



THE VOTER

The League of Women Voters of Kansas City/Jackson/Clay/Platte Counties

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IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN KANSAS CITY

WHO – WHY – HOW

Community Christian Church

Saturday, Aug 18, 9:30 Hospitality, 10:00 Program



Angela Allard Ferguson, Esq, who specializes in immigration law, will speak on the basics of immigration law, including the differences between refugees, legal migration, and illegal migration. She is a well-known activist for immigration causes.



:Abdul Bakar is the local Director of Della Lamb's Refugee Resettlement Prog. He will speak about who the migrants/refugees are who come to the Kansas City area, where they are from, and what kind of services are available to them. Della Lamb has a variety of programs that support refugees and other immigrants with resettlement challenges. in the community.



Judy Ancel works with the Cross Border Network for Justice and Solidarity. She will address the factors that drive people in other countries to migrate (legally and illegally) to the United States, including the common interests of workers.

Community Christian Church 4601 Main; Kansas City MO

Park free in multi-level garage south of church.

Enter on south side of church; take steps to lower level Centennial Room.

Handicapped entrance/parking is on north side of church with elevator access to lower level.

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Co-Presidents' Message

Defending Democracy is not just a slogan for LWV/KCJCP. Our members work throughout the year but each election year brings more opportunity to engage with the public about the importance of informed voting. Members who worked the forums, those who developed vote411.org, others who served as poll workers, and those who worked as poll monitors are members following the footsteps of Judy Gemmill and Joan Pratt who left us a proud heritage.

Kudos to members who donated their poll worker pay to our league. They worked on the job from at least 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Our thanks go to those who donated their pay: Dave Goodwin, Pat Goodwin, Peg Prendergast, Sandy Eeds, Shannon Hennessy, and Sue Scholl. Their combined \$1110 added significant funds for production of the printed Voters Guide for November's General Election. More funds are to come from other members who sponsored poll workers with a pledge to the Adopt A Worker program.

Poll monitors who are featured on another page in this *Voter* were Misty Jaeger, Jane Wilson, Jami Parkison, Rosemary Durkin, Gayla Hattaway, Pat Ponder, Josh Williams, Claudine Thomas, Evelyn Maddox, Donna Hoch and Riva Capellari There's no doubt that voters appreciated the guidance of poll monitors about everything from curbside voting to voter services for the visually impaired. Watch for announcement of poll monitor training for the November election to join our merry monitors! (The General Election will be Nov 6; six ballot issues are listed on page 9 of this *Voter*.)

We kick off the statewide LWV campaign to pass Amendment 1 (Clean MO) on the November ballot with a press conference to be held this Wednesday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m. on the south side of City Hall, 414 E 12th Street. Join us if you can to cheer on our LWV speakers.

LWV never rests on its laurels. The steering committee for registrars meets soon to determine how we can best accomplish contacting voters to remind them to vote. And, the Membership Committee has developed a New Member orientation program that kicks off in September. We are already collaborating with LWV/MO to engage high school students in an art poster contest about voting.

Don't overlook the report in this *Voter* of last week's court hearing where we, the plaintiff along with A. Philip Randolph Institute, asked the court to require Missouri to comply with the National Voter Registration Act in time for the November election.

Evelyn and Rosemary

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POLL MONITORS AT WORK ON PRIMARY ELECTION DAY!

Top left: Gayla Hattaway and Pat Parton at Bluford Library

Bottom left: Josh Williams and Hazeline (voter) at Boys & Girls Club

Top right: Claudine Thomas at Brush Creek Community Center

Middle right: Josh Williams and Evelyn Maddox at Boys & Girls Club

Bottom right: Donna Hoch and Riva Capellari at St. James UMC

Not pictured: Jane Wilson, Christian Tabernacle; Misty Jaeger, All Souls Church; Jami Parkison, Southside Church; Rosemary Durkin, Paradise Baptist.

Collage by Josh



New Member Orientation Sessions Sept 8 and Sept 11

We want to help new members feel welcomed to the League, and we know new members want to understand the many facets of the League of Women Voters. So, we will start September with two orientation meetings designed for new members but open to all members. Come to learn about our past, present and future and to get acquainted with other new members. It is as important now as anytime in the past for every citizen to be involved in protecting voters' rights, registering voters, educating voters and fighting partisan and racial gerrymandering.

Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 am Pauline Wasserman will host us at Wornall Plaza in the Plaza Room, at 4849 Wornall on the Plaza. Come for refreshments and conversation before orientation begins at 10:00.

Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm, Rita Gulden will host us at Platte County YMCA at 8875 Clark Ave, Parkville, MO, in Room A. Come a little early for refreshments before orientation begins at 7:00.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend so we can have enough chairs set up. Confirm your plans to attend by calling either Donna Hoch at 816-868-1083 or Rita Gulden 732-977-7212

Useful Technology Class Starts September 17



Members are invited to attend a “no charge” Useful Technology Class which will focus on the mastering of the most useful elementary features of the “G drive”. The class will be taught by Andrea Jonson and facilitated by Evelyn Maddox.

The first class will be on September 17th. Then it will be regularly scheduled on **1st Saturdays at 10 am and 3rd Mondays at 6 pm. The Monday class will duplicate the Saturday class.** Each month will have a unique curriculum however, so you can determine which class and day is suited to you.

You can start anytime, in mid-month or mid-series. Bringing a laptop is a plus but not required.

New Useful Technology Committee Helps Members

The main goal of our Useful Technology committee is to help LWV members use elementary computer features that will make their league work easier and more productive. We are already working to get board members familiar with Google Docs because it enables multiple users to edit a document simultaneously. A series of “no charge” classes is planned for our members to want to learn practical features that are useful in their league work.

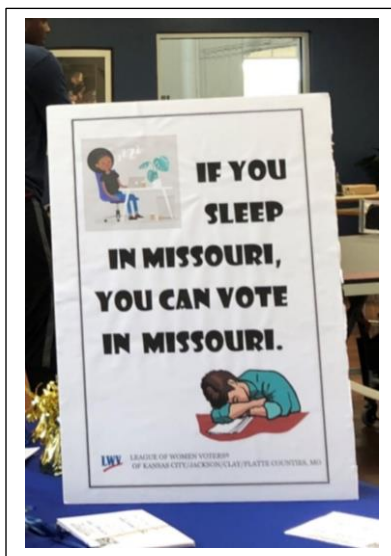
The committee has also been working to get a strong presence on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) in order to not only reach a larger audience, specifically a younger demographic, but to be linked to dozens of leagues nationwide. The committee feels strongly that seeing and interacting with other leagues via social media will yield ideas on how to grow as well as to spread our message. We are already using Event Brite to gather attendance at Women’s Equality Week events.

The committee is currently developing a comprehensive Social Media Policy and set of Guidelines. As a non-partisan group it is important to not only take part in the global online conversation, but as well, be aware of several guidelines and policies that these platforms enforce and how they pertain to a political, albeit nonpartisan organization.

The committee feels strongly that here in the digital world that we are in, it is critical to come up to speed with all these and other platforms.

Joshua Williams

Voter Registration



July was a slower month than usual for voter registration. Yet, we were at 10 events including Kingswood, the Fringe Festival, Main St. Music Fest, John Calvin Manor, three career colleges and several other places. We also distributed vote411.org flyers and encouraged all voters to use it for the upcoming primary election.

Sue Scholl

We have a cadre of LWV members doing voter registration for Young Adults at career colleges, technical schools, trade schools, universities, and anywhere young adults gather. The sign on the left is just one of the innovations used to get the attention of young adults. We welcome all LWV members to join us in this special initiative for registering young adults.

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CANDIDATE FORUMS

Top row, L-R: Candidates for State Rep District 35 at John Knox, July 12; Anitra Steele instructed Jackson County Executive Candidates at SE Community Center, July 24.

Middle row, L-R: Sandy Eeds moderated for State Rep Dist 35 candidates, July 12: Jackson Co Exec candidate forum preceded the Jackson County Sheriff forum at SE Community Center, July 24.

Bottom row: L-R: Rita Gulden and Cheryl Barnes sorted audience questions and Donna Hoch and Diann Spencer served as timers at SE Community Center forums, July 24.

