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NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY

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LEAGUE CALENDAR

Thurs Aug 20th 11:30 Conversation 12:00 Presentation	Hot Topic! (formerly Brown Bag Lunch Meeting): Agricultural Issues re Farming, including Environmental Sustainability Watkins Community Museum, 1047 Massachusetts St. All League members are invited to attend.
Fri Aug 21st: 5-9 pm Sat Aug 22th: 9 3	Shur Fellows Training Sessions for Membership-Leadership-Development Program 515 SW Kansas, Suite C, Topeka
Sat Aug 22nd 7 pm	Land Use Committee Lawrence Community Merc, 901 Iowa St. All League members are encouraged to attend
Wed Aug 26th	Women's Equality Day 19 th Amendment ratified 95 years ago today!
Thurs Sept 14th 7-9 pm	League Board Meeting Lawrence Public Library, 704 Vermont St. All League members are invited to attend.
Fri Sept 15th	VOTER deadline 10 pm, to herditb4[at]me.com
Tues Sept 22	National Voter Day. We will be registering voters at the library.
Thurs Sept 24 th 7:00 pm	Hot Topic! Planned Parenthood Presentation Carnegie Bldg., 200 W 9 th Street – EVENING PROGRAM

President's Message

With a lot of coffee and a donut run or two we managed to pull off a highly successful garage sale/fundraiser. **Our three-day sale netted us \$ 957.70!** Cille King, Melissa Wick, Janice Friedman, Midge Grinstead and Marci Francisco helped at my house for two days; Carol Klinknett made phone calls to round up more product to sell and Cille, Melissa, Melinda Henderson, James Dunn and of course Joe and Marci, all worked the sale at Marci & Joe's house on Saturday. Thanks to everyone who donated items to sell! Start cleaning your closets - we will be doing it again next year!

August 26th is Women’s Equality Day in Celebration of the 95th anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment.

THE ISSUE OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS IN KANSAS FIRST AROSE DURING THE MEETING TO RATIFY THE WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTION, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN SEPTEMBER, 1859, TWO YEARS BEFORE KANSAS OBTAINED STATEHOOD. “A KANSAS WOMAN, MRS. C.I.H. NICHOLS, ATTENDED DAILY THE SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION, AND COUNSELED FOR THOSE PROVISIONS THAT PROTECT THE SACRED RIGHTS OF THE WIFE, THE MOTHER, THE WOMAN CITIZEN. THE SPIRIT OF THE WYANDOTTE CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN PRESERVED. NONE OF THE AMENDMENTS ADDED TO IT HAVE WEAKENED OR RESTRICTED ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE. IT REMAINS, AFTER FORTY YEARS, THE CHARTER OF LIBERTY, AND THE BASIS OF LAW IN KANSAS.” PRENTIS, NOBLE. *HISTORY OF KANSAS*. 1904.

Although the *History of Kansas* portrays Clarina Nichols as a staid counselor, *Kansas Women* by Ann Gardner, is not so circumspect: “The issue of women’s rights first arose at the Wyandotte constitutional convention of 1859 from an appeal by Mrs. Clarina Nichols, who reportedly urged women to revolt and refuse to marry if men didn’t grant them their rights. Mrs. Nichol’s speech to the constitutional convention may have had some effect. Although women didn’t gain voting rights, the constitution did give them equal rights with men in regard to property and the control of their children. This included the right to vote in school elections”. Eunice Gehr of Mound Township (“a woman of strong mind who “physically had no superiors among her own sex and but a few among the opposite. Mentally she is looked upon as quite a giant”) demanded her right to vote before the election board and was the first woman in Kansas to cast a ballot.

In 1867 Kansas became the first state to consider full suffrage for women. A resolution was introduced that would have amended the constitution by striking the word white from the phrase all white male citizens. Another amendment eliminated the word male. The proposal was ultimately defeated and wasn’t raised again until 1887 when Kansas became the first state in the nation to grant women the right to vote in municipal elections. This enervated the fight for suffrage and in 1912 the state of Kansas became the 8th state in the nation to ratify the 19th amendment, granting full suffrage rights to all women in the state.

To encourage women to vote, the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association and the Women’s Christian Temperance Union distributed an estimated 50,000 flyers across the state:

Do you not wish to have all dramshops, gambling dens and houses of prostitution closed in your city?

Do you not wish to have your schools in the most competent hands and your schoolhouses made wholesome places for your children?

Do you not wish to help make your town as attractive as possible, to encourage your library and to discourage rowdyism and pauperism?

