



# The VOTER

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*The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.*

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## League Calendar

Aug 21 Saturday	7–9:00 p.m.	<b>LWVL-DC Land Use Committee Meeting</b> <i>Meeting room of the Lawrence Community Mercantile, 901 Iowa Street</i>
Aug 23 Monday	7–8:00 p.m.	LWVL-DC Voter Service Committee Meeting <i>Home of Sara Taliaferro, 2145 New Hampshire Street</i>
Sep 8 Wednesday	7–9:00 p.m.	<b>LWVL-DC Board Meeting</b> <i>Conference Room F of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, 325 Maine Street</i> <i>All members are welcome!</i>
Sep 18 Saturday	10:00 a.m. –3:30 p.m.	<b>Lawrence Sesquicentennial Parade and Birthday Party</b> <i>Parade begins west of 7th and Massachusetts Streets. Participants should meet there by 9:00 a.m. If you would like to participate in the League's parade entry, contact Arla Jones at 838-4206 or <a href="mailto:kimyarla@sunflower.com">kimyarla@sunflower.com</a>. The Birthday Party will be held in South Park from 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. If you would like to help with the League's game and voter registration booth, contact Carrie Lindsey at 766-8561 or <a href="mailto:carriblindsey@yahoo.com">carriblindsey@yahoo.com</a>.</i>

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## A Note from Caleb Morse, President

I have served as a poll worker for three years and am still surprised by questions from even longtime voters. At the August primary, voters were concerned that that a ballot that did not cast a vote in each race would not be counted, that voters who did not vote in the primary would not be allowed to vote in the general election, and that voting in one party's primary meant that they would have to vote a straight ticket in the general election. The first step to an informed electorate is educating it about the voting process and countering misconceptions like these. There is a lot of work to do here and many opportunities for League members to help, from to talking to friends and neighbors about voting rights to explaining laws affecting the first-time voters we register. There is always a need for informed poll workers who can communicate to voters their rights and responsibilities and ensure that elections are administered in a fair and efficient way at every polling place. I encourage League members to consider becoming a Douglas County poll worker. For more information, see p. 3 (*How you can help*).

## League's Town Meeting on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the Kansas Election Standards

A small but enthusiastic audience at the League's Town Meeting on the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and the Kansas Election Standards on June 30th heard Marni Penrod, Deputy County Clerk for Elections, survey HAVA, Kansas Senate Bills 166 and 479, and the new Standards. HAVA allocates federal money to states to fund improvements to election administration, provided that the states make changes necessary to meet new federal standards. States accepting HAVA funding must be in compliance with most requirements of the Act by 2006 and in full compliance by 2007. Kansas statutes were passed in April 2004 to ensure compliance with HAVA. The Kansas Election Standards were adopted in 2002 "to promote consistency in the election administration process across Kansas." They ensure that Kansas counties will effectively integrate the requirements of HAVA. Penrod's presentation emphasized important implications of HAVA and the Standards for election administration in Douglas County in 2004. She also cleared up a few misconceptions about laws governing voting.

**Touch-screen voting.** HAVA's most controversial requirement is for touch-screen voting machines (Direct Recording Equipment, DRE). DREs enable more people with disabilities to vote their ballot without assistance from poll workers, may be programmed in languages other than English, and reduce the cost of purchasing, printing, and storing paper ballots. However, recent studies have suggested that DRE's are susceptible to electronic vote fraud. There has been debate around the country and within the League over the use of DRE's that do not provide a voter-verifiable paper receipt. Individual DRE units must be secured between the time they are audited by election officials and the time they are used at the polls, are costly to purchase, require more technical support than traditional voting equipment, and are more sensitive to environmental conditions. Kansas has received a temporary waiver from this requirement.

Counties will not be required to purchase units until 2006, perhaps time enough to see significant improvements in DRE technology.

**Central voter registration.** An element of HAVA that is anticipated to help county officials is a centralized state data base containing the names and addresses of all registered voters. Currently, each county clerk is responsible for verifying voter information for newly registered voters, a time and labor intensive job that entails ascertaining that voters are no longer registered in other counties. A centralized data base for Kansas will help county clerks ensure that voters are registered in one place only with just a few key strokes.

