



The VOTER: April-May 2020

We were born out of the struggle for women to have the vote, we have persevered through the tumultuous history of external and internal strife of the United States. Our mission to encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government and influence public policy through education and advocacy continues. COVID-19 will not stop us. We are strong, we care and we can still have our voices heard.

Voter Service Updates

One of the greatest privileges and solemn obligations as an American citizen is the exercise of the right to vote. The United States can be a government “of the people, by the people and for the people” only if we, the people, cast an informed vote in every election.

Your VOTE Matters!

In this shutdown time we can still register voters and help get voters to the polls. Encourage your friends to register to vote, make sure they are registered to vote, or request their mail-in ballots by visiting ksvotes.org.

Election Calendar

- **June 1** - Last day for affiliated voters to change their party affiliation before the Primary Election
- **July 14** - Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
- **July 20** - Early voting begins
- **July 28** - Last day Advance Ballot Applications can be accepted for the Primary Election
- **August 4** - Primary Election
- **October 13** - Last Day to register to vote for the General Election
- **November 3** - General Election

We recommend **VOTING BY MAIL!** Advance ballots can be requested online at ksvotes.org or [click here to download an advance ballot application](#) or call the Sedgwick County Election Office at 316-660-7100 to have one mailed to you. **A separate application is required for each person and for each election.**

[KSvotes.org](https://ksvotes.org) is the easiest place to register to vote, update voter registration, or check current voter registration status. You sign your documents online and submit with no need to print the forms.

Advance mail-in ballots for Primary and General Elections must be requested separately. To vote in the August Primary you will have to designate Democratic or Republican party. To vote in the General Election you may be registered as unaffiliated. You can change your party affiliation at any time by reregistering.

Share this link and information with 10 of your friends and encourage them to share with 10 of their friends, and so on. This will help make voting spread faster than the virus, and we can have a record turnout in August and November. If your friends do not live in Kansas, they can use Vote411.org to register in most states.

150 members with 10 friends = 1500 x
10 friends = 15,000 x 10 friends =
150,000 x 10 friends = 1,500,000.
Kansas had a voting population of
2,074,102 in 2016, according to the
US Census Bureau. In 2016 we had
1,225,667 turn out to vote, as reported
by the Kansas Secretary of State's
office. So we can make a difference.

Voting is our right and duty.

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“I’ve always found that
the best workers in a
political party
frequently are
graduates of the
League of Women Voters”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Upcoming Meetings

LWV Wichita-Metro Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting has always been a time to come together, celebrate the past year, and plan for the future. Sadly, this year we will not come together in person. We had planned to have Tabitha Lehman, our Election Commissioner, speak at our meeting; her presentation will be rescheduled. You will receive an Annual Meeting packet to review in May, with options for how to vote by mail or online for:

- Nominations for officers and board members to serve 2020- 2022
- Budget for 2020-21

Prior to that, one of our Board Members will be calling to check in with you, answer any questions, and let you know more about what’s happening in the League. We look forward to working with you in the coming year!

LWV Kansas Council - Virtual Meeting

May 9, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Council is a great opportunity to network with Leagues across Kansas. Wichita has 3 designated voting delegates, however **all members are invited and encouraged to attend**. [Fill out this form to register for Council](#) by April 30. The meeting will include consideration and adoption of:

- Proposed 2020-21 Budget
- Medical Indigence Position Statement Update
- Possible new update to a Position Statement: Criminal Justice
- Articles of Incorporation update (and hear about the 501(c)(3) conversion process)
- Raising Per Member Payment (PMP)
- State Board and Nominating Committee Report

[LWV National Convention in Washington, DC.](#)

June 25-27, Thursday-Saturday

The National LWV Convention will be held virtually this year on June 25-27. Wichita Metro is allotted 3 voting delegates, but other members may also attend. If you are interested, please email Pat at info@lwvwichita.org for more information.



In Memory

We are saddened by the loss of [Ann Starch](#) on March 31. Ann was an active, long time member of the Wichita League and served as our treasurer for many years. She will be missed.

Do you know anyone who could work the polls?

Sedgwick County will need more [poll workers](#) for both the Primary and General Elections. U.S. citizens living in Sedgwick County, age 16 and up, can work and get paid! [Apply online to be an Election Worker.](#)



Responding to the Census

Census invitations should have been received in all households by April 1. Federal funding for hundreds of projects, and Kansas representation in Congress, depends on everyone's response! [Please respond](#) if you have not already, and encourage others to do so.

Visit my2020census.gov to begin.

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Member News & Treasurer's Report

Welcome to new members **Sonja Milbourn** and **The Congregation of St. Joseph, Wichita**, and to returning member **Denae Lyons**.

LWV Wichita-Metro is 155 members strong, with 26 new people since February 1.

Your dues support LWV work on the local, state, and national level. Additional donations made to LWV Wichita-Metro stay here and are essential to carry our mission. Some members choose to make monthly donations to our League in addition to their dues and some have made generous one-time donations.

You can give using PayPal [through our website](#) or by mail to LWV Wichita-Metro, P.O. Box 2411, Wichita, KS 6720. Donations to LWV Wichita-Metro and annual dues are not tax-deductible; they support our operating fund. Donations to our "LWV Wichita-Metro Education and Scholarship Fund" are tax-deductible if you write "Education Fund" on your check. Thank you all for your support!

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

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If you are a LWV Wichita-Metro member, join our members-only [Facebook group](#) where we post updates on calls to action and information tailored to our members.

