

# THE VOTER

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## July, 2015 Newsletter



## CALENDAR OF LWV DATES –2015

### Board Meeting

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

925 N. Waco

9:00 a.m.

### Unit Meeting

No July Unit Meeting

### Hot Topics

On summer break

### Voter Registration

Naturalization Ceremony

September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

**Sharon Ailsieger & Barbara Fuller,  
Co-Presidents**

Hope everyone is having a fun and restful summer. My husband and I took a trip up to the state of Washington to visit family. It was a long trip (17 days) but saw some beautiful country and had a wonderful visit. The League is as busy as ever, even though we do not have unit meetings in the summer, the world still turns! Our League Calendar-Women of Wichita is finished and ready for sale!! We kicked it off with an in the park on June 23 and had a good response. We gave out 100 calendars to members and guests and only have 400 left! A BIG thank you goes to Carole Neal and Sally Dewey for this project. They did a wonderful job and if we can sell all 400 at \$20 each, we will be able to add to our Educational & Scholarship Fund. It is an 18-month calendar with pictures of active women of Wichita and historical facts about Women's Suffrage. July will be a quiet month, except for some committee meetings, watching what the City Council is going to do about transportation in Wichita, and planning for the upcoming year. August, however, is a different matter. We will be busy! August 12, the League will take part in Senior Wednesday at the WPL. August 16, we will be sponsoring a program at the Wichita Historical Museum, and of course, AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup> is the final celebration for the 95th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Mary Knecht, Ellen Estes, and Jean Schodorf have been busy planning all the activities this year that will be the culmination of all their hard work. PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

Other things to note, we have two National Studies, one State Study, and a continuing Local Study for the upcoming year: National Studies: Money in Politics and U.S. Constitutional Amendment; State Study: Finance in Education Local Study: City and County Finances / Budget /Taxes.

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If any of these studies are of interest to you, please let me know, as we will need to form committees.

Finally, I want to personally WELCOME our new members. Your input is important, so feel free to get involved—volunteer or just attend functions—both are appreciated. Any questions or concerns, just give me a call 773-7420 or email [sailslieger@netscape.net](mailto:sailslieger@netscape.net).

Speaking of volunteers—Our new VOTER Editor is Wendy Kabler. Wendy is a new member this year and is very excited to serve on the Board. I am also looking for a **Unit Chair**. I am expanding the responsibilities to include being responsible for the Calling Committee, Programming (once the Board decides the topics/speakers for the year), and RSVP's for the units. There are no committee meetings, etc. and most of the work can be done at home—except the person has to be able to attend the Unit meetings. It can be an on or off Board position. If this is something you might be interested in, please give me a call. If you are a new member or just want to work from home, this is a great way to meet members and contribute to the League. We are an active and interesting group—come and be a part of us!!

## **Treasurer Report - Elaine Harvey**

***Please pay your dues for 2015-2016.***

Our membership year is from July 1 to June 30. Thanks to those who have paid already!

Your \$60 annual dues bring your local membership, our LWV Wichita-Metro Voter, our LWV W-M web site, Facebook presence and local activities funding. Also, it pays for your LWVKS membership which includes weekly legislative reports throughout the session and LWVUS membership, including our advocacy at state and national levels. Members receive our LWV Wichita-

Metro Voter by e-mail. If you would prefer to get your Voter in printed form and mailed to you, please send an additional \$15. If you think you paid your dues already, please contact me.

## **Mail Checks to:**

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## **Save the Dates: 19th Amendment** **Celebration Activities**

**Wednesday, August 12, 1:30 – 2:30 pm**  
**Wichita Public Library Downtown, Senior**

A panel of LWVers will share what it took to get the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed.  
Free and open to the public.

**Sunday, August 16, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum**

Historian and author Diane Eickhoff, with support from the Kansas Humanities Council, will present "Women Rising: How Kansas Women Gained the Vote, 1859-1912."  
Reception following. Free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 – 9:00 pm**  
**WSU Hughes Metroplex**

**National Women's Equality Day Celebration**  
Sandy Praeger, Former Insurance Commissioner, will be the keynote speaker at a major patriotic event with music and brief remarks from local female leaders commemorating the actual signing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 95 years ago on August 26, 1920. This event is co-sponsored by the WSU Departments of Political Science and History. Free and open to the public.

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## **Fund Raising - Sally Dewey, Chair**

If you missed it, we had a great summer time party in the park with a great turnout to unveil our Calendar. Many of the women honored were present for autographs. We have already sold or committed to 100 of the calendars and have only 400 to go. Thanks to all for all of the help and support! Even husbands turned up to help make the event successful.