**Purging voter lists.** Provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA, the so-called "Motor-Voter" law) changed how states may deal with removing voters from the rolls. If a voter misses two federal elections, county clerks mail a card giving the voter a chance to verify that he or she is still at the listed address. If such cards are twice returned as undeliverable and the voter has made no other effort to contact county election officials, his or her voting status may be put into *suspense*, after which the voter may be purged from the rolls. Under some circumstances, such as when a county clerk has ascertained through other means that a voter has died or lost the right to vote due to criminal conviction, or has re-registered at a different address, a voter may be purged from the rolls. However, in most cases, a voter in contact with the county clerk's office every two years may not be removed, except at his or her request.

**Polling place accessibility.** Penrod reported that, as required by HAVA, Douglas County officials had surveyed all polling places for accessibility in January and February 2004. The County has since applied to the Secretary of State for, and received, a grant to bring each poll into compliance with the Act. The county will meet all accessibility requirements in time for the August primary.

**Identification requirement and provisional ballots.** Perhaps the most important stipulation of HAVA for Douglas County is that first time voters must present proof of identity.

Registrants voting for the first time ever, for the first time in the county, or those who have recently re-registered are required to provide identification verifying the address at which they are registered to a county official or poll worker before they may receive a ballot to vote. Any of the following IDs. With the exception of student and military ID cards, all IDs must show the name and the address at which the voter is registered:

- Current Kansas driver's license or non-driver's identification card.
- Student photo identification card.
- Military identification card.
- Utility bill.
- Bank statement.
- Paycheck or paycheck stub.
- Government check.
- Other government document showing the voter's name and current address.

Because federal and state laws allow any citizen of voting age to cast a ballot, however, those who cannot meet the identification requirement (or have not been listed on the poll roster for their precinct, have changed their name since registering, or have been listed as an advance voter) may still cast a *provisional ballot*. Provisional ballots remain secret, but they are kept separate from the others. After the election, the county board of canvassers decides whether all, some, or none of the votes cast on each provisional ballot may be counted. Casting a provisional ballot requires more time at the poll and more work for poll workers because the

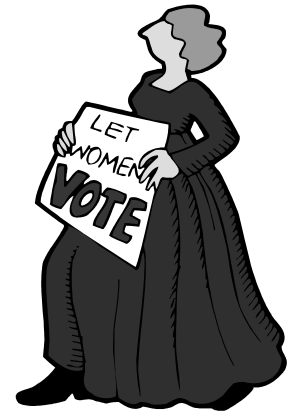
voter must also fill out a voter registration form. However, this ensures that the voter will be properly registered to vote in the next election.

The County Clerk is making every effort to ensure that provisional ballots are counted.

Voters who were merely unable to provide ID on election day may provide it to the County Clerk's Office in person, by mail, email, or fax, before the board of canvassers meets. Furthermore, the Office has established a toll-free number that voters can call to find out whether their ballot was counted (1.888.932.5147).

**How can you help? Become a poll worker.**

Voter turnout is anticipated to be high for the November 2nd general election. The new voter identification requirements make it imperative that each poll is staffed by the maximum number of poll workers. The County Clerk's office is always seeking community-minded people to staff the polls. The requirements are simple: attend one 1-hour training session prior to election day, on election day show up on time, work carefully, and stay all day (usually 6:15 a.m. until about 7:30 p.m.). You won't get rich doing it and, if you are not working in your own precinct, you will have to vote an advance ballot, but your help is needed! To apply to be a poll worker call the County Clerk's office at (785) 832-5147 or mail in the application found at this address (<http://www.douglas-county.com/Clerk/voteapp3.asp>).



