metro also needs a couple of co-chairs for our celebration. If you are interested, please contact Martha Pint, [martha\\_pint@hotmail.com](mailto:martha_pint@hotmail.com) or (316) 259-6182 by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**DID YOU KNOW????DID YOU KNOW????DID YOU KNOW???**

**Frieda B. Hennock** was the first woman appointed to Federal Communications Commission (FCC). She was born in Poland, but immigrated, with her family. She attended law school and was appointed to the FCC in 1948, under President Truman. Her major accomplishment was to persuade the commission to reserve some 242 television channels for educational and noncommercial objectives. She served until 1955, when President Eisenhower refused to reappoint her.

**John Hopkins Medical School** was the first medical college to admit women on an equal basis with men, in 1893. However, the reason was not based on a belief in equality but rather on money. The school needed money and Mary Garrett, daughter of the president of the B&O Railroad donated \$300,000 to

the school on the condition that women be admitted!!

**Suzanne Kennedy** was the first woman veterinarian at a U.S. national zoo. The year was 1976!! Hard to believe it took that long!! She was a graduate of Michigan State University.

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**SPOON 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](mailto:martha_pint@hotmail.com) or call (316) 259-6192.

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**Please make time for the League in 2018. State Council will be in Great Bend on April 28, 2018. National Convention will be held June 29-July 1, 2018, in Chicago. Both events help members to understand the workings of the League.**

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**Report on "Hate Crimes in Kansas" by Micah Kubic (February's Tuesday Topic)**

Micah Kubic, Executive Director of the ACLU of Kansas, was in Wichita on Tuesday, February 27, to talk about Hate Crimes in Kansas. He explained that in addition to the protections at the federal level, 45 states have either a hate crime statute or "enhanced sentencing." Kansas does not have a statute against hate crimes, but it has enhanced sentencing that can be applied at the request of the prosecuting attorney after a crime has been convicted. Hate crimes are defined as an act of prejudice against victims in a protected class. with specific intent to cause harm, due to the victim's characteristics or traits that place them in a protected class. Not all states have the



same categories of protection. Kansas includes race, religion, ethnicity, and sexual orientation as protected classes. Even if the victim was only mistakenly identified as part of one of the categories and targeted because of that, it can be eligible for enhanced sentencing in Kansas. The total number of hate crimes nationally in 2016 was around 250. Kansas had approximately 18 crimes in 2016, and Wichita consistently has the highest number annually of anywhere in the state, 9 in 2016. Currently the case receiving the most attention is the Overland Park murder of 2 Indian men who the perpetrator incorrectly thought were Muslim. While the ACLU supports everyone's rights to free expression and free thought, when those ideas are expressed through violence or harm to others, it crosses the line of acceptability.

*--submitted by Julie Sherwood*



**Join the League & make a difference!**

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Annual Dues \$ 60.00

Add'l Household Membership \$ 30.00

Student Membership \$ 30.00

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest:  
Communications: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Studies: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter Education: \_\_\_\_\_

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