Do you not wish to have livestock kept from roaming your streets, breaking your walks and invading your gardens?

Do you not wish to have your money spent as prudently as possible?

Then use your newly acquired power. By the new law passed this winter, women in cities are voters.

Gardner, Ann, *Kansas Women*, Lawrence; Kansas Keypress, pgs. 6,7 (1986).

Don't forget! HOT TOPIC!!! (formerly brown bag)

AUGUST 20TH

Please plan to listen to Midge Grinstead, Senior Kansas State Director for the Humane Society of the United States, speak on a vital issue. Midge writes,

"My topic will be on agricultural issues surrounding factory farming, including environmental sustainability."

The schedule: **11:30: informal gathering; 12:00 presentation** on Thursday, August 20. Place: Watkins Community Museum, 1047 Massachusetts. (Enter through the side door.) A Lawrence League Board member, Midge spends much time advocating in Topeka and keeping up to date on agricultural issues.

Please plan to come and bring friends. If you need a ride, contact Margaret Arnold at (785) 842-9989. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Please Note: Due to an unforeseen conflict, David Brown's presentation on "Gay Marriage is legal, now what?" is postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

***Plan ahead! HOT TOPIC!!! The evening of September 24th
7pm at the Carnegie Building, 200 W. 9th Street, Lawrence, KS***

Please plan to hear Elise Higgins, Kansas Manager of Government Affairs at Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri

Elise, a member of the Lawrence League, is a KU graduate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. In her work she advocates for reproductive rights, health care access, and sex education for Kansas. She also chairs the board of directors for a national organization that supports young people as they organize for reproductive rights and gender equality.

All are welcome. We are especially interested in reaching out to the community on this topic, including KU students and other interested groups. We hope you can attend and bring a guest.

Report of the LWVLC Land Use Committee – July 2015

At the July Land Use Committee (LUC) meeting, we discussed the Planning Commission (PC) agenda scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2015 and decided to send a letter on one issue only - pertaining to the rezoning request for the property at 804 Pennsylvania. We had previously sent a letter concerning this property to the Planning Commission in March, 2015. At that time, the issue was whether to leave the zoning at 804 Pennsylvania as is (requires 55% in food sales) rezone the property for bar use with no food sales or rezone the property for bar use with a Special Use Permit (SUP). Using the latter requirement would allow the City to place conditions on the property through the SUP. Our LWV Land Use Committee advocated to continue to require 55% in food sales. The Planning Commission, however, chose the last option (6-2) and sent it to the City Commission.

On May 19, 2015, the City Commission approved the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone the property, remove the 55% food sales requirement and issue a Special Use Permit (SUP). They also wanted conditions placed on the SUP to address several concerns relating to how this establishment might affect the neighborhood. Food, noise and operating hours were all mentioned during the City

Commission's discussion. The Commission did not, however, give Planning Staff a list of specific conditions. Staff were instructed to make their own recommendations. These recommendations appear in Item number 5 on the July 22nd agenda.

After reviewing the SUP our Committee members were particularly concerned about the effect two of the recommendations would have on the neighborhood – operating hours and sound levels.

3.c. Staff Recommendation: Operating Hours. The outdoor seating area shall be closed (unoccupied) at 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Business hours inside the building are unrestricted.

3.d. Staff Recommendation - Sound Levels: live music on the outside dining area shall cease at 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and at 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Other music (live acoustical and digital or stereo sources) shall be kept at an ambient level after those times.

In response to 3d, we mentioned that conferees were frequently comparing this small venue to the Cider Gallery, indicating if there were no objection to the large events at the Gallery, there should be no objection to noise from the much

smaller bar. We pointed out that the property in question could be open seven days a week. If amplified music is allowed, the onslaught of noise day after day would be very disruptive to the neighborhood. This could potentially be handled by prohibiting outdoor amplified music altogether or by limiting the number of days per week amplified music is allowed. In response to 3c. we said that allowing outdoor seating until 11 pm on weeknights and 12 pm on Fridays and Saturdays seems unreasonable for an establishment located in the middle of a neighborhood, but the impact on the neighborhood could be mitigated or controlled by prohibiting or limiting outdoor amplified music.

The planning commission heard from several conferees. They decided to delete the section pertaining to 3b (a provision requiring a certain number of tables and chairs outside) and to modify 3d. They passed a motion limiting amplified sound to Thursdays through Sundays with a cutoff time of 9 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 8 pm on Sunday. Furthermore, after those hours the ambient sound level must not be perceptible more than fifty feet from the property.

