

### **LWV Wichita-Metro Events**

We are rescheduling our April 9 member meeting and presentation so that members may attend one of the two following events that occur Tue. April 9. Sedgwick County Election Commissioner-Tabitha Lehman will be rescheduled.

#### **Governor Kelly Town Hall in Wichita**

**Tue. April 9 | 5:30–6:30pm**

**903 S. Edgemoor St.**

The town hall with Governor Laura Kelly will be held at the Wichita Public Schools administration building (former Southeast High School) to discuss her priorities for Kansas and answer questions submitted by the audience. Written questions from the audience will be accepted. Please note: no signs will be permitted in the venue for security purposes.

#### **City of Wichita Places for People Open House**

**Tue., April 9 | 5–6:30pm**

**Advanced Learning Library | 711 W. 2nd St. N.**

Places for People is a comprehensive development plan for central Wichita. Over a course of many public input sessions and work with staff and consultants, the finished plan is complete. The public will now have the opportunity to review the final plan. In late 2015 and early 2016, the City and County respectively adopted a new joint comprehensive Plan called the Community Investments Plan 2015-2035. This Plan contains a new Wichita Urban Infill Strategy intended to encourage population and employment growth, residential and commercial development and reinvestment in the older mature neighborhoods of Wichita. To this end, an Urban Infill Advisory Committee was created to provide neighborhood and community perspective/feedback on the City's urban infill development efforts. The Advisory Committee was assisted by a technical advisory group.

#### **Tuesday Topics: Sentencing Reform—No Choice**

**Tue. April 23**

**11:30am Brown bag lunch | Noon-1 p.m. Presentation**

**Advanced Learning Library | 711 W. 2nd St. N.**

With our prisons overflowing and amid requests that we build new ones, is our criminal justice system working? Are reforms needed and if so, what types of reform? Join us as Kansas Appleseed presents the current state of our Kansas justice system and explains the differences and similarities between the youth and adult systems. They will present different

models of justice reform and specifically discuss the juvenile justice reform that was implemented in Kansas in 2016 and what the state hopes to achieve. Join us for this informative presentation about our Kansas justice system. Note: The program on the United States Census will be presented by Wichita Public Library on June 25, at 6pm.

#### **LWV Wichita-Metro Annual Meeting**

**Tue. May 14 | 5–7:30pm**

**Advanced Learning Library | 711 W. 2nd St. N.**

The LWV Wichita-Metro Annual Meeting is quickly approaching. Join us for a meal, lively discussion, and an excellent presentation. Watch your email for your annual meeting packet with details.

#### **Centennial and Riversfest Parade**

The League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro will be marching in the Riverfest Sundown Parade on May 31. Signup now and march with us! If you plan to walk, we need to know no later than April 10. As we lead up to our Centennial Celebration of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote, we are marching to remind people of the Women's suffragist movement and that LWV began in Wichita. Each walker is asked to wear suffragist attire and purchase a Riverfest button. We'll be wearing either a long white dress or long black skirts and a white shirt, the men's costume is black pants, white shirt, vest if available. Straw hats are also encouraged for everyone.

Thank you to everyone that has agreed to assist with planning the parade, if you are interested it's not too late, just take a quick minute and respond to this email. We will meet via conference call Friday, April 12, the call in number is 605-475-3235 access code 819115.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Krista Lovett by email [klovet2@yahoo.com](mailto:klovet2@yahoo.com) or cell 316-655-8955.

Warm Wishes,

**Sharon Cranford**, Centennial Event Chair  
**Krista Lovett**, Riverfest Parade Chair  
**LWV Wichita-Metro**,  
**Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment**

## Area's voters key to upcoming elections

Young people are ready to roll up their sleeves to build a stronger America and the League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro is taking advantage of this energy. LWV members will provide 18-year-old students across Sedgwick County with the opportunity to register to vote as members visit high schools this spring. Young people are an increasingly influential part of the electorate. In 2016, Americans under 30 represented nearly a quarter of the overall American electorate, yet nearly half did not vote. In Sedgwick County 18 to 24-year-olds make up 25% of our population, but only 9% of those under 25 are registered voters.

[Read the full press release.](#)

## Take action to support Medicaid expansion in Kansas

As a League of Women Voters member, you are probably well aware that voting rights are not the only rights that the League supports. We are at a critical moment for the right of all Kansans to have accessible, affordable healthcare. This is one of those rights the League supports and with that intent, it supports Medicaid expansion for Kansas. The League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro requests that our members participate in this critical call for personal action! In addition to your own senators, there are a critical few who hold great power over what action gets taken on a particular bill. As we learned at the last legislative forum, these are the Senate President and committee chairpersons. They decide if and when a bill or piece of legislation even gets heard or debated. We need these critical legislators to know that we support Medicaid Expansion and want it brought to the floor in order to receive the fair opportunity to be voted on.

Please take action and contact critical Senators from Wichita: Susan Wagle (Senate President) Call 785-296-2419 or email [Susan.Wagle@senate.ks.gov](mailto:Susan.Wagle@senate.ks.gov), Gene Suellentrop (chair of the KanCare Oversight and also Public Health and Welfare committees) Call 785-296-7385 or email [genesuellentrop.com](mailto:genesuellentrop.com), Ty Masterson (on the Health and Welfare committee) Call 785-296-7388 or email [Ty.Masterson@senate.ks.gov](mailto:Ty.Masterson@senate.ks.gov)

Thank you,

**Pat Reinhold**, Co-President  
**Barbara Moore**, Advocacy Chair  
**League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro**

## Yearly membership dues are due

It's easy! Register and pay for membership or renew your membership easily and quickly today [using our online registration form](#). Alternatively, you may send a check payable to "League of Women Voters Wichita – Metro" by [mail using our printable registration form](#).

Regular membership: \$65 annually

Two members from the same household: \$97.50 annually

Student membership: \$10.00 annually

## Treasurer's Report for April 2019 Voter

LWV Wichita Metro continues to grow. This month we welcome new members Carol and Gene Hirsh so our membership is now 130 strong! Wow! We are continuing to raise money toward our Centennial Celebration if you would like to make a special centennial donation now would be a good time. If you need your donation to be tax exempt please write your check to LWV Wichita-Metro Education Fund and you can also note 100th Anniversary in the memo line. Thanks to all who purchased planners and spoons for yourself and for gifts as well as contributing for our opportunity baskets at Unit Meetings, these have helped our Centennial fund grow. Dues (\$65 a year) and donations can be mailed to me at Elaine Harvey LWV Treasurer, 4370 N. Eagle Lake Ct. Bel Aire, KS 67220. Mailing to our P.O. Box also works as well as donating online through our website [lwvwichita.org](http://lwvwichita.org).

**Elaine Harvey**, Treasurer

**League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro**

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