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League Calendar

Wednesday, October 20th	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	LWVK Observer Corps Meeting. <i>via Zoom.</i> Interested in observing the 2022 Legislative session? Article on page 5, link on page 2.
Thursday, October 21st	Noon - 1:00 pm	Goals and Purpose of the Climate Plan for Lawrence/Douglas County. <i>Via Zoom.</i> Speaker Jasmin Moore. Link on page 3.
Thursday, October 21st	6:00 pm-7:00 pm	People Powered Fair Maps Event. Learn how to create and submit meaningful redistricting testimony. <i>Advance registration required, deadline 6:00 pm October 20 at https://bit.ly/3luimu6.</i>
Friday, October 22nd	11:59 pm	Deadline for submissions to the People Powered Fair Maps Contest.
Saturday, October 23rd	11:30 am	Helen Fluker Award Ceremony Presentation. <i>via Zoom.</i> Article and link on page 3.
Tuesday, October 26th		Last day to request a mail ballot.
Monday, November 1st	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Final session of Crystal Bennett's Workshop "Our Liberation is Bound Together". Link on page 3.
Monday, November 1st		In-person advance voting ends at noon.
Tuesday, November 2nd	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	General Election.
Tuesday, November 9th	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	LWVL-DC Board Meeting. <i>via Zoom.</i> Ashley Bryers (Pedestrian Plan) and Adam Weige (Lawrence Transit) will present information about the Lawrence Pedestrian Plan and a planned survey at the beginning of the meeting. All interested members are welcome to attend. Link on page 3.
Thursday, November 18th	Noon - 1:00 pm	Hot Topic! TBA - please watch our website and FaceBook for details.

President's Message

Greetings all,

Even though the days are shorter, it gets dark earlier, and the weather is cooling, this is my favorite time of year. It is election season, it's socially acceptable for me to hibernate at home with a hot cup of tea and a good book, it's chili/soup/stew time, and there are a variety of holidays to look forward to. When our environment becomes more bleak, let us look to the beauty, serenity, and hope of this time.

I attended Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's talk at KU on 10/7/21 and it was wonderful to see so many of you there! I was viscerally impacted when he said "hope is the fuel" for making the world a better place. The most improbable things are possible, and history gives us multiple examples of this happening. If impossible things have happened, why can't we fix racism? We can. If impossible things have happened, why can't we overcome voter suppression? We can. If impossible things have happened, why can't we defeat next summer's constitutional amendment to eliminate our constitutional right to an abortion? We can.

As Dr. Kendi said, cynics will not change the world. Those who are fueled by hope and possibility change the world. Friends, we are the fuel and we are the hope. We can make impossible things happen. I believe in us. We are the ones we have been waiting for.

We need you. We will need your continued volunteerism, activism, and we need you out there educating our fellow Kansans. There will be upcoming information regarding what we can do to defeat the constitutional amendment and what we will be advocating for during this upcoming legislative session. For now, I hope you will join us on November 1 as we once again meet with Crystal Bennett to discuss the future of LWV LDC and our commitment to weaving diversity, equity, and inclusion into everything we do. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ea8a62aa3f58-ourliberation>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at emilyapriner@gmail.com or 605-261-0328 with any questions, comments, or needs. Wash your hands, wear your masks, tell those you love how much they mean to you, and stay well.

-Emily Riner



Welcome, New Members!

Melinda Lavon and Lindsay Eaton are new League members this month! We hope you can attend our board meeting in November and learn more about what your League is working on.

Ferrata in September Voter

We apologize to James Dunn, who was misidentified in the September Voter. He is the masked League member manning the League booth at the Kansas State Fair. He is visiting with three in-

ternational students from Russia who are attending Cowley County College in Arkansas City, Kansas.