-- Debra Duncan

AFTERNOON AT THE LIBRARY

Marla Jackson presents:

The true story of Maria Rodgers Martin (1831-1922) kidnapped by Union soldiers and brought to Lawrence as contraband.



Several League members attended a Sunday afternoon presentation by Marla Jackson, on July 21st at the Lawrence Library auditorium regarding Marie Rodgers. The presentation was entitled: Marla Jackson and the story of Maria Rodgers Martin (1831-1922) kidnapped by Union soldiers and brought to Lawrence as contraband, July 19, 2015.

Maria Rodgers Martin was a slave on Wayside Rest Plantation near Harrisonville, MO, when she was taken from the plantation home of Robert Brown by Federal troops during a raid. Maria was a highly skilled seamstress and house slave in the Brown plantation outside of Harrisonville, when she was taken against her will. Two of her children froze to death in route to Lawrence. In Lawrence, she served Senator James Lane as his personal servant. One of the children she took with her was son Benjamin P. Martin who was three years old. He returned to Harrisonville in 1869 and became an accomplished blacksmith. Maria returned to Harrisonville in 1900, to live with that son. She was buried in the Brown family cemetery upon her death in 1922, at the age of 91, having outlived all eight of her children.

Jackson became interested in Martin's

story while doing research for a story quilt she created, Still We Rise, about Quantrill's Raid. Jackson received a Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area Interpretive Grant to help fund this quilt, and later received a second grant to create a series of quilts depicting Maria Rodgers Martin's story. The Martin quilt series is called Turkey Red.

Jackson is a world-renowned for her quilting artistry. Her works have been exhibited in over thirty-five national and international venues, including the American Folk Art Museum, The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. One of her most famous works is part of the permanent collection in Smithsonian's Anacostia Community.

Jackson's narrative quilts are inspired by oral histories of ancestors, and the

NEW MUSEUM DEDICATED TO MARIE RODGERS MARTIN

Marla Jackson has established a museum featuring Maria Rodgers Martin at her African American Museum and Textile Academy <http://www.marlaquilt.com>. Her museum is located in the same building as Independence Inc., 2001 Haskell Ave., 2nd floor, Room 206. Hours are M-W-F 11 am – 4:30 pm and weekends by appointment. The museum is free and the building is handicapped accessible.

Kansas region. She has been featured in Kansas History Society Quarterly, Threads of Faith, MS Magazine, Speaking Out of Turn Magazine, PBS programs, local and regional publications. At her gallery and textile academy, Jackson often works with teenagers, teaching them fabric dyeing, sewing and quilting. Jackson donates art supplies and her expertise to Liberty Memorial Central Junior High School, in Lawrence, Kansas. For more information about the Maria Rodgers Martin Gallery Talk, contact Jackson at (785) 371-6682.

**From our Stucky Award
Winner**

Lynne Oyler, now attending KU, has sent us a thank-you note and a copy of her fall transcript. She is taking a formidable load of courses: Freshman Honors

English, Freshman Honors Seminar, Intermediate French I, Honors; Spanish Grammar: Form, Meaning, Context; Linguistics: Language and Mind; Speaker-Audience Communication, Honors; and Calculus I.

Along with the award we are presenting her with a complementary League membership. We hope she can find time to attend some of our events.

CITY OF LAWRENCE/DOUGLAS COUNTY - Vacant Committee Spots

Feeling left out? Don't know what's going on in town? Volunteer! The city has 29 Advisory Boards, 5 Governing Boards, 9 Boards with City appointees and 4 Task Forces. Here is a list of Current and Upcoming Vacancies:

<https://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/vacancies>

“First ladies of Kansas” quiz – mix and match

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| 1. first female mayor in the United States (1887) | A. Amelia Earhart |
| 2. first elected female city Marshall in the Kansas (1926) | B. Ella Weiss Brown |
| 3. first American woman to earn doctor degree dental surgery (1866) | C. Cora Downs |
| 4. first woman to serve as treasurer of the United States (1949) | D. Peggy Hull Deuell |
| 5. first female war correspondent accredited by US Gov (1917) | E. Georgia Neese Clark Gray |
| 6. first woman appointed as a Regent at KU (1881) | F. Lucy Hobbs Taylor |
| 7. first woman to fly across the Atlantic (1928) | G. Susanna Madora Salter |
| 8. first woman to graduate KU law (1891) | H. Mable Chase |
| 9. first native American woman admitted to the bar (1910) | I. Minnie Grinstead |
| 10. first female elected to the Kansas Legislature (1918) | J. Lyda Burton |

SEND YOUR ANSWERS TO:

Debraduncan28@gmail.com. First correct answer gets a free Vote for Women canvas tote!



