



The VOTER: January 2020



LWV Wichita-Metro held its annual Planning Meeting on Tuesday, January 7 at the Advanced Learning Library. Chairs from each of nine committees shared their plans for 2020 and took suggestions from members for additional actions, events, and issues. Watch your email for details - and for how you can be involved! Members are also invited to attend the next LWV Board Meeting on January 18.

Upcoming Events

January 18, 2020, Saturday, 9-11 a.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 925 N. Waco

LWV WICHITA-METRO BOARD MEETING

Members welcome.

January 20, 2020, Monday, 7:30 a.m., Wichita State University, Rhatigan Student Center

A.R.I.S.E. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HEROES & SHEROES BREAKFAST

Join us at the LWV sponsored table for a breakfast tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and this year's Heroes and Sheroes Award honorees. KWCH-TV 12's Angela Smith McLaurian and the ARISE Ensemble will be featured and the Dr. Evies Cranford-ARISE Rising Star Scholarship will be presented. Tickets are \$30. If you would like to attend, email elaine.harvey@wichita.edu and send a check for \$30 to LWV, POB 2411, Wichita, KS 67201.

January 22, 2020, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m., Advanced Learning Library

[WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BOOK CLUB: FOUNDING SISTERS & THE 19TH AMENDMENT](#)

Dr. Gretchen Eick hosts a discussion of "Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment" (2003) by Eleanor Clift on for the first session in our Suffrage Book Club series.

We will meet in the boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Library. Please plan to read the book before we gather and

come prepared to discuss it. The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. The Wichita Public Library asks that those planning to attend call 261-8500 or visit wichitalibrary.org/events to register.

January 25, 2020, Saturday, 11:30-2:30 p.m., WAVE, 650 E. 2nd Street, Wichita
[WOMEN'S MARCH AIR CAPITAL 2020 - THE TIME IS NOW](#)

The Women's March-Air Capital and the League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro have joined to co-host Wichita's annual Women's March on January 25, 2020, from 11:30-2:30 p.m. We will march! We will gather at Old Town Plaza at 11:30 a.m. and march to the Wave venue (650 E. 2nd) for a rally, speakers, music, and so much more! Visit with organizations who will be tabling. Register to vote. Mobilize with your sisters!

The time is NOW! Three years of organizing. Three years of training. Three years of resisting. Three years of building powerful forces. We start 2020 lifting up our voices to support all women and especially our sisters who are too often left out!

January 28, 2020, Tuesday, noon-1 p.m., Advanced Learning Library
[TUESDAY TOPICS: KANSAS LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW](#)

Dr. Russell Arben Fox, political science professor at Friends University, and Pilar Pedraza, reporter at KAKE TV and host of Kansas Week on KPTS, will offer analysis of the upcoming legislative session. What issues will the legislature address? What are the challenges for issues such as Medicaid expansion, gun laws and the budget? Q&A will follow the presentation. Doors open at 11:30 am.

February 4, 2020, Tuesday, 5:30-8 p.m., Advanced Learning Library
LWV WICHITA-METRO UNIT MEETING

It's time for a discussion about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in our League. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a dynamic guest speaker at 6 p.m.

February 13, 2020, Thursday, 8-5 p.m., Kansas State Capitol
[LWV DAY OF ACTION IN TOPEKA](#)

Join LWV Wichita-Metro and other Kansas Leagues at the Kansas Statehouse on Thursday, February 13. We will have a couple of hours of presentations and time to meet with state legislators about critical issues. Members are encouraged to wear white.

Women have played a fundamental role in shaping an inclusive and active electorate. Women have powered -- and continue to power -- the vote. On the 100th birthday of the League of Women Voters, we are keeping in line with the fact that we were born from the suffrage movement and are centering our 2020 Day of Action around the theme: Women Power the Vote.

Be on the lookout in the next few weeks for details about the LWV Day of Action.

February 15, 2020, Saturday, 9-11 a.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 925 N. Waco
LWV WICHITA-METRO BOARD MEETING

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February 21-23, 2020, Friday-Sunday, Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center
LWV CENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT AT THE [WOMEN'S FAIR 2020](#)

Come see the "Celebrating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment: Women Vote - Learning from the Past; Imagining the Future" Traveling Exhibit at the Women's Fair 2020. The exhibit tells the story of how women gained the vote, in Kansas in 1912 and nationally in 1920 and is a story of how attitudes toward women were changed by a determined group of suffragists who sometimes formed unlikely coalitions to achieve a political end -- Suffrage. Racism was an underlying factor in their struggle, particularly as Southern states struggled to ratify the 19th Amendment in the Jim Crow South. Lastly, the exhibit examines the contributions women have made in Kansas because they were able to vote.