***Celebrating 95 years  
Woman Getting the  
Vote & The League  
of Women Voters***

**Get your LWV  
Wichita Metro  
Calendar  
Honoring the  
Women of Wichita**



To pick up call: Carole Neal at 259-7575 Westside, Sally Dewey at 662-8788 Eastside, or Elaine Harvey at 744-2935 Downtown. Price \$20.00 payable to LWV Education Fund. If you would like more to sell, we will deliver.

If you would like us to mail you a calendar, send check and order information to: Carole Neal, 1314 N. Sheridan, Wichita, KS 67203. Please include additional \$3.00 for postage.

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## **Voter Service- Betty Ladwig, Chair**

The past month saw Ellen, Connie, Paul and new member, Sister Joan and Myrna helping register new citizens after their naturalization ceremonies. Ellen had a class of high school students who also observed. The total registered numbered 52 each.

The Wichita League is registered for National Voter Registration Day September 22<sup>nd</sup>. More will be coming later in the summer.

As of Wednesday morning, there are 7,862 voters in suspension in Sedgwick County. Sandy said, this includes perhaps some seniors registered, which had not yet reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday but they consider all these incomplete registrations. We need to be outraged about this.

I just finished Sue Monk's new book "The Invention of Wings," which I recommend for all to read. The book addresses the early days of slavery and women seeking rights prior to the Civil War. Some of the characters are real and Lucretia Mott plays a real part in the history. What has happened to voting rights is an affront to all but especially to the poor and to African Americans who have worked through so many years of striving for rights. There has been an erosion of rights that we should be ashamed of for allowing happen. Proud years of making it easier for citizens to vote have been erased by a bogus "threat of the ineligible electorate trying to cast their ballots."

If you are interested in joining the Voter Service Team for the upcoming busy fall season let me know, we will be holding a July meeting.

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## **Membership - Ernestine Krehbiel, Chair**

### **Welcome to our NEW members:**

Joan Barrier  
Dr. Elizabeth Clarkson  
Cindy Kelly  
Mike Kilgore  
Patricia Reinhold  
Kathleen Slaymaker

### **Welcome back:**

Jayne Byrnes  
Jill Docking  
Susan Wolcott  
Diane Whato

### **Membership Report - Membership Interest Groups Forming:**

The Membership Committee started the first of topic-focused small groups with the Voting Integrity Interest Group, which met on May 30. These Interest Groups are so members can get to know each other and non-members can come, participate and see "how cool is the League of Women Voters, not for women only" (smile). It is hoped, one or more experienced LWV members will act as conveners or "anchors" for each group in order to establish focus and direction of the discussion, though no program is generally expected. Sharing relevant articles by email will help the group keep in touch and continue discussion online, should they choose. No regular meetings are required but it helps to get to know one another. Saturday brunch is a good time to meet.

Several years ago, the League experimented with a monthly just-to-talk-with-others group. Meeting on Saturday morning, the "brunch bunch" over coffee attracted a good group. It was open to all-- as these new groups are-- to members and others who just want to get together to discuss a topic in a thoughtful, courteous discourse among those with whom they might agree or disagree.

The League Brunch Bunch was very successful and brought in a number of new members, including our very active and dynamic Megan Wright-Hagan.

These new LWV Interest Groups will not necessarily meet every month and they will each generally focus on a single topic and share their discussion online with each other. Proposed topics for the discussion Interest Groups: Voting Integrity /Protect the Voter; Funding our Schools; Money in Politics / Amending the US Constitution and other topics will be considered as interest is shown.

### **Membership Protecting Voters Interest Group:**

The PROTECTING VOTERS Interest Group had its first meeting on May 30, 2015 at a side room at Auntie Mae's Cafe on South Webb Rd with a crowd of 40 members and others packed in. This group will focus on concerns about a wide range of topics --from restrictive voting laws that discriminate or repress the vote, to voting machines that are not secure, do not allow an audit or a recount or are not accessible for all voters. In 2004, the US League convention **voted to endorse electronic voting ONLY if they were Secure, Auditable, Re-countable, Accessible (SARA).**

The KS touch-screen voting machines, called Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) or any other types of voting machines should be expected to have a way to be audited or re-counted. In Kansas, this ability to re-count is recorded with either an optical-scan voting machine that copies a paper ballot (leaving the ballots available for re-count) or touch-screen (DRE) voting machines with a cash register type paper roll viewed in a side window where the voter can check the accuracy and that can be used for an official re-count. Here in Kansas, 40 of the 105 counties do not have a "paper trail", this includes Butler County, Topeka's Shawnee County, and Johnson County.