**MEET IRIS
CALDERHEAD**

Daughter of former Representative Calderhead and wife of John Brisben Walker of Colorado. Miss Calderhead is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Vermont. She gave up teaching literature at a Wichita high school to organize for the National Women's Party, and was one of the group arrested for picketing the White House with suffrage banners.



WATCH FOR:

The U.S. Release of the movie "Suffragettes" starring Meryl Streep as Emmeline Pankhurst. The League will be planning an event around its Lawrence premiere!



LEAGUES ACROSS THE STATE REGISTER NEW CITIZENS TO VOTE!

One of the fun activities Leagues across the state participate in is registering newly naturalized citizens to vote. Between now and the end of the year there are ten naturalization ceremonies – two in Wichita, four in Kansas City, two in Topeka, one in Lawrence and one in Fort Scott.

The Lawrence Ceremony is coming up in early September. If you are interested in volunteering to help out please contact Cille King, 841-6028 or cilleking[at]gmail.com.

Overview of the Kansas Legislative Research Department

The Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) is one of four nonpartisan agencies that provide support services for the Kansas Legislature. The Department has provided nonpartisan, objective research and fiscal analysis for the Kansas Legislature since 1934. Recent Department publications and material of general interest are posted on their web site. Material prepared for individual legislators is confidential. KLRD had two sides – a “policy” side and a “fiscal” side. Policy analysts staff all committees (except the two that deal only with finance - House

Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means – those are staffed by fiscal staff) during the legislative and interim sessions and are available to all legislators to provide research on any and every topic. Fiscal analysts are assigned state agency budgets. They usually visit the actual agency facilities, analyze “their” agency budgets, and do a write up each fall summarizing the agency’s annual budget request. This will be used throughout the session by Legislators as they make budget decisions for each agency. After the Governor makes his budget recommendations, they will be added to the document to allow for an easy comparison between what the agency requested and what the

Governor recommended. Legislators assigned to House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means Committees are also assigned budget subcommittees and will meet with the analyst assigned to their agencies. The analyst attends the subcommittee hearings, answers questions and assists in writing the subcommittee report which will then be presented to the entire Committee for their consideration. Eventually, subcommittee reports will list the agency request, the Governor’s recommendation, the House Recommendation and the Senate Recommendation for each state agency. The final budget will eventually be published on-line in an annual appropriations report.



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Make a Difference – Join/Support the League!

*Complete form; enclose check made out to LWV L-DC, and mail to the address listed below.
(Membership is open to anyone who will be eligible to vote in the next November election.
New or renewed memberships received now will expire March 31, 2016)*

Date _____ Renewing member _____ New Member. _____ I heard about the League via (Facebook, Web

Site, Friend, Other): _____

Suggested voluntary membership assessment: *

Approximate Household Income	Individual membership	Household membership
Student**	_____ \$17	_____ \$29
Under \$25,000	_____ \$20	_____ \$35
\$25,000 to \$50,000	_____ \$35	_____ \$55
Over \$50,000	_____ \$55	_____ \$85
Sustaining member	_____ \$100	_____ \$150
Life member (of 50 years)	_____ \$0	

* Our membership assessment supports the National and State Leagues at \$49/member (\$31 National and \$18 State).

** High school or postsecondary student enrolled at least part time in an accredited institution.

_____ I am not a member, but would like to support the League with my contribution as indicated below.

I have enclosed a contribution of \$ _____ for the League General Fund.

I have enclosed a contribution of \$ _____ for the League Education Fund***

*** This contribution is tax-deductible. Write check to "LWV Education Fund."

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

As a League member or supporter, I would like to help support League activities by participating as follows:

General Membership Meetings:

- Set up and/or tear down
- Hospitality (provide coffee/tea/dessert)
- Taking notes/writing up report of meeting

Membership:

- Recruitment
- Mentor/follow-up with new members
- Provide a ride to a fellow member
- Phone members without internet access about special updates

Voter Services:

- Register voters
- Help with voter education

Promotion of League to our Community:

- Public speaking
- Represent League at community events
- Observer corps (attend/report on government meetings)
- Help with research for League studies on issues
- Serve on the Board of Directors

I have the following skills:

- Editing articles/reports
- Database management
- Microsoft Word / Excel / Quickbooks
- Website/Social Media design/management

My interests include:



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