



THE VOTER

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

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Election Administration Kansas City Election Board

June 16, 2018

9:30 Hospitality

10:00 Program

Lauri Ealom is one of two staff Directors in the Kansas City (MO) Board of Elections (KCEB). She is a 1992 Clark Atlanta University graduate and a 2017 Election Center graduate. Hired in June, 2012, she quickly became immersed by working in all departments during the 2012 election cycle. She has in-depth knowledge of all facets of election administration.



Lauri Ealom - KCEB

Lauri is a strong believer of making elections and election administration practices inclusive and transparent to strengthen voter trust and participation in our democracy.

She will give us insights into how the Kansas City Election Board manages voter registrations and elections. Having actually worked in the field as well as a staff Director, she knows the issues experienced at the polls as well as at KCEB. Bring your questions and concerns regarding the voter registration process, the application of Voter Photo ID at the polls, and the security of elections.

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.

Upcoming Events

Jun 12, Tue: *Best Democracy Money Can Buy* movie, Kaufman Conference Center

Jun 15, Fri: "Making Democracy Work" presentation at Central Exchange, LWV members welcome

Jun 28-Jul 1: LWV/US National Convention, Chicago IL

Aug 20, Mon: WEW "#Respect Me Too," Sisterhood Event, Kansas City Athenaeum

Aug 22, Wed: WEW "Voter Suppression," Joint Event with LWV of Johnson County

**LWV/KC/J/C/P
BOARD****2018-2019****OFFICERS**Co-Presidents
Evelyn Maddox
Rosemary Durkin1st Vice President
Sandy Eeds2nd Vice President
Anitra SteeleSecretary
Pat GoodwinTreasurer
Caroline Arnold**DIRECTORS**

Becky Yockey

Cheryl Barnes

Sheryl Eufinger

Pat Goodwin

Pauli Kendrick

Sue Scholl

Pauline Testerma

Dawn Wade

Josh Williams

Co-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Following the Annual Meeting, the newly formed Board met to plan where we can best place our time, talent, and funds during the next 12 months. It's obvious that the current environment requires us to remain vigilant to protect voter rights, to focus on registration of young adults and encourage voter turnout. Yet, it also behooves us to be vigilant as well in legislative tracking on the local, state, and national levels and on governance in general.

Board members are committed to leading our efforts in every area of our LWV mission and the organizational structure that supports it. You will find on page 3 of this VOTER what each Board member has committed to lead this year, and, on pages 4 to 9 you will find their tentative plans for each of their areas. *Please consider where you would be most interested in helping this year and contact the leader(s) to inquire or volunteer.* An up to date roster is attached, and it includes a Board roster with Board Members' contact information on the last page.

Board meetings will be regularly scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, with the location alternating between the North Kansas City Library and Oak Hall. The date, time, and location of each Board meeting will be posted on lwvkc.org. The Executive Committee will meet on the first Monday of each month at 5:30, at Oak Hall, to prepare the Board agenda and otherwise expedite Board business. All LWV members are welcome to attend Board and Executive Committee meetings.

Actions taken since the Annual Meeting, to conclude business at the Annual Meeting follow:

- As follow-up to their election as "Vice President," Sandy Eeds agreed to serve as 1st Vice President and Anitra Steele as 2nd Vice President.
- All members who attended Annual Meeting voted by electronic survey on whether to continue our local positions (listed in the Member Handbook); a majority of attendees voted to continue them.
- Members' Directions taken at the Annual Meeting were assigned to committees. The Co-Presidents are accountable for reporting to the membership any action taken to address the Directions.

Our hope is that all LWV members find opportunities for contributing to our mission to *Make Democracy Work*. Whether it's an interest in voter registration, voter protection, forums, legislative tracking, Voter Guide, or any of our other work areas, there is something for everyone!