February 25, 2020, Tuesday, noon-1 p.m., Advanced Learning Library

TUESDAY TOPICS: EDUCATING HOMELESS STUDENTS IN WICHITA

It might surprise you to learn that USD 259 is educating more than 2,000 students classified as homeless. How is the school district able to do that? The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 makes federal funds available to school districts to help manage programs to educate and assist homeless children and their families. Cynthia Martinez, McKinney-Vento Liaison for Wichita Public Schools, will discuss the numbers, challenges, impact, and future of this important and successful program in our community. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.



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THE A.R.I.S.E.

(African-Americans Renewing Interest in Spirituals Ensemble)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
HEROES & SHEROES BREAKFAST

Monday, January 20, 2020 – 7:30 am
Wichita State University – Rhatigan Student Center – Beggs Ballroom

Angela Smith McLaurian, KWCH-TV 12
Mistress of Ceremonies **KWCH12 HD**

Honoring Wichita's Heroes & Sheroes:
The Union Rescue Mission, Doug Nolte – Jubilee
Urban Prep Academy, Rev. Wade Moore - Jubilee
The Wichita Chapter of Links, Incorporated – Sankofa
Habitat for Humanity - Sankofa
Mary Beth Jarvis – Sojourner Truth
Vernell Jackson – Sojourner Truth

Also presenting the 4th Annual the Dr. Evies Cranford
ARISE Rising Star Scholarship
Shawn Chastain, ARISE Choral Director/June Faucette-Huff, Accompanist
Dr. Sharon Hill Cranford, Board President Tickets \$30 each/ Tables start at \$400,
Contact: 316-685-0452, 316-681-0544 scan50452@cox.net
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LWV Wichita-Metro 2020 Scholarship

Our League is offering two merit-based scholarships this year to further the educational opportunities of post-secondary students interested in the League's principles. The application deadline is January 31, 2020.

Scholarship applicants should be residing in Wichita and surrounding counties and/or direct lineal descendants of current LWV Wichita-Metro members. Also, applicants should be enrolled, or intending to enroll, in post-secondary education in Kansas.

Learn more about the scholarships and the requirements and find the application [here](#).

January 2020 Voter Service Report

Happy New Year from your Voter Service Committee! We are preparing for a very busy, fun year by prioritizing our projects.

Starting in January, naturalization ceremonies will be held at the WSU Hughes Metroplex. At the naturalization ceremony on January 10th, 153 people will become new citizens.

On January 25th, we will be at the Women's March - Air Capital at the Wave. This year we have already committed to registering in the high schools, planning for the colleges, the Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment events, Love Your Neighborhoods events, and the Open Streets Events. The March to the Polls will be held in August.

We will be reaching out to other community organizations to coordinate our efforts. If there is a particular area that you would like to work on, please let me know.

Submitted by,
Carole Neal, Voter Service Chair

Member News

Welcome to our newest members Charles Gaynor, Nancy Brown, Tracy Harrison, Mary Nielsen, and Jennifer Rafter!

We have a lot of great new members this year but we also hope our members will be continuing members and renew each year. We report our membership count to LWVUS at the end of January. Our current league year started July 1 and most of us have renewed but not all. Please send your dues in the mail or renew [online](#) at lwvwichita.org. Dues are \$65 a year tho' if you are a student the dues are \$10 a year. 2nd members in households are \$32.50 a year.

Mail dues to:
Elaine Harvey Treasurer
LWV Wichita-Metro, P.O. Box 2411, Wichita, KS 67201

If you have questions send me an email at treasurer@lwvwichitametro.org.

Submitted by,
Elaine Harvey, Treasurer

Help Kansans Count by Counting Kansans!

That title may be a little corny (pardon the agriculturally-appropriate Kansas pun) but ensuring that all Kansans are counted is a big deal. The U.S. Census is this year and the Census Bureau is looking for workers and, if you have the time, there are hundreds of thousands of temporary openings to be filled.

An accurate tally of Kansans gives all levels of government the information they need to determine everything from how many Congressional representatives a state has to how much funding a state receives for social services. The census numbers also help researchers and planners in a wide variety of fields develop solutions to our most pressing problems.

Find more information on Census jobs [here](#).

Tuesday Topics

In addition to the January & February events listed above, we have two discussions planned for March and April.

[Renewable energy and land use](#)

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

How do renewable energy and land use exist together within the confines of a public policy? Should they both be considered together? How does that impact public policy and protecting the environment? Where does citizen input and expert advice enter the picture? These are questions that Sedgwick County asked when writing a public policy on renewable energy. Come and hear "both sides of the story" from the Sierra Club, Kent Rowe, and Sedgwick County Manager, Tom Stolz.

How do you get your news?

Tuesday, April 28, Noon-1 p.m., Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd

A lot is changing in how and where news is reported. The panel for this presentation is still being determined.

For updates on what the League of Women Voters of Kansas is doing across the state, check out the [January edition of VOTER Notes](#).

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