***The Voter Service Committee has put together an informational pamphlet "Voting in Lawrence & Douglas County for 2004–2005," which lists election dates, explains identification requirements for first-time voters, the advance voting process, what to expect at the polls, and provisional ballots, and provides a map of all Lawrence precincts. With funding received from a grant from the United Church of Christ Women in Mission, we have printed 1,000 copies of this pamphlet for general distribution. If you plan to register voters or just wish to have a copy for yourself or to share with your neighbors, contact Sara Taliaferro at 842–9754 or sara@happybeetle.com.***

## LWV L-DC June and July Board Meetings in Brief

**June 9.** Marjorie Cole distributed recommendations from the committee charged with reviewing current Board policies. The Board approved changes in the following sections of our Policies document: meetings; co-sponsorship and programs; distribution of rosters; publication of the *Voter*.

Carrie Lindsey reported for the Events Committee on events in which the League might participate, including Juneteenth, Sesquicentennial Celebration, and the ACLU's Freedom Fair. The committee will further discuss involvement in these events and bring back a proposal for Board consideration in July.

Caroljean Brune reported that the Membership Committee has defined two goals: redesign the membership brochure and, in an effort to promote League membership, enlist League members to attend public events held throughout the city. The new brochure design will be presented for Board approval in July.

Caleb Morse reported that the Voter Service Committee would meet on June 10th to discuss this year's activities. Morse, Mary Michener, and Sara Taliaferro will present a program on civic involvement to an adult education class on June 28th.

Morse reported that he, Lindsey, Taliaferro, and James Dunn met regarding the study of city task forces. The committee will solicit feedback on the experiences of past task force members and the elected officials who appointed them.

Diane Oakes will replace Taliaferro on a coalition of the League, Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, World Company, and other community organizations seeking to improve candidate forums.

Morse presented a request forwarded from the Manhattan League that LWVUS reconsider its stand on Voter Verified Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs). The board voted to instruct marci francisco to support this change at National Convention.

**July 14.** Paula Schumacher distributed a Fund Raising plan that included five proposals. The board approved proceeding with a garage sale for early fall and a traditional Finance Drive for winter and is interested in a seminar titled "Primer on Parliamentary Procedure" to be presented for a fee to interested groups, but needs more information about the remaining two proposals.

Brune distributed for approval a new membership brochure and a palm card for use in promoting League at public events. Both concepts were approved and will be printed for distribution on an as-needed basis.

Melinda Henderson reported that the action committee on Televising the Planning Commission has met to outline its course of action and is in the process of lobbying city and county commissioners for help with finding funds.

Morse distributed for approval an informational pamphlet on voting in Lawrence and Douglas County. Shirley Kaspar offered funding of up to \$100 through a grant received from the United Church of Christ Women in Mission, and some smaller amount for publication of a Spanish version. The board approved a proposed expenditure to cover the remainder, should it be needed. September will see a traditional Saturday morning voter registration drive at groceries (and, Smith suggested, Walmart), to be organized by Rita Spradlin. Volunteers are needed.

Jinny Ashlock noted that the Web Site is being updated as possible, but is not used by members or the public. The Board should consider what we want out of the web site, and how much time and money it is worth. (The hosting is free, a community service of the World Company.)

The Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee has asked League to field a child-friendly event at festivities after the downtown Parade on September 18. Lindsey will arrange this.

## Reports on League National Convention

There were nine Kansas delegates this year. Each day, some 740 voting delegates were on the floor, which made for an exciting environment. In true League fashion, passions were running high and many issues received lengthy discussion.

Because the LWVUS Board did not recommend a program of study for 2004-2006, there was consideration of many non-recommended proposals, some of which had been sent to delegates in advance. Among the proposals considered but not adopted were: concurrence on federal abolition of the death penalty; that LWVUS use state and local Leagues as a resource and assume a greater role in monitoring and providing testimony on the No Child Left Behind Act; that LWVUS renew a commitment for ratification of ERA; and that LWVUS conduct a study to concur with the LWV California position that requires majority vote in elections for executive office.

Two proposals were actually adopted. One called for modification of the LWVUS stance on requiring voter-verifiable paper receipts for

direct recording electronic voting machines. The second was that LWVUS raise the priority for education and advocacy on civil liberties.

A proposed dues PMP increase of \$0.80 passed after a lengthy debate on increasing it by \$2.25 to support the civil liberties focus.

The nominated slate of officers and directors all won election. Debbie Nuss of the Manhattan League, who was nominated from the floor, received over 200 votes. The new Board will have a busier year than I am sure they were planning for – as no fewer than 46 directions to the Board were put forward!