Other forums: Other forums: District 30 County Legislator, July 12 at Mid Continent Library, and State Senate District 8, July 12, at John Knox.

Collage by Josh Williams



Fundraising Requires Coherent Approach

Developing a coherent approach to fundraising was the focus of discussion for the first meeting of the Fundraising Committee. Eight members were present; however, more members are welcome to join us. We identified a variety of needs as well as ideas for funding sources. Of particular importance is the need to establish deliverables and set measurable outcomes in our initiatives / programs so that success or lack of it can be tracked. In summary, the following approach will be used to guide the committee's efforts.

The NEEDS of the local League are varied with some being consistent year-to-year and others occurring as special events, issues or programs may arise. It is important to develop target amounts for the intermittent items to better link funding opportunities with specific initiatives or outcomes. SOURCES of funds for the local League requires an initial effort to develop a variety of streams, each of which may require a customized approach. We know that our League must tie 'asks' to specific programs, events or initiatives. Donors will respond more positively when they know how their contributions are being utilized. SOURCES of funds to be sought are individuals (including Board participation), events, grant, corporations, foundations and bequests.

The League is a trusted brand with a valuable reputation which is an advantage in raising funds. Telling that story and weaving in targeted requests will require the development of new marketing materials and/or the adaptation of existing marketing materials from leagues.s.

The Fundraising Committee welcomes input from all members regarding our approach or ideas. In turn the committee will also be seeking membership feedback on their potential connections to businesses, agencies and individuals as possible donors.

Sandy Eeds

We Remember Judy Gemmill

We were saddened to learn of the death of Judy Gemmill, 88, who died July 21, 2018, after a short illness. A faithful member until her final illness, she attended our recent June meeting with her son Paul. It was always a pleasure to see Judy at our events.

Judy, a Lifetime member, joined the Kansas City LWV in 1955. She participated on study committees, served on the Board, covered local and international issues, and did voter registration during her many years as a member. She received a certificate from LWVUS President for her 50 years of consecutive membership and participation in the League.

Judy was always asking questions and wanted to know both sides of any issue. She was a strong believer in the League principles of educating its members and the community. She was one of those intelligent women that help make the LWVKCJCP what it is today. Judy's cremains were buried in Ft Leavenworth

National Cemetery with her husband. We extend our sympathy to Judy's two sons Paul and Bert.

Donna Hoch



LWV Goes to Court

On August 8, Rosemary Durkin, Evelyn Maddox, Josh Williams and Donna Hoch attended the first Federal Court hearing relating to our law suit based on Missouri's failure to comply with the National Voter Registration Act. The hearing in Judge Brian C. Wimes' courtroom was to hear evidence on an injunction and remedy filed by the LWV and A. Philip Randolph Institute. At least six attorneys from the Advancement Project, ACLU, A. Philip Randolph, and the Covington Law firm were present to represent our case.

The National Voters Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 requires the DMV to offer voter registration when people apply for a driver's license or report a change of address. The allegations were that the DMV failed to offer voter registration to citizens who changed their address on line or by mail. Testimony from the DMV did not deny that they failed to register these voters. Their defense appeared to be that they could not verify their address as they do when a person appears at the DMV in person. They also indicated that it would cost over \$400,000 to administer the program and modify their computer system to indicate an option that they did not want to register to vote. Testimony was also submitted by two Board of Election Directors that they could not register voters without a signature on the voter registration card. They also said it would be difficult for the State to manage a new provisional ballot. They also said they may not comply with a court order that violated state statutes.

Evidence presented by the ACLU attorneys claimed that people were disenfranchised by the DMV. They also indicated that the cost to remedy was overstated and included more than the 40,000 people who changed their address on line or manually. They also argued that compliance with the NVRA cannot be based on existing state procedures alone. Judge Wimes questioned all parties himself and will issue a ruling in approximately two weeks.

The NVRA case will be heard in Jefferson City by Judge Wimes in April 24, 2019. This is a precedent setting case.

Rosemary Durkin

Women's Equality Week August 19 through August 26

Don't miss the WEW flyer on page 10 of this Voter, for details about a week's worth of interesting and informative events. LWV/KCJCP is co-hosting two events: August 20 at 6:00 p.m. and August 23 at noon (brown bag lunch). Look for them on the schedule!

