

THE VOTER

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January, 2015

CALENDAR OF LWV DATES –2015

Board Meeting

January 17th, 2015
9:30 am (Prior to Planning Meeting)
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
925 N. Waco

January Planning Meeting

Saturday – January 17, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Soup and Salad will be served by the Board. This will be in place of the January Unit Meeting. If you are excited about a certain area for study or action, come. We want your opinions.

Hot Topics

Tuesday, January 27th, 2015, 11:30 – 1:00 pm
Wichita City Library Auditorium
223 S. Main
Wichita, Ks
Bring a brown bag lunch, drinks furnished.

Election Analysis of November 2014 elections
What happened in the November elections and what are the benefits and repercussions? Dr. Russel Fox from Friends University Political Science Department will present.

Legislative Forums

South Central has public forum on Jan. 7th beginning at 7pm Sedgwick County Courthouse Jury Room. If you want to speak might want to get there early to sign up.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Sharon Ailsieger & Carole Neal

*The New Year—2015—is only a day away as I write this message. My hope is that it will be a record breaking year for the Wichita League—Membership growth, fund raising, programming, advocacy, and really making a difference. I will be retired as of January 9, 2015 which I hope will enable me to give more time to the League. Due to job restrictions, I have had to forego some meetings, etc. that the League needs to have a presence. The State League would like for each of the Kansas Leagues to have a day in Topeka to visit with our Legislators—which sound exciting to me. State Convention is this year—April and we will vote on our position on fracking. February will be the ARISE Concert. The point I want to make is that Wichita League will hit the ground running in 2015 and I hope that our members will step up and be involved!! There are both local and state issues that will require action and advocacy—education, transportation, budget, etc. We will need the membership to step up and help make our voice be heard!! Our meeting January will be **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 11:00 AM, ST. PAUL'S LUTHERN CHURCH ON N. WACO.** Lunch will be served (at no cost). It will be a program planning meeting which involves deciding what issues to study and subjects for unit meetings, etc. Please plan to attend and give your input. Hope everyone had good holidays.*
Sharon Ailsieger, Co-President

Voter Service

Betty Ladwig Chair

Upcoming Arts Council Candidate Forum assistance with keeping time on February 12th and March 19th. It's early yet. Mayoral and City Council election coming up this Spring.

The gathering at County Courthouse in January needs our presence with the legislators before they go to Topeka. Speakers on issues we are concerned about. Need volunteers to do that.

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Thanks to all those that spent so much time assisting in registering voters, forums, time keeping, Filling the Gap in 2014, Happy New Year to all of you and Leaguers across the City.

Register new citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies to vote.

Naturalization Ceremony
January 16th, 2015, 11:00am
Century II
Mary Jane Teall Theatre
225 West Douglas
Wichita, Kansas

Treasurer's Report

Elaine Harvey – Treasurer

Thanks to all who contributed to the Education and Scholarship Fund in December. Over \$500 came in the day of the Brunch hosted by Sally Dewey and by December 15 our total was \$665. Remember that contribution to our League's Education and Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible whereas our regular dues are not and you can contribute to our Education Fund any time during the year as well as at one of our fundraising events.

Great news on the paid membership front. We are closing out 2014 with 82 paid members. We were glad to welcome some new members at the Education and Scholarship Fund Brunch.

Our dues year is from July 1 to June 30 so if you are currently a member you don't have to renew right now, renewal time is mid-summer. We appreciate those who renew right away in the summer and we appreciate those who have recently renewed.

To become an LWV Wichita-Metro member, mail your check for \$60 to me Elaine Harvey, Treasurer LWV Wichita-Metro, 4370 N. Eagle Lake Ct. Bel Aire, KS 67220. Please include an extra \$15 if you want your Voter sent to you in paper via regular mail. Household memberships are \$90 and student memberships are \$30.