A highlight of the convention was a talk by Helen Thomas, the outstanding reporter known for always sitting on the front row of press conferences and asking very penetrating questions. She reflected on years of covering presidents, from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush. Her clarity of mind, candor, and humor made for a most enjoyable hour. Look for a transcript of her talk on the LWVUS website.

— Janis McMillen, President LWVK

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I want to thank Janis McMillen for her report on National Convention and to LWV L-DC for sending me as your delegate. Our League members will be particularly interested to learn that, when asked what Leagues should do to raise awareness of the need to protect civil liberties, Georgetown University Law Center professor and panelist for *Balancing Civil Liberties and Homeland Security in a Post-September 11th Age* David Cole responded, “Support local resolutions on the Patriot Act.” Dr. Cole believes that it is the work of many local organizations in helping citizens to understand the Act that has increased public agreement that civil liberties are in danger from 15 to 52% in recent polls. It made me proud to be a delegate from our active League.

— marci francisco, Past President LWV L-DC

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### Revised and New Resolutions of LWVUS Adopted at National Convention

The LWVUS position on “Citizens’ Right to Vote” has been revised to read *In order to ensure integrity and voter confidence in elections, the LWVUS supports the implementation of voting systems and procedures that are secure; accurate; recountable; and accessible.*

*Be it resolved that: the LWVUS focus on the urgent need to defend civil liberties by making the League’s position on individual liberties and citizen’s right to know the highest priorities for education and advocacy.*

# LWV L-DC Land Use Committee Report

The Land Use Committee met on June 19th and July 24th to review and discuss upcoming agendas of the Lawrence–Douglas County Planning Commission, and the Lawrence City and Douglas County commissions. On July 18th, the Committee held a special meeting to discuss the City's draft Land Development Code. Those meetings resulted in six letters on issues of concern. Highlights follow.

A letter presented by Alan Black to the City Commission at their June 22nd meeting argued that a City-County joint resolution establishing the ECO2 Commission would give that advisory body too much autonomy, with no safeguards for public accountability. The resolution, which was adopted with minor modifications, grants the commission authority to enter into private contracts, to do such things as obtain options on property and to buy and sell real estate and to obtain financing in furtherance of unnamed goals. While the LUC sees a positive function for the ECO2 Commission, our concern was that the resolution went beyond creating an advisory body, accountable to the governing officials and public it is intended to serve.

LUC supported a request from three neighborhood associations along 6th Street that the City create a small area plan for the 6th Street corridor between 5th and 7th Streets, arguing that older neighborhood stability and revitalization require that redevelopment comes only after, and in concordance with, careful planning for future land use.

A letter to the Planning Commission recommended re-evaluation of the proposed Southeast Area Plan, with an eye toward future connections of the major arterial that would bisect an anticipated residential neighborhood.

Our letter on the Land Development Code, presented to the City Commission by Alan Black at their July 20th meeting, made recommendations for affording better protection to low-density residential housing, ensuring predictable development along the edges of single-family districts and better transitional standards between single-family and higher density districts, problems that continue to plague Lawrence.

## ☞ **HELP WANTED: Looking for League Members to Help with the VOTER** ☞

*Producing the VOTER requires some time and the ability to keep to a schedule, but the job is critical to a healthy League and it can be shared. Preparing the bulletin requires attending board meetings, collecting and coordinating with the president's help written reports of other board members, gathering calendar information, and writing various "ads" and reminders. Once contributions are in hand, they must be formatted into pages. This requires some computer skills and an interest in design and layout. However, it does not require fancy computer programs: this newsletter was produced using Microsoft Word. The other jobs in production include: getting copying done, acquiring mailing labels, and physical preparation (labeling and folding, taking to the post office with the proper forms). Labels are now produced by the data base manager on request, and the other production jobs are covered by Sharon Brown. But the challenging jobs of "copy collector and polisher" and "formatter and arranger" are vacant. Does this sound like your kind of job? Would you like to try your hand at either part? Let us know. (Oh, and someone should throw a small party for the Voter crew at least once a year.)*

# LWV L-DC Observer Reports



## Lawrence Public Library Board

**June 21.** Director Bruce Flanders reported that the summer programs have been very busy. As many as 210 people have crowded into the auditorium, some without chairs. Friends of the Library gave \$11,000 for the children's reading program. Circulation is rising 7% year to date and website hits are up as well.