NOV 6, 2018 BALLOT MEASURES

Official Ballot Title as Certified by Secretary of State

All ballot measures for the General Election on November 6, 2018, and their subject are:

Amendment 1	Clean Missouri
Amendment 2	Medical Marijuana
Amendment 3	Medical Marijuana
Amendment 4	Bingo
Proposition B	Minimum Wage
Proposition C	Non-Medical Marijuana
Proposition D	Motor Fuel Tax

AMENDMENT 1 (CLEAN MO)

[\(http://www.cleanmissouri.org/solution/\)](http://www.cleanmissouri.org/solution/)

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- change process and criteria for redrawing state legislative districts during reapportionment;
- change limits on campaign contributions that candidates for state legislature can accept from individuals or entities;
- establish a limit on gifts that state legislators, and their employees, can accept from paid lobbyists;
- prohibit state legislators, and their employees, from serving as paid lobbyists for a period of time;
- prohibit political fundraising by candidates for or members of the state legislature on State property; and
- require legislative records and proceedings to be open to the public?

State governmental entities estimate annual operating costs may increase by \$189,000. Local governmental entities report no fiscal impact.

Pushing Back / Marching Forward

Celebrate the 98th Anniversary of Gaining the Right to Vote



Programs are free and open to the public, some require reservations.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY WEEK: AUGUST 19th-26th, 2018

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Women's Equality Week Kickoff Reception

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Networking, music, refreshments, beverages, and cash bar
6:00 pm Preview of the week of events
American Jazz Museum, Enter through Blue Room 1616 E 18 St., Kansas City, MO 64108
Join us for the kick-off celebration of Women's Equality Week 2018 at the Blue Room in the Historic 18th & Vine Jazz District. There will be refreshments and entertainment by **Heartsong**, the small ensemble from the **Kansas City Women's Chorus**.

SPONSOR: Women's Equality Week Coalition

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Employment Discrimination Impact on Women

9:00 am - 10:00 am
KKFI 90.1 FM Radio, Jaws of Justice Jane McQueeny, KC Human Rights Commission will discuss Employment Discrimination: Impact on Women.

SPONSORS: Women's Equality Coalition and the Kansas City Human Rights Commission

Bridging the Gap to Sisterhood

#Respect Me Too 6:00 pm Reception
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Program
Delta Athenaeum, Parking in the rear of the building 900 E Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64109

A diverse group of panelists will relate their personal experiences and engage in a forum discussion of the challenges each woman faces as we demand respect for ourselves and each other.

SPONSORS: League of Women Voters of Kansas City, MO, Jackson, Clay, Platte Counties, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc., Beta Omega & Mu Omega Chapters; Women in the NAACP Kansas City Branch; Kansas City Missouri Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

What's Percolating with Kansas Politics?

9:30 am - 11:00 am
Coffee and conversation with KS Legislators
Johnson County Library - Leawood Pioneer 4700 Town Center Dr., Leawood, KS 66211

SPONSORS: MainStream Coalition and Women for Kansas

What Is Women's Work Worth?

The History of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
US National Archives-Records 400 W Pershing Rd., Kansas City, MO 64108

A diverse group of panelists who will relate their personal experiences in the fight for Equal Pay. This program features a re-enactment of an oral history interview between historian Shirley Blum Tanzer and Oregon Representative Edith Green in 1977. Green was an advocate for the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title IX. Learn what has happened since 1963 and "The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap." Find out how AAUW plans to train 22 million women by 2022 through their salary negotiation programs "Start Smart" and "Work Smart."

RSVP: 816-268-8010

or kansascity.educate@nara.gov

SPONSORS: AAUW KC and US National Archives

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Saving Democracy It's OUR Job

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm
Colonial Church in Prairie Village 7039 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208

The struggle for our right to vote began 172 years ago in 1848 with the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, NY. Barriers to the ballot like voter ID laws, mandatory proof of citizenship, gerrymandering, purging voter rolls, restrictions on early voting and limits on registration are as much a threat to our democracy in 2018 as they were 98 years ago. Come hear what you can do to increase voter participation.