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| 1. June Meeting: Lauri Ealom, KCEB | 11. Public Registration Events | 14. Time, Talent, Dues Make Democracy Work |
| 2. Co-President Message | <i>Best Democracy Movie</i> | Town Halls Follow Legislature Adjournment |
| 3. Program Areas/Committee Leads | 12. Candidate Forum District 17 | 15. Work for Democracy |
| 4- 9. Looking Ahead | Progress of Advocacy Lawsuits | |
| 10. Voter Registration | 13. Women's Equality Events | |

| PROGRAM AREAS, COMMITTEE LEADS 2018 - 2019 | |
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| PROGRAM AREA | COMMITTEE CO-LEADS |
| 2020 Planning Committee | <i>Executive Committee</i> |
| Audit | Finance Committee will assign Committee. |
| Environment | Sheryl Eufinger, Pauline Testerman |
| Finance Committee | Caroline Arnold (Treasurer) |
| Forums | Anitra Steele. Delores Blaser |
| Fundraising | Sandy Eeds, Josh Williams |
| Hospitality | Sheryl Eufinger |
| Legislative | Unassigned; to be coordinated with LWV/MO |
| Long Term Strategic Planning | Executive Committee to assign. |
| Media & Public Relations | Cheryl Barnes |
| Membership | Donna Hoch |
| Observer Corps | Unassigned |
| Program Planning | Executive Committee |
| Social Media | Becky Yockey, Pat Goodwin, Evelyn Maddox |
| Technology | Josh Williams, Evelyn Maddox |
| The Voter | Evelyn Maddox, Anitra Steele |
| Voter Guide/Vote411 | Pat Goodwin, Peg Prendergast |
| Voter Registration & Voter Protection | Sue Scholl, Delores Blaser, Symie Menitove, Rosemary Durkin, Mary Lindsay |

LWV BOARD PLANS FOR 2018 - 2019

The following plans described by LWV leaders are just a brief description of the work that is to be done during the 2018-2019 program year to support our mission to register, educate, and advocate for voters.

Please support the work of LWV/KCJCP by volunteering in any area(s) of interest. Contact the leaders listed on page 3 of this VOTER for more information, or, to volunteer. Their contact information is shown in the roster you received with this VOTER. If you would like to be in a leadership role in any of our work areas, please contact Rosemary Durkin or Evelyn Maddox whose contact information is shown on "Board Roster" in the attached membership roster.

2020 100th Anniversary Celebration Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will work with the Board to develop a 2020 Planning Committee that reflects the diverse tenure of our members in LWV, and which will coordinate with LWV/Johnson County to plan events, and, utilize the resources of LWV/US.

Evelyn Maddox, Rosemary Durkin

Environment

Sheryl Eufinger, Pauline Testerman

The national and state LWV have had policies relating to the environment for many years. But, the health of our planet has become a scorching issue in the past almost two years due to proposed government policy and law changes. Regardless of political allegiance, there are many people who believe it is more important to safe-guard the life of our planet than safe-guard short term objectives such as strip mining to preserve jobs. There are ways to achieve economic stability and preserve, maybe even, enhance this planet earth. I personally have recycled in some form since the early 1970's and try to do my environmentally beneficent part. This is not as easy as it sounds. It seems there is always a balancing act between what is expedient, healthy and cost- efficient.

The goal of the Environment Committee is to establish what the Kansas City LWV can actually accomplish in our daily lives as individuals and what we can accomplish as capable and intelligent individuals. ***Our first meeting will be July 2, 2018, a Monday, at North Kansas City MO library.*** Much more information coming down the pike.

In the meantime, nature lovers would enjoy the free monthly magazine published by the Missouri Department of Conservation. It features colorful articles about the Missouri State Parks. It has articles on the animals and fauna in the parks. It also informs on the fishing, hunting and activity schedules. To subscribe, go to <http://mdc7.mdc.mo.gov/> and look for the Conservationist magazine. You can complete a short form to subscribe by mail.

Sheryl Eufinger

Facebook

Becky Yockey

Facebook is generally used to publicize upcoming events and celebrate them as they happen or within a few days. If our members use FB, they can help LWV by clicking to 'like' and 'follow' our page, and 'share' announcements and events. Share postings so your FB friends can see it. A recent FB post to promote a movie we're sponsoring has generated about 100 'views' and was shared (on different FB pages) by more than 10 groups, including and at least three other LWV chapters.