Doug Heacock, executive director of kanREN, described this data networking system, to which Lawrence library belongs. It was begun in the early 90's to connect KU, KSU and WSU and funded by grants. It is now funded by subscriptions and extends to 33 K-12 systems, 20 higher education centers, 23 libraries, and 10 others, such as weather and radar stations. The network allows fast access to the resources of all the members. kanREN provides the physical set-up, technical support, internet access, network design, video conferencing and symposia. It connects with Great Plains Network and Internet2 and it operates kanED, a not-for-profit educational corp. It provides fast, reliable access to the internet for library staff and the 30 public access computers.

The Library Foundation plans to recognize donors and sent an RFP to artists to seek ideas for this project. Replies are due by Oct.1,2004. The Read Across Lawrence 2005 program will focus on Native American subjects. The contact is Lucy Tapahonsa. The library will finalize a brochure on the Patriot Act and update all other brochures.

—Mary Michener, League Observer

## Willow Springs Township Board

**July 7.** Present were Charles Wintermantle, Trustee; Jerry Smith, Clerk; Road Maintenance Ron Kohler; Volunteer Fire Department Chief Lyle Bowlin, LWV Observer Peggy Baker. Absent was Bruce Auchermann, Treasurer. Treasurer's report had been provided to the Board.

**Highlights:** This is the third month in a row that Treasurer Auchermann has been absent, watching his children in athletic events. While the treasurer's report has always been available, questions about some of the payments cannot be immediately answered. No decision made.

**Mill Levy:** Township has been proud of maintaining its roads in good condition with the second lowest mill levy in the county. However, the cost of fuel and road rock has increased dramatically. Further tax base loss of the two largest of the township's five businesses plus 20-30 houses bought by the state under eminent domain for the US 59 Freeway means far fewer dollars will come in as property tax. The County Budget will be drafted next month, and the Board reluctantly discussed increasing the mill levy from 11.2 to at least 16.0.

—Peggy Baker, League Observer

## Observers Needed...

*Informed participation in government is the goal of the League. Observers attend meetings of local governmental agencies, listen and observe (but do not participate), and inform League membership of local government activities. If you would like to learn more, call Marjorie Cole at 842-6085 or send an email to [nobledog@aol.com](mailto:nobledog@aol.com).*

## LWVK News

**July 18.** The State Board will meet on October 2, January 8 and March 5, and in April on the evening before State Convention in Salina. Except in April, we will meet in the state office (618 S Kansas Ave, Topeka) at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

In a Board Communication survey completed during State Council in May, respondents expressed a desire to continue with the *Notes to Local Leagues* and the *Legislative E-report*. Other suggestions included: send *Notes...* to more than the local president in case she is out of town when they are sent; include more information from Board meetings in the *Notes..*; and update the website.

At its first meeting on July 10th, the Board discussed the possibility of obtaining Director and Officer liability insurance. This is a result of discussions I was involved in at LWVUS Convention. I will gather additional information to present at the next Board meeting. Members decided to explore having a single Board training session this fall for all local League Boards. Sharon Ailslieger will pursue this. Members will review State Board Policies, last updated in 1994, at the next Board meeting. Ellen Estes set the schedule for completing consensus for our State Study on Juvenile Justice, and will distribute it to local Leagues. (See below.)

I participated in the Secretary of State's Help American Vote Act (HAVA) Advisory Council meeting on July 9th. The revised Kansas plan is on the Secretary of State's website (<http://www.kssos/elections>). The final list of acceptable first-time voter identification methods remains to be completed. A Voters Rights and Responsibilities chart is to be posted at every polling place. The Secretary of State will soon select a vendor to provide the Centralized Voter Registration equipment. The cost is estimated to be \$12 million. A new website is soon to be launched ([www.voteks.org](http://www.voteks.org)), which will detail the HAVA complaint procedures in the event someone believes there has been a violation of HAVA.