Links for Calendar Items

LWVK Legislative Observers Meeting
Time: Oct 20, 2021 05:30 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84645192484?pwd=Q2NpOFd0cWY2SzRiakFxbmp5MHI-WZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 4519 2484
Passcode: 649003



Hot Topic!: Jasmin Moore, Sustainability Director, on the Climate Action Plan for Lawrence and Douglas County, Thursday,

Oct. 21, noon to 1 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89006018396?pwd=WDg2aEZFO0M3RzZRNzRNE9TjU4K2c0QT09>

Meeting ID: 890 0601 8396

Passcode: 428753

Also, [the Climate Action Plan for Lawrence and Douglas County web page.](#)

Helen Fluker Award Presentation,

Tuesday, Oct 23, 2021, 11:30 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81705447577?pwd=dnc0RUgvOmXl3psOm9wKzZKRvJZUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 0544 7577

Passcode: 697423

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Final Crystal Bennett session: Our Liberation is Bound Together,

Monday, Nov. 1, 5:30-8:30.

Sign-up link: <https://bit.ly/LWVOurLiberation>

LWVL-DC Board Meetings:

At the November meeting, Ashley Bryers (Pedestrian Plan) and Adam Weigel (Lawrence Transit) will be presenting the plan and a proposed survey at the beginning of the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86368994704?pwd=YVcz-MEpYR2lWk04lTXc5bCtzbWNzOT09>

Meeting ID: 863 6899 4704

Passcode: 472392

NOTE: This Zoom link and passcode is the same for every Board Meeting

Other Important Links

For Opportunities for Volunteering see Sign Up Sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44a9a92babf49-league2>

The **Climate Action Plan for Lawrence and Douglas County** web page.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/22193694-fa0544079c1f6a3de027aa90>

An **LWVK press release** was sent to Kansas newspapers on Aug. 30: League of Women Voters of Kansas Requests Kansas Legislature to Adopt Technical Rules and Redistricting Guidelines - Read it [here](#).

Archived Hot Topic videos are now being posted on our website.

Recipient of the 2021 Fluker Award

James Fluker, chair of the Fluker Award Committee, has announced the selection of Molly M. Wood, Board President of the Kansas Advocates for Better Care, as the recipient of the twenty-second annual Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award. The award was established in 1998 in memory of Helen Fluker, a longtime League member who served both the League of Women Voters of Lawrence-Douglas County and the League of Women Voters of Kansas in many capacities.



Helen Fluker

LWVL-DC confers this award each year on a Kansas resident whose efforts have promoted a significant improvement in governmental transparency. You can see more information on the award and a list of previous winners at: [Helen Fluker Open and Accessible Government Award](#).

Due to continuing concerns about Covid-19, this year's ceremony will be held online via Zoom, on Saturday, October 23, at 11:30 CST, and will last about 45 minutes. There will be a few remarks of welcome, introduction of Ms. Woods, and the presentation of the award. A link will be sent out a day before the event to League members.

*- James Fluker, Chair
Helen Fluker Award Committee*



ClubExpress Committee Report

Members of the ClubExpress committee met virtually October 10 with Anup Manchanda, of ClubExpress, who specializes with LWV's. He demonstrated an extensive display of the features available and answered questions from those in our committee who would be working with specific areas: membership records, dues notices, newsletter publication, website, event registration and reminders. We were reassured that there is no need for technology expertise as the programs are intuitive to manage and there is an extensive available help system. The cost of the program would depend on how many of the features we wanted to adopt with a one time set up fee and then a monthly payment which would be based on the number of members we had. There are special rates for Leagues.

We were encouraged to set up a free trial period. Members who would be using it most could test it and report. We were warned that the transition to adopting the program would take a period of several months and require some extra work on our part.

There was general interest in trying it out, although we agreed that this should happen after the holidays when we might have more time. We decided to set up a trial session in early 2022, January/February and report back to the board when we have done this.

If any of our members are interested in becoming involved, you are very welcome. Please contact me, Marjorie Cole, nobledog@aol.com

Monthly Green Challenge

Each month, we challenge members to take one action toward living a "green," sustainable life-style and fighting climate change. This month's challenge: Support BIPOC organizations.