PANEL: Pat Jones, Denise Lieberman, Micah Kubic and Prof. Dagny Velazquez

SPONSORS: A. Philip Randolph Institute, LWV Johnson County, NAACP, LWV Kansas City, Jackson County, Clay County, Platte County

Barriers and Bias to Women in the Workplace and Civil Society

Update from AAUW 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Networking
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Program

Ewing Kauffman Marion Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, 4901 Rockhill Rd. KCMO 64110
PANEL: Lynne Bratcher, JD Employment Law, Lynne Jaben Bratcher, Bratcher Gockel Law, LC, Barbara A. Bichelmeier, Ph.D. Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, UMKC, and Sr. Michele Morek, OSU, Global Sisters, *National Catholic Reporter*.

SPONSORS: Women's Foundation, AAUW KC, and Women's Equality Coalition

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Lost in Their Own City

The Intersection of Housing, Eviction & Gender-based Violence 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

KCPT, 125 E 31st St., Kansas City, MO 64108
Join the movement to shape how our community can better support survivors and become informed about advocacy efforts to promote an inclusive housing policy that accounts for the prevalence of gender-based violence. **SPEAKER:** Kate Heinen

SPONSOR: The Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA) and Women's Equality Coalition

Voter Suppression of Women

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
KKFI 90.1 FM Radio, Heartland Labor Forum N.O.W. President Toni Van Pelt on voter suppression of women. HOST: Shicacolyn Hams Scroggins

SPONSORS: Heartland Labor Forum, KKFI 90.1 FM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Screening of Home Truth

Story of Jessica Gonzales and Her Quest for Justice 6:30 pm Program

7:00 pm Screening of the 2017 documentary **Kansas City Public Library, Plaza Branch, 4801 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64112**
Jessica Gonzales (Lenahan) would not let her three daughters die in vain. This Colorado mother filed suit after her girls were abducted and killed by their father in 1999, claiming her fight to the Supreme Court and lost there, but pursued against her former husband. She took by a domestic violence survivor against the U.S. before an international tribunal, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

RSVP: kclibrary.org or 816-701-3407

SPONSORS: Women's Equality Coalition, Friends of Yates, the Rose Brooks Center, Hope House, Synergy Services, The Justice Project of Kansas City, Newhouse, Safehome, Hope Haven of Cass County, and Kansas City Women in Film and TV

AUGUST 24

Honoring Women's Leadership

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm Luncheon and Panel
KCK Community College, Jewell Bldg. 7250 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102
KCKCC AAUW Chapter honors Dr. Jacquelyn Vietti, former KCKCC President, for her leadership and educational excellence.

SPONSOR: KCKCC AAUW Chapter

Women's Equality Week Networking Event

Marching Forward and Pushing Back in Greater Kansas City

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Reception
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Program

Travois, 310 W 19th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64108
A discussion of recent social and economic progress for women in Greater Kansas City and the areas that still need further attention. City Council members invited.

RSVP: unawomenkc@gmail.com

SPONSORS: UNA Women of Greater Kansas City and Zonta Club of KC II.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

"Anne Braden: Southern Patriot"

The extraordinary life and legacy of an American civil rights leader

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Free community screening of the film

Tivoli Cinemas 4050 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, MO 64111

Stand Up KC's Fannie Lou Hamer Women's Committee will host a free community screening of *Anne Braden: Southern Patriot*. The film explores the extraordinary life and legacy of this American civil rights leader.

Ms. Braden was charged with sedition for attempting to desegregate a Louisville, Kentucky neighborhood in 1954, as part of lifetime of racial justice organizing matched by few whites in American history.

SPONSORS: Stand Up KC - Fannie Lou Hamer Women's Committee

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Women in Faith Traditions are encouraged to Stand UP and Speak Out on Women's Equality Day

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified giving women the right to vote. This weekend on the 98th Anniversary women celebrate gaining the right to vote.

"We are not living in ordinary times, and it is not enough for us to admire our nation's core values from afar... So stand up. Speak out."

— Sally Yates, Former Deputy Attorney General, Dept. of Justice

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