LWVK Voter Service co-chairs Emma Doherty and Bill Powell sent letters to all candidates running for Kansas House or Senate and for State Board of Education. Doris Slocombe and Emporia League members have followed up, issuing user names and password, answering their questions and/or sending them to LWVUS for answers. The "DNet squad" is now in action, with League members from around the state following up with those candidates who have not yet entered their information on the DNet site. We hope to have a high level of participation, so encourage those candidates in your districts to get busy and enter their information. And if they have already done so, thank them.

— Janis McMillen, President LWVK

### LWVK Juvenile Justice State Study Committee Sets Schedule

The Juvenile Justice State Study Committee will meet on the following dates. All meetings will be held in the state office (618 S Kansas Ave, Topeka) at 12:00 p.m.

- Saturday, July 17th. Work on discussion questions.
- Saturday, September 18th. Decide on discussion questions. (Local Leagues will meet between September and early November to consider discussion questions.)
- November 13<sup>th</sup>. Decide on the consensus questions. (Local Leagues meet between December and early February to consider consensus questions.)
- February 19th. Write proposed new Juvenile Justice position to be reviewed by State Board at their March 5th meeting and considered for adoption at State Convention in April.

— Ellen Estes, LWV Wichita, Chair

## LWVK Sponsors Broadcast of Party Conventions on PBS

LWVK will provide financial support to KPTS Channel 8 in Wichita during their coverage of the Democratic and Republican conventions. LWVK Board members, LWVUS, and the TV station were consulted before we made this commitment. The station plans to air both conventions from 7–10:00 p.m. each evening for every day of the conventions. At the beginning and end of each broadcast, they will show the League name and logo and read a statement that will say “A portion of this convention coverage is brought to you by the League of Women Voters of Kansas, a non-partisan political organization that educates citizens about the political process.” The League is the only organization that will be noted as sponsoring the coverage. KPTS’s coverage area is 23 of the 105 counties in Kansas, including Great Bend, Salina and Wichita. The footage is directly from PBS, with no editing and with Jim Lehrer as host. This will be good publicity for the League and will not bring into question our non-partisan status.

— Janis McMillen, President LWVK

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## LWVK Legislative Update

HB2147 was adopted this last session. The bill allows children of undocumented immigrants to receive in-state tuition at Kansas institutions of higher learning, provided that they have attended a Kansas high school for at least 3 years, have graduated or earned a GED, and are actively seeking legal immigrant status or plan to do so when they are eligible. Kansas is the eighth state in the US to offer in-state tuition to illegal immigrants. LWVK supported this bill.

On July 19, however, the Federation of Americans for Immigration Reform (FAIR) filed a lawsuit in Topeka Federal Court challenging the legality of this bill. Similar legislation has withstood challenge in several other states. The lead attorney on the filing is a candidate for the 3rd Congressional District seat and the bill has become a campaign issue in Johnson County.

— Janis McMillen, President LWVK

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## LWVUS News

**July 22.** The League’s *Safeguarding the Vote* monograph is the second in our series of reports examining the impact of the new Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and providing practical recommendations for the new law’s implementation for states, election officials and reformers. *Safeguarding...* examines sound election management systems and administrative practices that are used in a variety of jurisdictions. The report is available at [http://www.lwv.org/elibrary/pub/voting\\_safeguarding\\_bw.pdf](http://www.lwv.org/elibrary/pub/voting_safeguarding_bw.pdf).

LWVUS has created questions on civil liberties issues for consideration by federal and local candidates for office and has made them available for use in voters guides or candidate forums. They are available at <http://interactive.lwv.org/Resources/Resources.cfm?ID=1242>. Debate watching tips can be found at <http://www.lwv.org/elibrary/pub/howtowatchdebate.html>. Both are excellent resources for engaging people on this and other issues.