Facebook can be linked with Instagram, another social media application. Instagram is mostly a collection of photos posted by individuals and groups, and the photos have headlines/cutlines/short explanations. As FB coordinator, I intend to work with Josh Williams to link our FB posts to Instagram. Instagram has proved to be very popular with younger users who do not want to read lengthy posts/stories like those on FB.

FB generates interest/views/shares when it has good photos of events... people registering voters, participating in voting-rights demonstrations, monthly meetings and speakers, etc. I am always interested in seeing the photos that members take at events, because I cannot attend everything on the calendar. Any member can take LWV photos at any time and email/text them to me; I might post them. FB showing LWV 'in action' gives viewers an idea of what we do, how we execute events, where we meet, etc.

FB is not for every little occurrence and is not a good place to post smaller activities, board meetings, committee meetings, or other meet-and-sit-down events. Posts generate items in a follower's feed, and users who see a daily LWV post will soon stop 'following.' I try to use discretion and post about monthly meetings, active/colorful events, popular public happenings we support, and the activities we help sponsor.

FB allows interested users to "message" our group using FB Messenger, which is like texting or live chat. A representative of the Central Exchange recently contacted us this way, and our co-presidents are scheduled to present to this group because they reached out using FB Messenger.

Becky Yockey

Finance/Audit Committee

Caroline Arnold, Marianne Watson, CPA

LWV/KCJCP Bylaws provide for a joint Finance/Budget Committee which is to prepare an annual budget, review all financial records and provide oversight of the "conflict of interest" policy and of compliance requirements. Caroline Arnold has served as our Treasurer for several years and with Marianne Watson's assistance, converted our accounting to Quick Books in the past year. As a result, we have a more efficient accounting system, including automated dues renewal procedures. **A committee of LWV members will be appointed to join Caroline and Marianne in oversight of our financial records so please contact us to volunteer.**

Evelyn Maddox, Rosemary Durkin

Forums

Anitra Steele, Delores Blaser

Voter Services.....registration and forums...are a key service of the League of Women Voters. The Forums Committee working within League guidelines provides non-partisan voter education events throughout our communities. These include the classic "candidate forums" where candidates respond to written questions from the audience, read by a moderator, candidate questionnaires [used for small races where Vote 411 or a Voter's Guide is not produced], political panels [a project of the Parkville Chamber of Commerce, where elected officials are invited to address specific questions] and Issues /Information Panels [to disseminate information, often pro and con, on a proposition or electoral question.

As Forums Chair, I work with members to set up forums where there is a competitive race, no duplication of effort, preferably with co-sponsors, and community interest. Currently we are working on forums for County Legislature, Executive and Sheriff and numerous state senate and representative races. Two state-wide forums for the Fall are also in the works.

We need help to identify co-sponsors, access to free space and helpers for the events, [a trained moderator, timer, card sorters and collectors, and welcome table greeters]. *If you want to be part of this "Democracy at Work" service of our League, please volunteer by sending me an email.*

Anitra Steele

Fundraising

Sandy Eeds, Josh Williams

Members who have previously expressed an interest in fundraising will be contacted in order to set a committee meeting in the near future. *Near term activities will focus on the immediate need to raise a total of \$3800 to fund this year's planning for Vote411 and printing of the Voter Guide.* Overall the committee will identify a broad list of recurring needs and what their estimated budget amounts might be. Strategies for covering these needs and a certain amount of contingency funding on an annual basis will be a priority. The intent will be to look for sponsors who might participate on a sustaining basis, thus reducing the need for continuous out-reach. *Please volunteer to help.*