BIPOC stands for Black, Indigenous and People of Color.

According to Anthony K. Rogers-Wright, "2% of white-led environmental organizations command 98% of funding." Instead, donate to any of the following BIPOC-led organizations:

- Hip Hop Caucus, Washington, D.C. hiphopcaucus.org
- New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, New York City, NY nyc-eja.org
- Vermont Releaf Collective, Colchester, VT vtreleaf-collective.org
- Opal Environmental Justice, Portland, OR opalpdx.org
- Front and Centered, Seattle, WA frontandcentered.org
- Communities for a Better Environment, California cbecal.org
- Indigenous Environmental Network, Bemidji, MN ienearth.org
- Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, New Orleans, LA dscej.org



Members of DEI Committee at Ibram X. Kendi talk, KU Lied Center

DEI Self-Education

Here are a few take-aways from Crystal Bennett's Courageous Conversation sessions.

"From Color Blind to Color Brave": We have an obligation to change the legacy of racism.

"What Else do 'They' Want?": Empathize with Black people who have experienced innumerable generational traumas over time and ongoing racial inequities today.

"Comfort is a Privilege":

*Take the Harvard Implicit Association Test <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html> and reflect upon your resulting feelings.

*Call Out racism at every daily opportunity and Call In conversations privately with empathy.

“In Solidarity”: *As Heather McGee argues in her book, *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, white people need to challenge the zero-sum paradigm (progress for whites must come at the expense of Blacks), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLm5j2ftuIQ>.

*Solidarity means taking actions responsibly with Black people by redistributing white wealth and resources. Join BLM protests and women’s marches. If you’ve already called out and called in racist family members, get yourself uninvited to holiday gatherings.

Don’t forget to attend Crystal Bennett’s final session with us, Nov.1, at 5:30 pm, on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to link in.

LWVK Observer Corps

Are you interested in observing the 2022 Kansas legislative session?

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 20, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. We will talk about the summer happenings and a bit about the expectations for the next legislative session. Paul Johnson will be providing his expertise again.

If you have any interest in participating in observing the 2022 legislative session, please attend! Most observation will be virtual again this year and the reporting process will be easy. We need you to help hold our lawmakers accountable. See Calendar Links above for the Zoom link.

- Kristin Salmans



The Rule of Law in Your Life

In recognition of Constitution Day, Women for Kansas joined host Kathy Webb in welcoming Kansas Judges and Justices for an intro to the Constitution in a presentation titled “The Rule of Law in Your Life”. Speakers (in order of appearance):

- Chief Justice Marla Luckert, Kansas Supreme Court
- Judge Amy Hanley, Douglas County District Court
- Judge Kellie Hogan, Sedgwick County District Court
- Justice Melissa Standridge, Kansas Supreme Court

Chief Justice Luckert served as moderator and provided an introduction about the Constitution, due process, and the rule of law. Each Judge or Justice then gave her own brief bio and spoke about what role the Constitution and rule of law plays in each of their courtrooms.

The program is available for viewing **ANYTIME** on the **Women for Kansas YouTube channel** [here](#). Thank you to all those able to stream live this informative event live and remember, we couldn’t do it without your continued support!

This program is just one of MANY videos from Women for Kansas and partner organizations around the state and U.S. available on the Women for Kansas YouTube channel.

Highlights of the Board Meeting September 14, 2021

Present: Emily Riner (President), Kristin Salmans (Vice President), (Sharon Brown



(Treasurer), Janice Friedman (Secretary), Brian Kuehl, Tamara Cash, Marjorie Cole, Charley Crabtree, Sonja Czarnecki, Kay Johnson, Cille King, Denise Pettingill, Tracy Matthews, Martha Silks.

Absent: Emma Holsclaw

Guests: Jeanne Klein, Jim Fluker, Ruth Lichtwardt, Norma Pierce

TREASURER: Sharon reported income of \$3176.06 in August (dues \$326.06, MAW Scholarship Fund \$1850.00, and LDC Scholarship 1000.00) and expenses of \$2889.35 (MAW Fund transfer \$1850.00, LDC Scholarship \$1000, VOTER printing \$39.35).

