

LWV Wichita-Metro Events

LWV Monthly Meeting

Tues. Feb. 12 | 5:00-7:30 pm

Advanced Learning Library

711 W. 2nd St N., Wichita, KS

5:00 pm Voter Registration Training (brown-bag supper)

5:30 pm League meeting: LWV KS study of Foster Care

Important, Please Read: The first part of our February 12 meeting will be devoted to briefly reviewing and voting on the revised LWV-KS position on Meeting Basic Human Needs - KS Dept. for Children and Families. [Here is the link to that document.](#) Please print a copy, read, and come prepared to vote on the 6 questions related to different sections of the position. Additional links to research related to the position were provided in the January Voter.

6:15 pm Presentation on Water in Wichita

Guest speakers from the Department of Public Works & Utilities.

Naturalization and voter registration

Fri. Feb. 15 | 8:30 am

8:30 am Check-in | 10:00 am Ceremony

Noon Check-in (2nd Ceremony) | 1:30 Ceremony

Mary Jane Teall Theater, Century II, 225 W Douglas

We will be sending out signup sheets in a day or two for volunteers for the February event. If you have never attended a Naturalization Ceremony you will find it a very interesting and rewarding use of your time.

Tuesday Topics

Tue. Feb. 26 | 11:30 am

Advanced Learning Library

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11:30 am Voter Registration Training (brown-bag lunch)

Noon Bridging the Racial Divide

Kiana Knolland from the ACLU will lead a discussion on best practices to bridge the division in this community using some national overtones.

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Sat. Apr 27

LWV Kansas Convention in Manhattan, Kan.



LWV Wichita-Metro Planning Meeting: Pat Purvis, Secretary

The Planning Meeting for the LWV Wichita-Metro year 2019 was held on January 26, 2019 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 11:00 until 2:00. Seventeen members were in attendance. Good potluck and conversation.

There were 4 areas of focus for the meeting:

- 1. What is a league study?** Sharon A presented information about the different levels of league studies: Local, State, and National. She also provided background on the current study under review.
- 2. What is the current study?** Pat P. provided an overview of the current state study. Copies of the updated position were provided. There are 6 sections with accompanying concurrence questions. Members are asked to review the information provided and be prepared to vote at the February 12 unit meeting.
- 3. Plan for the 100th Celebration and Fundraising** Martha presented updated information on the 100th Celebration. At this time there are plans for three larger events including the kick-off in August 2019, recreation of the Women's March of 1919 for the River Fest Parade, and luncheon featuring Women in Leadership. Three smaller events will be planned in partnership with other Wichita organizations. Many fundraising ideas were presented including donating \$20 for 2020, consideration of a monthly donation through PayPal, and hosting an event in a member's home.
- 4. Decision about taking on a local study for 2019-2020.** The group decided to revisit the current local positions before deciding on a topic to study. Members signed up to research individual areas.

The Voter February 2019

Voter Services Report

Carole Neal and Sharon Ailsieger
Voter Service Chairs

The Voter Service Committee met to plan out our work for the coming year and it is going to be busy. We are in the process of contacting all of the Sedgwick County Public High Schools, Community Colleges to schedule voter registration in the schools to be completed by May. We will also include the parochial schools as well. As soon as dates are scheduled we will be sending out volunteer signup sheets. In addition, we have a new format for the Naturalization Ceremonies that includes two ceremonies on the day of the event. The dates are listed separately and we will be sending out signup sheets in a day or two for volunteers for the February event. If you have never attended a Naturalization Ceremony you will find it very interesting and a rewarding use of your time.

[\(More from the meeting\)](#)

Guess what, we have an election this year! There are people who turn 18, people who have moved, people who have regained their voting rights, people who have changed their names, people who become citizens, people who haven't voted in a while and people who have just never registered to vote. [Click here for 2019 election races.](#)

Voter Registration is an ongoing process! We received another grant from LWV Education Fund to register in high schools and colleges in 2019. volunteer, contact us at wichitametrolwv@gmail.com.

In Memoriam - Sally Dewey

Sally Dewey, a long-time LWV member and past co-president, passed away on January 12. Sally is deeply missed by those of us who knew her. She was active with Inter-Faith Ministries, on the Wichita City Council, and many community organizations. To share her memory, link to <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/sally-dewey-obituary?pid=191261504>

Welcome New Members!

Sarah Gilbert, Shannon Halbur, Elaine Stephan, Kathleen Schulte, Bridgette West-Williams, Emily Christensen, and Barbara Moore as a new board member.

We are glad to have you on our team!

TRANSPARENCY IN KANSAS LEGISLATURE

Letter to the Editor Published in Wichita Eagle
"Legislators, Shine Some Light"

Published in the Wichita Eagle on 1/13/19. Link to letter: <https://t.co/n7GNRmBser>

We urged Kansas legislators to improve transparency and to put names on bills, record significant votes, limit gut-and-go, and vote for new rules that prevent overly-partisan blocking of the legislative process.

On Jan 23, the House approved new rules that made small changes, but did not address all of our recommendations. <https://www.apnews.com/527c6a5d48274c839d790d22c4cf5>



Pat and Laura spoke to incoming legislators

We Take Action

Pat Reinhold, Laura Thompson (Co-Presidents) and Sharon Ailsieger, Carole Neal (Co Voter-Service Chairs) met with Tabitha Lehman, Sedgwick County Election Commissioner to not only clarify Voter Registration but to also get an update on what is happening in Sedgwick County. Sedgwick County will be adding 23 new voting locations. The Sedgwick County Election office is being remodeled to allow for additional Voting Machines to be added for Advance Voting.

Volunteer Opportunity

You can help, whether you have a little or a lot of time. Call 316-573-5583 or email president@lwvwichita.org.

Action Alerts

- LWV is proud to support the first piece of legislation introduced in the House —HR1—a bill that stands to improve American elections by making them freer, fairer, and more accessible to all eligible Americans. [Contact your Representative and ask for her or his support!](#)

- [Join the Kansas Legislative Observer Corps](#) and participate in KS government by observing the legislature online, by phone or in person.