Sandy Eeds

Hospitality

Sheryl Eufinger

This is the second year I have been chair of the Hospitality Committee. The first thing that happened in 2017 was I spearheaded the separation of Hospitality from the Membership committee. The role of Hospitality is important enough to warrant separate funding and operation/organization. Appearance is not everything, but it is important to present a good first and subsequent impression at League events. This includes the presentation of refreshments and meals in a colorful and pleasing manner, with the League following common-sense health guidelines. I have a decorating theme and associated food items planned for each Saturday morning monthly meeting. This is also true for special events involving self-catering, such as the Spring Conference this league presided over in May 2018 and our annual Holiday Luncheon. My goals include being environmentally friendly, being aware of those who might have special diet needs and using sustainable products in our events. *Helpers are always welcome and much appreciated.*

Sheryl Eufinger

Legislative Tracking To Be Developed

Tracking legislation is a very important albeit challenging, component of our mission to *Make Democracy Work*. LWV/US and LWV/MO provide some resources for keeping our membership informed but not all. Tracking is easier now using *fastdemocracy.org* for which we had presentations at the Spring Conference and in a monthly meeting. Our LWV/KCJCP plan is to coordinate tracking with LWV/MO and other local leagues to minimize duplication of efforts and maximize efforts.

If you have interest in helping to track legislation pertaining to our positions and our mission, please contact Evelyn Maddox or Rosemary Durkin at lwvkcjcp@gmail.com

Evelyn Maddox, Rosemary Durkin

Long Term Strategic Planning Executive Committee

The need to develop a long term strategic plan for LWV/KCJCP was mentioned during members' directions to the Board at the Annual Meeting. As a result, the Executive Board will recommend to the Board how best to proceed, which is likely to include a committee to serve from development through implementation a plan.

Evelyn Maddox, Rosemary Durkin

Media & Public Relations Cheryl Barnes

The Media/Public Relations Committee disseminates news releases to local print, television and radio media. Its work requires maintenance of contact information for all media outlets and frequently requires composition of the news release. Its work enables us to be personally connected to journalists and media personalities. All responsibility areas utilize the Media/Public Relations Committee to publicize upcoming events or to draw attention to issues on which LWV has a position.

Cheryl Barnes

Membership Donna Hoch, Jean Ann Kouns

A full Membership Committee will be developed as quickly as possible. The plan is to establish a "New Member Orientation," program for which the first session will occur as early as August. The intent is to hold a new member orientation at least twice a year or more as needed. We also need to update the "new member packet" in content and utilization of e-documents where feasible. Other ongoing activities for our committee are

Greeting members at each meeting or event

Issuing timely and accurate member rosters

Cultivating retention of members; reminding members of events via a calling tree

Connecting committee leadership to members who have expressed interest in the work area or committee.

Please join us in the Membership Committee to work in whatever activity suits you. – Donna Hoch

Observer Corps To Be Developed

During 2017-2018, we established an Observer Corps to be focused on attending meetings of the elections boards for the KC/JCP area. Sandy Eeds and Rosemary Durkin shared leadership for the Corps but they have new assignments for 2018-2019. *Do you have interest in monitoring the meetings of the election board area in which you live? If you live in any of these areas, your help is needed to monitor their meetings: Metro KCMO (KCEB), East Jackson County, Clay, Platte, and Cass Counties. Send an email to lwvkc@gmail.com to express your interest.*

Evelyn Maddox, Rosemary Durkin

The VOTER Anitra Steele, Evelyn Maddox

The 2018 CALL reported that the VOTER is a labor of love for reporting our activities that help us *Make Democracy Work*. Over the past several years, the Voter has grown to include a broad scope of information about our League activities, membership and meetings. It informs members and prospective members about what has happened and will be happening, making it possible for members to link to committees and to support events. It is a tangible, vital link for the members who cannot attend membership meetings. Including pictures provides a visual update for readers.

The VOTER comes out prior to the membership meeting, alerting us to the speakers, time and location. Our co-presidents raise pertinent topics in their remarks and League committees will submit reports to the monthly VOTER in 2018-2019 to inform members of activities and opportunities. It is sent by email to our membership and is posted on our webpage. Evelyn Maddox will continue to serve as Editor with Anitra Steele serving as Copy Writer and Reviewer.