Education/Scholarship Fund

Donations to the Education/Scholarship Fund are tax deductible. Give Generously

A huge thank you to league member Jean Schodorf for her generous donation from her campaign fund of \$5,000. Our Education/Scholarship Fund annually grants a scholarship to a well deserving college student who shows a desire to further their education in social or governmental areas. In 2014 we gave a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. In addition we pay ½ of our National Dues from this account and the cost of educating voters

Membership

Ernestine Krehbiel – Chair

Thank you for your support and welcome to all new members.

Fund Raising

Sally Dewey and Carole Neal – Co-Chairs

We raised \$665 at our annual Christmas Brunch at Sally and Dave's. Thank you all for your support. We are well on our way to our 2015 goal of \$4,000.

1. February is the league's 95th birthday and will actually be 96 years for our Wichita Unit. In addition, it is Black History month. We will be celebrating both with a **2nd ARISE concert**. Sally Dewey and Sharon Cranford are chair persons. You will be receiving tickets to sell and flyers to distribute very soon.
2. A new event for this year will be a **Lunch with Past and Present Legendary characters**. Joyce Cavarozzi and Diana Cabbage will be in charge of this event.
3. Last but by no means the least we will be creating a **Calendar** that will highlight local dignitaries and their thoughts on the league as well as highlighting our accomplishments. Carole Neal and Connie Dean will be ramrodding this project.

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As with any of our projects and events volunteers are the success of any endeavor. If you are interested contact Sally Dewey (652-8788) or Carole Neal (259-7575).

Studies:

Local Study

Carole Neal and Elaine Harvey – Co-Chairs

Now that the holidays are over we will be scheduling a meeting this month on the "Budget and tax policies within the city and county." The scope of the study will be to determine the responsibilities of each entity and how the budgets are funded. Who pays for what? Where does the money come from? Please contact Carole or Elaine if you would like to be involved in the study. We need 4-6 individuals. We will schedule a meeting in January.

Hot Topics

Paul Babich and Megan Wright-Hagen – Co-Chairs

Winter/Spring 2015

4th Tuesday: 11:30 am -1:00 pm

Central Branch of the Wichita Public Library
223 S. Main, Wichita, Ks

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- Election Analysis of November 2014 elections

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February 24, 2015

- Decriminalizing Marijuana

There is an effort to get a measure added to the Spring elections to ask the public about decriminalizing marijuana. What are the pro's and con's of decriminalizing marijuana?. Come and find out both sides of the issue in this fo-

rum. The Marijuana Reform Initiative (MRI ICT) and Sheriff Easter will present.

March 24, 2015

- Election Issues for the April election

Let's meet the candidates for the Mayor of Wichita that are on the April ballot.

Other Goings On

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Worship Celebration

Mon, January 19, 2015, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Wichita State University Metro Complex, 5015 E. 21 St. N., Wichita

"In Pursuit of the Dream." Speaker: Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church, Richmond, VA. Choirs and speakers in community-wide celebration. Sponsored by Greater Wichita Ministerial League Free Admission

Bags of Blessings –

Donate hygiene items today!

Thu, February 26, 2015, 8am – 12pm

Thu, February 26, 2015, 5:30pm – 9:00pm

St. James Episcopal Church, 3750 East Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67208, United States

Donate your hygiene items today! Donations will be gathered and distributed to over 30 local non-profit agencies who work closely with those in need. We are seeking the following travel-sized items: Soap (bar, liquid or sanitizer), Lotion, Razor, Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Comb, Chapstick/Lip balm, Washcloth, Kleenex, Emery board or clippers, Toothpaste, Toothbrush Shaving Cream

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate. **Join Us!!!!**

Name (Please Print) _____

Names of additional member in household _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Business Phone _____ Email Address _____

Annual Dues \$ 60.00
Add'l Household Membership \$ 30.00
Student Membership \$ 30.00
Hardcopy monthly newsletter \$ 15.00
(Newsletter is emailed monthly with no charge)

Areas of Interest:
Voter Education: _____
Studies: _____
Board Position: _____
Other: _____

Donation _____

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