



It's easy to register to VOTE!

Register to vote online at ksvotes.org, if you have registered in the past you can verify your registration status and see where your voting location is! This is a secure site and voter registrations from this site are sent directly to your local county election office.

You must be a U.S. Citizen to vote, however documentary proof of citizenship is NOT required when registering to vote. When you go the polls you must bring a government-issued ID with your photo on it.

The Primary Election is August 6, early voting starts August 1. Persons must be registered to vote by July 16. The Sedgwick County Election Office has more info and a list of candidates in the primary election.



Summer Socials

If you haven't been before, our Summer Socials are a more 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 roster of members and this is a great opportunity to network, brainstorm, and plan LWV activities—we're stronger together!

This is an informal come-and-go event, stay for the whole time or drop-in when you can!

Tue., Aug. 13 | 5:30–7:30 pm

Hopping Gnome
1710 E. Douglas Ave.

League of Women Voters Update

Read the latest about what the League is doing at the national level, including the stories behind these headlines: Supreme Court Wrap-Up: A Mixed Bag of Emotions, League Supports Legislation to Mitigate Harm to Children at U.S. Borders, D.C. Voting Rights Hearing in U.S. House Oversight Committee. [Click here to read those stories and the full July 4th Update from the LWV.](#)

A Centennial Luncheon Update

We are fortunate and grateful for all of the support we have received so far for this event as we have sold out of tickets! We want everyone who wants to attend to be able to do so—if you don't have tickets contact us directly email info@lwwichita.org, or by calling 316-573-5583 and we will add you to our waiting list so that we can contact you should any tickets become available.



Thank you for your tremendous support!

Treasurer's Report

Now is the time to pay your dues for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 League Year! Our new League year begins July 1. Mail your check to Elaine Harvey, Treasurer, LWV Wichita-Metro, P.O. Box 2411, Wichita, KS 67201 or renew via our website at lwwichita.org. Annual dues are \$65. Dues for a second member in a household are \$37.50 a year. Student dues are \$10 a year this year. Continue your membership in our 100-year-old organization and help make democracy work at local, state and national levels through your League membership.

Voter Service Events

We have several opportunities to volunteer registering new voters and participate in facilitating local forums. Anyone interested and available at the times listed below, please email Carole at wichitametrolwv@gmail.com.

July 18 Naturalization Ceremony

Mary Jane Teall Theater - Century II
9:00 am – Noon
8:30 am check-in

July 19 Mayoral Candidate Forum for Wichita

Attorneys (this is a paid luncheon)

11:30 am–1 pm

July 23 Mayoral Candidate Forum

Scottish Rite - 332 East 1st, Wichita

5:30–7 pm

This is a great opportunity to hear candidates for Wichita Mayor share their positions on health issues with local voters and everyone is welcome to attend the forum.

July 16 Voter Service Committee Meeting

Advanced Learning Library

5:30–7 pm

Governor Laura Kelly's Proclamation signifying the 100th Anniversary of Kansas ratifying the 19th Amendment, as delivered June 21, 2019, at the Capitol in Topeka.

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the right to vote is fundamental to the strength of American democracy, and the expansion of the franchise has made government more reflective of and responsive to the American people; increased political participation leads to greater accountability and improved outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote in national elections was a milestone in women's political and economic empowerment and the culmination of a decades-long effort by the women's suffrage movement;

WHEREAS, Kansas was the first state to hold a referendum on women's suffrage in 1867, and Kansas women were leaders in the suffrage movement; in 1912, eight years before the 19th Amendment was ratified, Kansas became the first state in the Midwest to grant women the right to vote;

WHEREAS, in support of women's suffrage nationwide, Kansas ratified the 19th Amendment on June 16, 1919, becoming one of the first six states to do so; the 19th Amendment was later ratified on August 18, 1920, and certified as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution on August 26th, 1920, and

WHEREAS, despite the guarantees enshrined in the

19th Amendment, women of color have continued to face systemic barriers to the ballot box; and policies that make it more difficult for people to vote disproportionately impact low-income communities and people of color; and

WHEREAS, despite making progress towards equality, women continue to be underrepresented in public service; and also make up just 24 percent of the U.S. Congress and 27 percent of Kansas state legislators; as of 2018 women represented only 15 percent of city administrators and 21 percent of mayors; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that increasing gender diversity in government improves effectiveness, increases public trust, and improves people's lives; female legislators have been found to be more bipartisan and handle a broader range of legislative agenda items over the course of their careers ;

WHEREAS, organizations like the Women's Foundation and the League of Women Voters are committed to strengthening our democracy by promoting women's civic engagement and encouraging more active participation in government:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAURA KELLY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the day of June 16th, 2019 as Kansas Women's Voting Day.

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