Reporters are needed to regularly help plan content, and all members are encouraged to submit articles. Make time to read the VOTER!

Anitra Steele, Evelyn Maddox

Useful Technology Josh Williams, Evelyn Maddox

Have you lost all patience with not having tech support for your LWV work? Yes, here in the Information Age, it can quite frustrating just navigating through the basics. There is no need to become a geeky, techie know-it-all. The goal of this committee is to help members understand and learn those useful fundamentals of the tech world in order to take advantage of the devices and programs out there at our disposal. A little time spent to learn useful technology will pay off in less time and effort spent doing our work to *Make Democracy Work*.

Josh Williams

Voter Guide/Vote411.org

Pat Goodwin, Pat Prendergast

Providing voters with the information they need to make informed choices at the polls is the goal of the Voter Guide Committee. To that end, our committee plans to: 1) activate vote411.org for both the August 7 primary election and the November 6 general election; 2) print and distribute 12,000 copies of the Voter Guide for the November 6 election; 3) increase the percentage of candidates who respond to the invitation to participate in the voter guides; 4) include information on important ballot initiatives to clarify for voters what they are deciding.

We believe that informed voters are motivated voters. When voters know in advance what will be on their ballot and its significance to them, they are more likely to vote.

Pat Goodwin

Voter Registration/Voter Protection

Rosemary Durkin, Sue Scholl, Delores Blaser, Symie Menitove, Mary Lindsay

A steering committee of registrars met at All Souls on June 6 to design registration events that would meet the public where they mingle, have fun and where they are engaged in attending political panel discussions. The committee included Sue Scholl, Mary Lindsay, Becky Yockey, Joyce Fulps, Jan Cohen, Jean Ann Kouns, M.J. Mc Call, Polly Swafford and Sandy Eeds. All of these people deserve a hand for their creative planning. We are encouraging all trained registrars or people who can help with completing a post card to contact the team leaders to volunteer to help at these events. We also are suggesting that you volunteer at your own neighbor events or in your apartment complex to register or change the addresses of your friends and neighbors. If you have employment that is interested in a registration event, please contact us and we will help you recruit people to assist you. We are looking forward to a successful election season. *Please joins us to reach first-time voters and voters with changes to their registration. Reporting address changes and name changes is an important service. Only 150 days left until the November 6 election and 125 days for registration.*

Rosemary Durkin

Website /LWVKC.org

Pat Goodwin

The purpose of LWVKC.org, the official website of the League of Women Voters of Kansas City, Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties, is to provide current and accurate information about the League to members and to the community at large. In addition to providing routine maintenance and updates, we hope to make the website easier to use and increase the information it provides. Specifically, this year we will 1) develop a system for appropriately identifying and providing important information about League-related events to be included in the calendar and on the Facebook events page; 2) review specific pages from the website in order to bring them up to date and make other changes, as needed.

Pat Goodwin

VOTER REGISTRATION IS ON THE MOVE!



M. J. McCall, Mary Lindsay, Polly Swoffard, Joyce Fulps, Sue Scholl, Rosemary Durkin, and Sandy Eeds at a planning meeting for voter registration at public events.

Attention all members! If your homes association or church group is having an event, consider offering voter registration to people who have just moved to the area. Any LWV member can distribute the pre-registration, mail in cards. It's a good way to meet new neighbors. **Contact me for details and mail in pre-registration cards: Sue Scholl 816-444-2623**

We have delivered 8x10 flyers advertising voter registration services in plastic stands to the main branch of Kansas City Public Library (KCPL) for their distribution to the other nine locations with a request that the flyers be prominently displayed. Flyers and stands have also been delivered to the Red Bridge and Blue Ridge branches of the Mid-Continent Public Libraries. Further discussions will take place with KCPL regarding coordination of LWV registration activities with those of the Library's own-staff registrars. **If you can help with project, contact me: Sandy Eeds susan-sandy@kc.rr.com.**

We have only just begun to identify locations, events, and individual circumstances where voter registration can occur. Our tentative plan for the Public Events Team is on the next page.