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For that first meeting, I invited Dr. Beth Clarkson, Wichita State's Chief Statistician at the National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR), to talk to us about her quest to do a statistical study on the results of Sedgwick County electronic voting machines as compared with some on data that had been gathered by researchers on voting machines from other states. The Election Office, as well as the Secretary of State's office, has refused her Freedom of Information Request to view Sedgwick Co. paper rolls from the voting machines. The Secretary said it was just too late to look at those.

Beth has now pursued a lawsuit to see if the courts will help her get the paper tapes that show each vote from a machine so that precincts can be compared to the machines' automatic tally. In other states, other statisticians have found what appeared to be a non-random anomaly had occurred in some electronic voting machines: in all cases, the larger the county the more the vote seemed to lean toward the same party. Dr. Clarkson is investigating to see if there has been election fraud. It was pointed out by someone in the group that we need to see the difference between the phrases election fraud and voter fraud --the latter that the Brennan Center for Justice says is non-existence in Kansas--that one has a greater possibility of being bitten by a shark in Kansas than of finding someone who deliberately masqueraded as a legitimate voter having voted in Kansas. It is this latter term--voter fraud--that the current Secretary of State says he is going to go after in Kansas.

Dr. Clarkson said she has some other ideas about how to perhaps get a smaller sample of one precinct by going door to door seeking information from individual voters. This would need lots of volunteer power. (Any who want to know more about this can contact her at Beth@BethClarkson.com )

## Citizen Education by Ernestine Krehbiel

LWV-WM has applied for a grant from the national Knight Foundation - How might we better inform voters and increase civic participation before, during and after elections?

Our idea: Catch moviegoers while waiting for their film and teach civics and motivational topics in short, clever, animated presentations on the movie screen--painlessly educating young adult voters and others to help them feel more comfortable becoming active citizens. Each film short will have our logo and "Your Vote Is Your Voice" on it.

The budget for making animated film is very high and the League has applied for a grant of \$194,000 to cover this and has thus far made it to the semi-finalist stage. The League of Women Voters-Wichita/Metro proposes to create/ produce short subject films on civic education topics for adults but in an entertaining mode to be displayed on movie theater screens in between showings of feature films. We have agreement to pilot 30 second to 3 minute films in the Warren Theater chain in south central Kansas if the short subject movies look professionally done. We have a partnership agreement with the person who created the Warren Theater graphics now used so we think he must know how to do what Mr. Warren expects. He created the no-smoking exploding cigar, the kicking chorus girl legs to get feet off the rails, etc. His name is Jason Opat of IMC he is also the director of Mindfire Digital Arts Institute of Bethany College. His company and his students will work with us to create these animated short videos as will Butler Community and Baseline Creative here in Wichita. We may seek others as we go along if we win.



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Out of over 1,000 entries, we were among the 45 semi-finalists. Knight Foundation's decisions of winners should come very soon. Ernestine Krehbiel wrote the grant application.

To view the full proposal,  
Sign in with FaceBook-  
[www.newschallenge.org/challenge/elections/entries/citizen-education-catch-them-in-moments-between-movies](http://www.newschallenge.org/challenge/elections/entries/citizen-education-catch-them-in-moments-between-movies)

## **Lawsuit Update**

### **Breaking News: The U.S. Supreme Court refusing to hear Mr. Kobach's appeal over voter registration**

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. and LWV Kansas lawsuit brought a partial victory today. The suit was against Secretary of State Kris Kobach's decision to not recognize the federal voter registration form first instituted by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The Supreme Court refusing to take Mr. Kobach's appeal has concluded the suit. The lower court, the Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit (in Denver), had ruled in our side's favor, so that ruling stands.

The US Supreme Court announced Monday that it refused to hear Secretary of State Kobach's appeal on our League of Women Voters of Kansas lawsuit. This means we WON!

The 10th Circuit Appeals decision stands and they rejected Kobach's arguments for Kansas and Arizona that would have required the Federal Form to match Kobach's voter registration form and include the proof of citizenship, rather than, the Federal Voter Registration Form's affidavit signature swearing to the truth of the statement that one is a citizen.

This decision, of course, still means that Mr. Kobach can institute his two-tiered voting system for those that register with the Federal Form verses the State Form.

Now the NAACP -ACLU case can go forward it seems with their suit challenging the constitutionality of the two-tiered system. Kobach's system restricts those who register with the federal form to only vote for Federal candidates (President, US Senate, and US House of Representatives) compared to voters registering with the State of Kansas form allowance to vote in Federal, state and local races. There is no statutory or regulatory authority given to the Kansas Secretary of State to create or provide separate ballots of voters who register with the Federal form versus the State form.

**Thank you Ernestine Krehbiel for keeping us updated on the Lawsuit!**

## **Other Goings On**

The Florida League is inviting all League members nationwide to travel on a tour of Cuba. Please refer to the attached flyer for details.

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