The League has joined with Advance America Cash Advance Centers, Inc. in *Register in Advance*, a national non-partisan effort to register more than 50,000 new voters this election year. Partners are providing grassroots support for the campaign by conducting voter registration drives and outreach activities across the country. NFL running back Stephen Davis of the Carolina Panthers serves as honorary chair of the program, encouraging citizens to register to vote through public service announcements airing in markets nationwide.

# Thanks

Thanks to our Finance Drive contributors (updated since the last issue of the *Voter*):

Elizabeth Banks  
Jessie Branson

Bob Fluker  
Albert Cook

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**Welcome to our four new members.** Kathy Branson and Kay Hale joined at the beginning of our membership year and were listed in the 2004–2005 membership roster. Since publication of the roster, however, two more members have joined. Please add their names to your roster. They are:

Carolyn Coleman  
1511 East 1584 Rd  
Lawrence KS 66046

Jennifer Dropkin  
840 1/2 Kentucky St  
Lawrence KS 66044  
jdropkin@ku.edu

# Welcome

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## *Events of Interest to League Members ...*

The Kaw Valley Living Wage Alliance will offer its 4th Annual **Labor Day Celebration on Monday, September 6th, from 2–5:00 pm at the South Park Gazebo.** Join the KVLWA for a good, old-fashioned, community celebration with a social justice conscience. Music, speakers, informational tables, and free ice cream will be provided. There will also be clowns, balloons, and games for the kids.

The Douglas County chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union will sponsor a **“Freedom Fair” on Saturday, September 11th, from 3–6:00 pm at the Nova Cyber Café (8th and New Hampshire).** The Fair, which the ACLU advertises as “a new kind of 9-11”, is an opportunity for progressive Lawrence folks to socialize and learn from one another. Music, snacks, and literature will be provided.



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### **CALL for JUNQUE!**

LWVL-DC will have a garage sale this year as part of our fund-raising activities. We need your junque! Please contact Paula Schumacher (841-3761 or paulaschumacher@netscape.net) to arrange to have someone pick up donated items. We are also looking for volunteers to help with jobs: (1) pre-sale to help price and organize; (2) sale day to help sell; (3) sale day to register voters; and (4) sale day clean up to cart leftovers to a charitable organization. The garage sale is tentatively scheduled for early September.

# League Membership Info: Join or Renew Today!

Dues for LWV Lawrence-Douglas County are \$40 for a single membership and \$60 for a household membership (two members sharing one mailing address). Joining at the local level automatically makes you a member of State and National Leagues. Dues are used to cover our per-member-payments to LWV Kansas and LWV United States. Money we raise ourselves covers all local expenses. The League year begins April 1st and ends March 31st. To make sure your membership is up to date, check the address label on the back of the *Voter*. The date listed above your name is the date through which your membership dues have been paid.

This year, we have established a fund to help defray the cost of membership dues for League members who are unable to afford them. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please indicate the amount of your contribution the on the membership form below.

## PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO:

Membership Chair, LWV L-DC, P.O. Box 1072, Lawrence KS 66044

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### LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FORM

#### PLEASE PRINT

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Join  Renew

Individual membership (\$40)       Household membership (\$60)

I have enclosed a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help sponsor a League membership.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

#### ✂ INTERESTS ✂ INTERESTS ✂ INTERESTS ✂

#### **I am interested in the following:**

- Study on the role of city commission task forces
- Study on Housing Needs Assessment
- Action to televise Planning Commission meetings
- Review and update of Land Use Position
- Helping with voter registration
- Action related to League position(s) on:

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#### **I would like to serve on the following committee(s):**

- Awards and Scholarships
- Calling Members
- Events Planning
- Fund Development
- Land Use
- Membership
- Observer Corps
- Speakers Bureau
- Voter Service

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## League Member Honored

League member Jessie Branson was honored on June 30th as a recipient of CornerBank's "Community Cornerstone Award," which recognizes volunteers dedicated to serving people and enhancing the quality of life in Douglas County. CornerBank donates \$100 to the non-profit organization of the recipient's choice. Jessie chose Cottonwood, Inc., a provider of employment, residential, and support services for people with developmental disabilities in Douglas and Jefferson counties. Jessie is the third League member honored with this award. Congratulations, Jessie, and thanks for your work in our community!

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