Rosemary Durkin



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| TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC REGISTRATION LOCATIONS | | |
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| Event | Team Leads | Location /Notes |
| KC Intntl Dragon Festival | Sue Scholl | Plaza |
| Best Democracy Money Can Buy - movie | Becky Yockey, Joyce Fulps | Kauffman Foundation |
| Consensus panel | Becky Yockey | Plaza Library |
| Consensus panel | Sue Scholl, Jean Ann Kouns, Mary Lindsay | Plaza Library |
| KC Riverfest | Sue Scholl | River Front |
| First Friday | MJ Mc Call | Crossroads |
| Farmers Market | Mary Lindsay, Jean Ann Kouns | River Quay |
| KC Ethnic Festival | Sue Scholl | Swope Pkwy |
| Irish Festival | Sue Scholl | Crown Center |
| Westport Art Fair | Becky Yockey | Westport Road |
| Plaza Art Fair | Mary Lindsay, Jean Ann Kouns | |
| Royals Baseball | Sandy Eeds | |
| Guadalupe Center | Joyce Fulps | |
| Cerner | Becky Yockey | |
| Kingswood | Polly Swafford | will register residents |

THE BEST DEMOCRACY MONEY CAN BUY THE MOVIE

Showing at the Kaufman Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Rd, on Tuesday, June 12. Doors open at 5:30. Movie begins at 6:00 p.m. Co-Sponsors: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Beta Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Mu Omega Chapter, ACLU/MO, AAUW/KC.

CANDIDATE FORUM MO SENATE DISTRICT 17



Candidates Rep. Lauren Arthur and Rep. Kevin Corlew (pictured L-R) were panelists at an LWV Forum conducted for Mo Senate District 17 on May 10 at Eastgate Middle School in North Kansas City. KCUR and LWV/KCJCP co-sponsored the event with it being streamed in full on Brian Ellison's *State Blend* and excerpts broadcast on Steve Kraske's *Up to Date*. KCUR's sponsorship provides an avenue for broad publicity that LWV would not otherwise have. Brian Ellison moderated *and LWV members whose efforts supported the event were June Land, Dorothy Crooks, Lou Ann Miller, Mary Lindsay, Dawn Wade, Sheryl Eufinger, Pat Goodwin, Cheryl Barnes, Delores Blaser, Caroline Arnold, Rosemary Durkin, Donna Hoch, and Anitra Steele. 130 attended.*

VOTER ADVOCACY LAWSUITS IN PROGRESS Missouri Photo ID NVRA

LWV/MO and other parties have an ongoing lawsuit pending in the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, against Secretary of State Ashcroft. We filed alleging there was insufficient appropriation of funds for the implementation of the **voter photo ID requirement of Amendment Six**, which was effective on June 1, 2016. The Secretary's argument is that his office cannot know if they have enough money until after the elections. Our argument is that eight statewide elections have occurred and a TV educational plan has not been implemented and nor were voters sufficiently informed prior to the elections.

A second law suit has been filed in Federal Circuit Court alleging violations of the **1993 National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)** by the Division of Motor Vehicles and Secretary of State Ashcroft. The allegations are that the DMV has failed to provide consistent voter registration to Missourians who have applied for a non-drivers or driver's license at initial, renewal or change of address transactions. The Secretary of State is the elected official responsible for compliance with that law. Secretary Ashcroft filed a dismissal request stating that it is not his job to ensure compliance. He stated he is just required to confer with the DMV. We disagree.

Rosemary Durkin



Pushed Back while Marching Forward

We are gearing up for **2018 Women's Equality Week** and our events are shaping up quickly. The programs on the drawing board are very timely and pertinent to women's equality in our daily lives. The focus continues to be pay equity, voter oppression, and violence against women. Although women have made progress in many areas, we still continue to hear of unimaginable abuses and discriminatory practices against women.