BALANCE SHEET 09/01/2021

MMA	\$ 29,558.03
CHECKING (08/01/2021)	\$ 12,580.40
NAT'L EDUC FUND	\$ 5,343.39
L/DC SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,729.32
MAW SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 3,569.37
CHECKING (08/31/2021)	\$ 10,750.19

FLUKER AWARD UPDATE: Jim Fluker reported that we are on track for an event on October 23. A discussion was held regarding whether it should be live, virtual or hybrid and possible venues. It was agreed to have another virtual event. A final selection should be able to be made shortly after the deadline.

MEMBERSHIP: WE have seven new members this month: Diane Fourny, Carlee Estabine, Jordan Ward, Cindy Keim, Lori Bryan, and Jivanjot Whar.

CLUBEXPRESS COMMITTEE: A Zoom meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 6:30 with the Johnson County League to watch a video, learn about how ClubExpress works in practice, and answer questions about their experiences with it. A decision will have to be made by Dec. 2 about whether to continue using MyLO for our website. Denise suggested moving to WordPress as an interim site. Norma said that she sees no advantage to stay with MyLo. Denise moved and Martha seconded that we authorize Norma to open a WordPress account. The motion passed.

VOTER SERVICE: Charley said his main concern is Art in the Park and the need for volunteers. Sonya suggested that the link be posted on our Facebook site. Emily will email KU students. Other upcoming events were discussed and the need for volunteers.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: Kristin reminded everyone of the upcoming Candidate Forum. She said that all by one candidate have responded. The information has gone out

to our community partners. Someone from the library will help with the breakout rooms during the forum. The information has been published in both the Journal World and the Lawrence Times. Kristin suggested that one of us be in each breakout room.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Jeanne reported that the Centennial Celebration went well. A video is on the website.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE: Denise reported that she received a letter from Tony Schmidt from the Citizen's Climate Lobby wanting help with canvassing our legislators. She will send contact information to Kay. Kay reported that Jasmin Moore will be talking about Climate Change on October 21 at the Hot Topic. The City's Sustainability Advisory Board will be having city departments make presentations on their sustainability activities. Both the SAB and the city will be holding department heads accountable.

PEOPLE POWERED FAIR MAPS: Charley reported that we need to decide if we want to have a training session for interested people. He will write a notice for the Voter asking for those who are interested to contact him. Cille reported that the state league has invited college students to submit maps. The deadline is in early October.

501(c)3 UPDATE: Sharon said that she believes all the materials have been submitted.

- Janice Friedman, Secretary



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Make a Difference - Join/Support the League!

Return this form with a check made out to LWVL/DC, and mail to the address below.

Membership is open to any person who is sixteen years of age or older.

New or renewed memberships received now will expire March 31, 2023

Date _____ Renewing Member _____ New Member _____

I heard about the League via (Facebook, website, friend, other): _____

Membership Dues:*

Approximate Household Income	Individual Membership	Household Membership
Student**	FREE	FREE
Under \$25,000***	\$25	\$40
\$25,000 to \$50,000	\$40	\$60
Over \$50,000	\$60	\$90
Sustaining member	\$100	\$150
Life member (of 50 years)	\$0	

* Our membership assessment supports the National & State Leagues at \$52/member (\$32 National and 20 State).

** Student members: 16 and older and enrolled in an accredited school.

***Under \$25,000 Pay what you can, we need your voice at the table!

_____ 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 League General Fund.

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

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

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Address _____ (ZIP) _____

Phone _____ Email _____
(each member)

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

General Membership Meetings:

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

Membership

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

Voter Services

- Register voters
- Help with voter education

Contribute to the League by:

- Researching for League studies on issues
- Participating in fund-raising activities
- Attending/reporting on government meetings
- Representing the League at community events
- Serving 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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