



The VOTER August 2019

Our Mission: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.



Upcoming Dates

Summer Social - Tuesday, August 13, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm - Hopping Gnome

Board Meeting - Saturday, August 17, 9 am - St. Paul's Lutheran (members welcome)

Centennial Luncheon - Saturday, August 24 - Sold out!

Help Register Voters for the November Election

Click on the web links (or copy into your browser) to sign up.

Voter Registration, Haysville USD 262 - Friday, August 9 - volunteersignup.org/JFMC4

Voter Registration , Naturalization Ceremony - Friday August 16 volunteersignup.org/4DKC3

"Love Your Neighbor Evergreen" - Saturday, August 17 volunteersignup.org/TR4AT



**LWV Summer Social, August 13, 5:30 – 7:30 pm,
Hopping Gnome Brewing Company, [1710 E Douglas Ave](#) - Beer & Taco night!**

Our Summer Socials are a casual way for us to get together during the summer. It's a wonderful time to visit with other Leaguers and get to know each other better. We have an excellent and diverse roster of members and this is a great opportunity to network, brainstorm, and plan LWV activities. This is an informal come-and-go event, stay for the whole time or drop-in when you can.

What do League Members do? THEY SERVE!!

Wichita LWV does more than register voters and plan Centennial Events. The League is a respected organization whose members are active in their community. Our members are serving on:

- The USD 259 School Board
- The County Advisory Board for District III
- The CIT Council on training law enforcement on how to interact with the mentally ill
- The Citizen Review Task Force, formed by the Chief of Police and the City Manager to provide citizen input

In the past year LWV members have spoken at a public hearing on the Wichita Bus System, spoken at the Wichita City Council about the new wastewater treatment plant, gone through the Wichita Citizens Police Academy and Civics Engagement Class, attended WAMPO meetings which focus on all modes of transportation including bicycles and walking paths, attended meetings on Immigration Policy and the Women's Health Network, and more!

All League members are urged to apply to the city and county to serve on either regular boards or special boards. If you have been appointed to a city or county board/task force—let us know! We can make a difference.

Help Wanted!

Would you like to edit the VOTER? Help with our WordPress website? How about attend government meetings? Talk on the phone? Meet new people? Visit legislators? Plan celebrations? Or - if you're the quiet type, research issues! To "apply" for any of these rewarding volunteer opportunities, call 316-573-5583 and leave a message or email Co-President Pat at president@lwvwichita.org.

She Is Me Campaign

Wichita member Luisa Taylor is featured on the national LWV website as part of the She Is Me campaign. [Take a look!](#)

After Tiller Thursday, August 8, 7 pm at the Orpheum

LWV W-M will be registering voters at the showing of this award-winning documentary. The film is a deeply humanizing and probing portrait of the only four doctors in the United States still openly performing third-trimester abortions in the wake of the 2009 assassination of Dr. George Tiller in Wichita, Kansas. Trust Women is sponsoring the event and here will be a Q & A with Julie Burkhart following the film.



Tuesday Topics: Are Our Children Falling Behind in Reading?

The recent news has been that many children are "reading below grade level" and some have said as many as two-thirds of them are behind. In this session, we will look at the statistics behind that assertion and compare the rates with past eras and between types of schools. Dr. Kim McDowell, Professor in the Education Department at WSU, will share insights on how reading proficiency is measured and what strategies are being explored to improve the situation.

Tuesday, September 24 , Noon-1 p.m., Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd

Continue your membership in our 100 year old organization and help Make

Democracy Work!!

We welcome our new members and we hope all our current members renew and help support the important work of the League. Annual dues for an individual are \$65. Dues for a 2nd member in a household are \$37.50 a year. Student Dues are only \$10 this year. Our dues year is from July 1 to June 30 so it is dues paying time. (Note: new members who joined after February 1 don't have to renew until July 1, 2020.) If you have questions, e-mail treasurer@lwwichita.org. You can renew on-line at lwwichita.org or send a check to Elaine Harvey, Treasurer, LWV Wichita-Metro, P.O. Box 2411, Wichita, KS 67201.

Welcome new members: Jan Fritchman, Andrea Anglin, Judith Jordan, and Katie Fitch

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