We plan to host from 12 to 15 different events between August 19th to the 26th. They will be presented at venues all over the metro area. Sponsors like LWV/KCJCP and LWV/Johnson County make possible an array of interesting and enriching experiences for attendees.

Alice Kitchen, WEW CoChair

Bridging the Gap to Sisterhood - #Respect Me Too August 20, 2018 at the Kansas City Athenaeum 900 East Linwood

We are excited about hosting the 4th in the series of Bridging the Gap to Sisterhood. Born out of working with leaders in the NAACP, Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities, this year's program addresses respect. Respect for our bodies, respect for our abilities, our free will—and respect across racial and cultural lines. And this year we are expanding our reach to the Latina/Hispanic community.

A diverse panel will relate their personal experiences and engage in a forum discussion with each other and the audience to deepen our appreciation of the challenges women face as we demand respect for ourselves and each other.

We thank the KCMO Alumnae Branch of Delta Sigma Theta for making their venue, the Kansas City Athenaeum, available to us for the program.

Jane McClain, LWV/KC/JCP

IT TAKES TIME, TALENT, AND DUES TO WORK FOR DEMOCRACY!

Just a reminder that it is important to keep your dues current so that the LWV of KC/ Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties can continue to do all the work we need to do for the mid-term elections. **Democracy is not a spectator sport!** We need committed people who support us with their dues, their time and talents. The LWV's reputation of defending democracy and its empowering advocacy has been created by the committed membership base.

Help us keep this base strong by renewing your membership and spreading the word to your friends that the League of Women Voters is making a difference. We would like more women, and men, to join in this action of providing non-partisan information needed for making informed choices.

If you have questions about when you should renew your membership, please look at the Membership Roster you received with the VOTER. Your renewal date will be next to your name. (Also, all members will receive a dues invoice from Caroline Arnold via email notifying them of the need to renew.) Membership dues remain at \$60 for an individual and \$90 for a household membership and only \$8 for a student who is currently enrolled in classes.

We appreciate getting notice of unintended errors on the roster so if you notice an error, please notify Jean Ann Kouns jakouns@gmail.com or Donna Hoch, thehochs@hotmail.com.

If your membership dues renew on July 1st, you will find a renewal form attached to this VOTER. Mail your check and the membership form to our Treasurer, Caroline Arnold, or you can go to www.lwvkc.org and use Pay Pal—for which there is a \$2 service charge. We appreciate your prompt renewal.

Donna Hoch, Membership Coordinator

TOWN HALLS AT WORK FOR DEMOCRACY

The end of Missouri's 2018 legislative session brought a flurry of Town Halls for Missouri voters in their respective districts. At Representative Judy Morgan's Town Hall for District 24, voters were focused first on knowing more about the resignation of former Governor Eric Greitens, followed by no particular focus in common to the audience. A talk by Jeremy LaFavar, of the MO Budget Project and a former MO legislator, inspired full discussion of how well, or not well, Missouri is doing to meet the needs of its citizens. The proposed increase in "gas tax" on the November ballot was explained, as well as how MO's revenues fall extremely short of its needs—especially regarding public universities.



TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK! WE MUST WORK FOR DEMOCRACY!



VOICE MAIL MONTOR

Could you check our LWV voicemail several times a week, and email any messages to the CoPresidents? If so, contact Rosemary Durkin, 816. 728.5741 or Evelyn Maddox, 913.634.3976.

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Do you enjoy a challenge? If so, this is the opportunity for YOU!
Bedazzle everyone with your ability to get \$\$\$ for Democracy!

VOTER GUIDE FUNDRAISING

To volunteer, contact Sandy Eeds, 816.523.4114

BOARD ASSISTANCE

Would you like to be “in the know” in the League? Support the Leadership Team by helping with various ad hoc assignments! To volunteer your skills and availability, for ad hoc assignments, respond to Evelyn Maddox,



OBSERVER CORPS

Be a VOTE PROTECTOR by attending meetings at your own Election Board. Approximately one meeting a month is all that’s required. To volunteer, contact Rosemary Durkin, 816. 728.5741.

